

VIRGINIA APPLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION – DRAFT MINUTES
Tuesday, January 27, 2009
Holiday Inn – Koger Center
Richmond, VA

Present

Henry Chiles
Lynn Graves

Robert Solenberger
Jim Robinson

John Saunders

Absent

Lisa Johnson
Sonny Bowman

Anne Reid

Phil Glaize

Guests

None

Call to Order and welcome Board

Jim Robinson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:25 PM

Approval of Minutes from the January 22, 2008 meeting

Prior to the meeting, David Robishaw sent out copies of the minutes to the Board. After a brief period of review, Henry Chiles moved to accept the minutes as written. Robert Solenberger seconded the motion, and with no further comments, the motion passed.

Financial Review

Prior to the meeting, David Robishaw sent out copies of the financial statement to the Board. A copy of the financial report is included in the official minutes. VAGA had over \$55,000 dollars, most of which is in interest earning CD's. The Board had a brief discussion on future plans to spend the money for the industry. Henry Chiles discussed the benefits of the United States Apple Export Council. After this discussion, Henry moved that Virginia pay it's annual dues to the Council of \$5,000. Lynn Graves seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion passed.

Old Business

At last year's meeting, the Board voted to spend up to \$2,500 to revitalize the industry web site, www.virginiaapples.org. Unfortunately, no work was done on the web site in 2008 other than the updates provided by Lynn Graves for the harvest festivals. The Board felt the previous vote still stands, and asked David Robishaw and Lynn Graves to begin to search for someone to refresh the site. The Board felt simple updates could still be done by someone in the industry. The Board also felt a vibrant, active web site would be very beneficial to the industry. The Board could provide additional future funding to maintain the web site.

New Business

Dave Robishaw shared a letter from a Ph.D student attending the University of Tennessee, requesting mailing addresses from growers in the Northern Shenandoah region. After discussing some privacy issues, the request is going to be given to the Virginia Horticultural Society for action.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Next meeting and adjourn

The next meeting of the VAGA Board will be at the 2010 meeting of the Virginia State Horticultural Society. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Robinson, Vice Chair

Dave Robishaw, Secretary