

Spring Minutes: Approved

Michigan Nut & Fruit Growers Association March 23, 2019 Meeting

Location: MSU

Welcome:

Review & Approve Agenda:

Summer/Fall 2018 Minutes were provided and approved

MNFGA 501(c)(3) tax status: paperwork being completed. Allows individuals to receive tax deductions.

Grafting Class 2019 Will be April 13th, Saturday @ 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

9302 Portland Road, Clarksville MI, 48815

Everyone would bring Scion, Trees, Supplies.

Summer Meeting: July 13, 2019: Portland, MI - the Charles Leik Farm, 9339 S. Keefer Highway, Portland, MI 48875

Fall 2019 Meeting: October 5, 2019: Howell, MI: Tom & Kathleen Wilmoth Farm, Saturday, October 5, 2019, noon start with the potluck. Short business meeting, fundraising auction and then tour of the many growing techniques Tom and Kathleen are using.

Grand Rapids Home and Garden Show March 4-8, 2020?: Do we display there?

Would need volunteers, maybe members closer to Grand Rapids?

Lansing Home and Garden Show Success.

Adopt-A-Highway Report & Sign-up: Last Year for this.

April 13-21

Clay Ottoni:

Spoke on the benefits of the MSU Fremont Area Community Foundation. Memorial Endowment. The group would make memorial gifts for future nut and/or fruit research grants/donations

The group voted to donate \$500 in memorial to:

Gordon, Henry, Gordon, Elizabeth

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Treasurer's Report (Cecilia gave a report)

Spring 2020 Speaker Ideas:

Water Protection Agency

Permaculture

MSU Pruning, Tree Trimming workshop. Possibly near Novi

Tree Nutrition

Invasive Species

Restrictions on Selling fruit at a farmer's market?

Winter Meeting?

Conference Call because of traveling in the winter or use an MSU Facility?

Nut Evaluation 2019 Results shared

Adjourn Business Meeting

2019 Spring Speakers:

Chris Wright – EZ grow Mushrooms
<http://www.easygrowmushrooms.com/>

Suede Mobley – Hunting Edible Mushrooms in Michigan

Auction

Clean up

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Foster,
MNFGA Secretary