

New York State Berry Growers Association, Inc.

Annual Meeting Minutes, Thursday, February 15, 2007 Syracuse, NY

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by vice chair Dale Riggs. The minutes of the 2006 annual meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and the motion was carried.

Secretary Jim Altemus presented the year end financial results for the Association. The balance of the checking account as of February 15 was \$8578.70, and savings \$4,915.85. 2006 had an operating surplus of \$1,258.577, and the research fund had a balance of \$425. The carryover of reserves to 2007 are \$7,961.96 in the operating fund, and \$1,857 in the research fund.

Vice Chair Riggs presented the slate of board members for election to three year terms. Current board members Regina Reickenberg, Tony Weiss, John Hand, and Greg Spoth terms were expired as of 2007. John Hand has agreed to another term, and new directors Jim Smith and Michael Biltone were nominated. A motion was made to accept the nominations, and was carried. There remains one vacancy on the board.

Research fund dollars were \$2,000 to Robin Bellinder and Chris Benedict for weed control research in strawberries.

Dale Riggs urged growers in the audience who were not NYSBGA members to join the association, pointing out the benefits of a membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Altemus
Executive Secretary