

# Unapproved Minutes: Michigan Nut Growers Fall 2015 Meeting

- Where: Rogers Reserve, Jackson, MI
- When: October 21, 2015, Wednesday (due to guest speaker's availability)
  - Noon potluck with 41 people in attendance.
- Meeting called to order at 1:12 pm by President Trevor Newman
- Minutes from July 18, 2015 Summer Meeting were handed out. No comments. Move to accept as written by Marc Boone, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Nash, accepted by unanimous oral vote.
- Trevor commented that there was a good turnout of interested people at Zingerman's in Ann Arbor the previous evening. Zingerman's did a paw paw gelato making demonstration in their creamery. Neal Peterson presented his paw paw development story. There were 21 people in attendance. Bill Nash brought Peterson trees for purchase by attendees.
- The Treasurer's Report was handed out. There were no comments.
- Trevor noted that the Fall Meeting is the election of officers. Bill commented that it has been typical for the president to hold the office for two years and then he made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers for another term. Marc seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous oral vote. A round of applause was given for the officers.
- Dennis Strahle mentioned the black walnut project that member Brian Huggett has started in Calhoun County. Brian sought a government grant to purchase equipment to husk, crack and separate black walnuts. His first husking date was October 10: he and his equipment were overwhelmed by the turnout. His second date is October 24 and he called for Tom Latterner and Dennis to assist with their personal machines. Brian's goal is to help people understand that the bountiful black walnuts in their county have value and are not just there to make a mess of their yards.
- Trevor commented that we are very close to having the website set up to accept memberships via PayPal. Stay tuned.
- Trevor asked where we will hold the 2016 Summer and Fall Meetings. Hilda Oakes agreed to have MNGA at her Breckenridge farm for the Saturday, July 23 Meeting if she could get help for set up and take down. Note: NNGA meeting July 31 to August 3, 2106 in Nebraska. Tom is going to check out the availability of the MSU Kellogg Biological Station and Bird Sanctuary and Trevor would like to investigate having the Fall Meeting at Hartmann's Plant Company 50 miles south of Grand Rapids. Ken Howe noted that the hydroponics store in Lansing (Superior Growers Supply) has a lot of information about indoor plant propagation.
- The Spring Meeting is planned for April 9, 2016. Dennis will reserve the room.
- Meeting adjourned: 1:32 PM
- For sake of time, we did not have an auction, though several brought items.
- Neal Peterson presented his development of paw paws story. Note to self: do not volunteer to taste test 100 varieties of paw paws, like Neal did! Marc brought a couple of tubs of paw paws. He removed the skins and ran them through the Rogers Reserve power strainer to remove the seeds. It worked very well but was a lot of clean up for such a small batch. Nash Nurseries is our local Peterson paw paw supplier and Bill brought a truck load of trees for us to purchase. We toured the paw paw orchard and sampled fallen paw paws.
- PS: has anyone found a pair of subscription glasses lost at the meeting?

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Strahle  
MNGA Secretary