

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the January 27, 2010 Board of Director Meeting

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM at the home of Don Betlej, Muskego, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Board Members in Attendance: Mike Bell, Don Betlej, Dave Brandt, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Mary Howell, Rick Markham, Len Montalbano, George Scovronski, Mike Szabo, and Joanne Ziarek.

Excused Absentees: Jerry Wanty.

Guests in Attendance: Lou Benedetto, Dean & Jennifer Grulke, Chuck Howell, Jim Remus, Mary Scovronski, and Debbie Stankus.

Minutes of January 3, 2010 meeting: After review, the spelling of “lose” money in the Dinner Dance Committee Report was corrected.

Treasurer’s Report: No report provided by Mike. For the March meeting, he will bring separate reports for January and February.

Vice President’s Report: Tom had nothing new to report.

Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Don reported that correspondence was limited to mailings to three new members.

Committee Reports

Dinner Dance: Joanne provided an update on the dinner dance:

Invocation: Dave Brandt accepted the invitation to do the invocation again.

Prizes – Have plenty for the Chinese (13) and the Silent auctions

Dean G. presented several samples of ticket depositories for Chinese Auction; decided on clear plastic container.

Volunteers needed to sell cards and tickets; Joanne would like to find some new members to sell; volunteer time slots for the Fishbowls are more than full

Printed schedule of events – Rick has created posters for easels and tent-cards for the tables

Reservations – Howard reported that 186 reservations had been received so far, plus 4 received at meeting for a total of 190; based on discussions with the Radisson, the revised maximum is now 210 people. Room reservations are at 21.

Wine Prizes -

Wine being bought by George S. is going through a distributor, but this year the distributor is waiving his "cut"; next year it goes into effect, so George over-purchased now to stock up for 2011. As a result, this year's expense for wine prizes is more than usual.

Status Reports

WVA Clothing: Mary reported that one item had been ordered.

Bio/picture of life members: The last bio, for Dave and Lois Brandt, will appear in the February newsletter.

Winemaking Videos: Tom reported that two of the videos have been checked out as of the January meeting.

Website: No further developments

Old Business

Club Judging: March 14th

New Business: None

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

March 3 – Board Meeting at Dave Brandt's

March 10 – Membership Meeting: Critical Homemade Wine Tasting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brandt, Recording Secretary
(with help from Tom Courtney)