

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
October 7, 2009, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Rick and Jo Markham, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

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

Excused Absentees: Erv Herman, Len Montalbano and Mike Szabo

Guests in Attendance: Lou Benedetto, Chuck Howell, Tim Larsen, Bill and Karen Schneider and Mary Scovronski. .

Minutes: The minutes of the September 3rd board meeting were reviewed. Under “membership dues”, delete the word “annually”, and under “Guests in Attendance” add the name, “Gary Metzger”.

Treasurer’s Report: Mike Bell presented a printed financial report as of September 30, 2009, (copy attached to official minutes). The total of all funds is now \$16,578.17. The new CD that was purchased is under two signatures and is for 13 months @ 1.75% interest.

Vice President’s Report: Tom Courtney explained that the October 14th membership meeting program will consist of three portions of the wine making process. The December meeting will feature evaluation of commercial wines, and, tentatively, Chip Droege will be the featured speaker at the January meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Don reported that he sent welcoming letters to four new members. Kudos is due for the newsletter article featuring the Rauenbuehlers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harvest Dinner: Jerry Horzewski reported, through Howard, that all is ready.

Dinner Dance: Howard requested a check for \$500 for the Radisson Hotel. Joanne reported that all “games” that evening will be officially called “auctions”.

STATUS REPORTS

WVA Clothing: Mary Scovronski reported that 35 pieces of clothing have been sold so far.

Bios of Life Members: Joanne reported that she has finished all of her assigned bios.

NEW BUSINESS

Website: Don led a discussion of a new program that will make it easier to update the website

GOOD & WELFARE

Tom Courtney gave a report on AWS judging in Pittsburgh.

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- 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 3 – WVA Board Meeting at Dave Brandt's

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, to enjoy the Markham's wonderful and delicious hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brandt, Recording Secretary