

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the April 7, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the home of Howard and Sally Hasselkus, New Berlin, 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, Jerry Wanty and Joanne Ziarek.

Guests in Attendance: Leon Bosetti, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck Howell, Jim Remus and Debbie Stankus.

Minutes of March 3, 2010 meeting: Approved as distributed by email.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Bell distributed statements dated March 31, 2010, showing a balance of all funds at \$18,505.60. (Copies of the reports are attached to the official copy of the minutes.) Mike said that, according to his records, we now have 141 paid members.

Vice President's Report: Tom Courtney announced that 16 members have already made reservations for the May Food & Wine Pairing at the Norway House. Attendance will be limited to 96 so that food and wine quantities can be adequately planned. The April membership meeting would be a presentation on the "importance of fruit acid levels in wine making" by Jerry Uthemann.

Tom also outlined the plans for the June meeting which tentatively is going to feature a wine seminar by Doug Morehead of Presque Isle Wine Cellars, Northeast Pennsylvania, followed by the WVA 40th Anniversary Dinner at the Country Springs Motel on Saturday, June 19, 2010. Howard presented an outline of the anticipated costs for the event, including transportation and accommodations for Mr. Morehead. (Copy attached.)

Following a duly seconded motion, the Board unanimously approved the event as outlined, to be funded partially up to \$2,000 by the WVA and the remainder to be paid from ticket revenue based on a charge of \$20 per person.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Don reported receiving a *Thank You* card from the Uthemann's for the memorial given for Mary. He also said that he would attempt to notify former charter members of the club for the Anniversary Dinner. Notably, the Helwigs are still with us and are apparently living in Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Committee Reports

Nominations: Joanne reported that the slate of candidates is complete. She will forward the names to Dave Brandt for production of the official ballot which will be used at the May meeting.

Club Judging: Awards will be ready for distribution at the April membership meeting.

State Fair Judging: Don announced that the judging will take place Friday evening and all day Saturday, May 14 and 15, in the lobby of the Thompson Residence Hall on the north end of the Fair grounds. (same as last year) Rules are posted on the website. **It was duly moved, seconded and approved that the WVA should set aside up to \$100 to cover Don's incidental expenses for the judging.**

Don added that he had had no communication from the Wisconsin Winery Association regarding their ideas for a commercial wine judging, but he will formally ask them to send observers to the Fair judging to see how it is conducted.

Status Reports

WVA Clothing: No report.

Winemaking Videos: Tom reported that one is out and some available.

Website: Updated March 6, 2010. No further developments. Publicize need for assistance.

New Business - None

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

April 14 - Membership Meeting: "Fruit Acids in Winemaking".

May 5 – Board Meeting at Erv & Bobby Herman's, Jackson, Wisconsin.

June 2 – Board Meeting at Chuck & Mary Howell's, Waterford, Wisconsin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brandt, Recording Secretary