

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

May 6, 2009, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Jerry and Beverly Wanty, Jackson, Wisconsin.

Members in Attendance: Mike Bell, Don Betlej, Dave Brandt, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Mary Howell, Rick Markham, Jim Remus, George Scovronski, Jerry Wanty and Joanne Ziarek

Excused Absentee: Tim Larsen

Guests in Attendance: Chuck Howell, Bill Schneider, Mary Scovronski and Beverly Wanty..

Minutes: The minutes of the April 1, 2009, board meeting were declared approved by the Chair as distributed via email.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Bell presented a printed report as of April 30, 2009, (copy attached to official minutes). Paid membership, according to Mike, now stands at 125. The total of all funds is now \$16,656.61.

Vice President's Report: Tom Courtney reported that 69 people are registered for the May meeting at the Norway House.

Upcoming meeting programs will be

May 13 – Food/Wine Pairing at the Norway House; \$15 per person

June 13 – Tour to Wollersheim Winery

Bring your own sandwich and dish to pass for the picnic lunch

July 8 – Picnic at Lakefront Brewery

August 15 – WVA Picnic in Waukesha

By consensus, the fee will be raised to \$10 per couple.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Sent club brochure to seven new members during past month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Fair Judging – May 15 & 16

Judging will be held in the Tommy Thompson residence building at the NW entrance off 84th Street. Parking permits will be needed; Don Betlej will provide. Will try to start the judging by 5 pm on Friday the 15th. **A duly seconded motion was made to establish a budget line item of \$50 for any costs incurred by the Judging Superintendent (Don Betlej) for incidental materials related to the State Fair Judging. It was approved unanimously.**

Don said labels will be applied to entries, beginning Thursday at 1 pm at Hasselkus's. Setup at the Fair begins at 8 am on Friday. Judging will continue at 9 am on Saturday.

Wine Making Video – Jim Remus and Tom Courtney now have copies.

Nominating Committee – Joanne Ziarek reported that a complete slate was presented to the membership at the April 8th meeting, and no nominations were made from the floor. Therefore, the nominations were closed by motion and unanimously approved. [Since then, Tim Larsen withdrew his name from nomination as Trustee and his name will not appear on the ballot for the election at the May meeting.] The Recording Secretary will prepare the ballot.

Picnic – Everything is under control according to George Scovronski.

WVA Clothing –Mary Scovronski also said that everything is under control.

Bios of Life Members – Dave Brandt has completed his interview with the Opichkas, and has written their bio and submitted it to the Opichkas for review.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Sites for Board Meetings – Following a short discussion, based on a written presentation by Howard Hasselkus, (copy attached to official minutes), it was decided by consensus to continue the present method but plan it at least a year in advance by Board members volunteering to be meeting hosts. Board members who live in the boonies should try to make their reservations for meetings from April through October---the months when the hour before the meeting will be daylighted. City dwellers should volunteer for meetings in November through March.

NEW BUSINESS No new business.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mary Scovronski reported that Ray's Liquors in Wauwatosa, 89th and North Ave., stages special events featuring food and wine and allows customers to bring in their own wines for no extra charge.

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

May 13th – WVA Food & Wine Pairing at the Norway House

May 15th & 16th – Wisconsin State Fair Wine Competition

June 3rd – WVA Board Meeting at Chuck and Mary Howell's home

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm, to enjoy the Wanty's wonderful and delicious hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brandt, Recording Secretary