

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

September 3, 2009, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Bill and Karen Schneider, Muskego, Wisconsin.

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

Excused Absentees: Tom Courtney and Mike Szabo

Guests in Attendance: Lou Benedetto, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck Howell, Bill and Karen Schneider

Minutes: The minutes of the August 5th board meeting were placed on file with some spelling corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Bell presented a printed financial report as of July 31, 2009, (copy attached to official minutes). The total of all funds is now \$15,566.58. The May 31st report was revised with corrections determined by the Audit Committee.

Auditors' Report: The Auditors, Len Montalbano and George Scovronski, also club trustees, presented a written report saying that the financial records for the past fiscal year "present fairly the financial position of the WVA as of May 31, 2009, and the results of its operations for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles."

The Auditors recommended that the club purchase an additional \$5,000 certificate of deposit at the next opportunity because cash in the checking account is up to \$7,000+. Following a duly seconded motion, the Board approved the purchase for a three-month term.

Following a duly seconded motion, the Auditors' Report was approved unanimously.

Budget for 2009-10: Mike Bell presented the budget for the next fiscal year, and since it had been discussed in a previous meeting of the Board, was approved unanimously following a duly seconded motion.

Vice President's Report: In Tom Courtney's absence, Jim Remus explained the "Wine Making" PowerPoint presentation that he will be presenting. He asked that everyone bring a bottle of some kind of fruit wine. Program for October is "Collection of fruit for the Potpourri wine."

Corresponding Secretary Report: No correspondence. Kudos to Don Betlej for the new format and appearance of the newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Fair Judging: Don Betlej reported that the awards display was removed and stored for future use. The meeting of judges will be arranged later.

Club Picnic: Next year's picnic will be held in the same place and on same weekend in August.

Dinner Dance: Joanne Ziarek reported that arrangements with the hotel would be made in October by Howard H. A discussion about the type of music for the dance, in response to comments following last February's event, ended with a duly seconded motion to hire Eddie Vidmar's band for the 2010 event. The motion was approved. (Mike Bell will send contract info to Joanne.) It was further agreed to continue using commercial wines at the fish bowls.

STATUS REPORTS

WVA Clothing: No change now; price list is expected to change.

Wine-Making Videos: Four videos are available.

Bios of Life Members: Most bios are done; first one of Uthemann's was printed recently.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Volunteer List: Howard asked that Board members remember to add their names to their choice of committees.

NEW BUSINESS

Harvest Dinner: Jerry Horzewski, Chair for the event, announced that the price will be \$10 each for 2 club members (\$20 per couple) and \$20 for each guest. George will bring 2 cases of wine for prizes.

Membership Dues: A motion, seconded, was made to raise membership dues \$5.00 annually, effective June 1, 2010. It was approved unanimously.

WVA 40th Anniversary: Will occur in December 2010. Consider observing the event with something special, like a dinner.

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

September 9 – WVA Membership Meeting
October 7 - WVA Board Meeting at Rick & Jo Markham's
October 14 – WVA Membership Meeting
November 4 – WVA Board Meeting at Mike Szabo's
November 15 – Harvest Dinner at Clifford's
December 2 – WVA Board Meeting at Howard & Sally Hasselkus's
January 6 – WVA Board Meeting at Mike & Marilyn Bell's
January 27 or February 3 – WVA Board Meeting at Don Betlej's
February 6 – WVA Dinner Dance
March – WVA Board Meeting at Dave Brandt's

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm, to enjoy the Schneider's wonderful and delicious hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brandt, Recording Secretary