

**WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**April 2, 2008 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the Best Western Midway Motor Lodge.

**Members in Attendance:** Mike Bell, Don Betlej, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Rick & Jo Markham, Jim Remus, Mary Scovronski, Joanne Ziarek.

**Minutes Of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting (March) were approved.

**March Membership Meeting Attendance:** 38

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Courtney was not present at the April meeting, so no Treasurer's report was given.

**Correspondence:** A sympathy card will be sent to Dave Brandt after the passing of his wife Lois.

**Web Site Upgrade:** Don Betlej reported that Jeff Beutler has completed a new home page and that it will be reviewed by both Don and Rick Markham.

**By-Laws/Constitution Changes:** At the March 12<sup>th</sup> membership meeting Dave Brandt reviewed the proposed changes to the by-laws. Al Downs moved and Henry Maksimowicz seconded a motion to accept the changes. Motion carried. Dave then presented the proposed changes to the constitution. Armin Engelman moved and Jerry Horzewski seconded a motion to adopt the changes. Motion carried. The by-laws and constitution will be amended and dated accordingly.

**Revision of New Membership Brochure and Business Cards:** Rick Markham stated that they are both ready to go and be printed.

**Winemaking DVD:** Erv has the DVD now and will pass it on to Howard Hasselkus.

**WVA Logo Clothing Items:** The first order has been placed for \$405.00 and it may be delivered next week. Books for ordering will be available at every meeting.

**Upcoming Events:** Mason Creek has backed out of the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mike from Consumer's has agreed to put on a presentation on South American wines. George Scovronski will also give a talk on wines from Chili. May or June meetings will consist of the election of board members, wine and food pairing, and placing all wine on a table to share, meet, and discuss. Also it was discussed that a new member event will be tied to meetings periodically throughout the year, as at-large members are getting varied responses to calling new members, some positive and some not.

**Club Judging:** Don Betlej reported that everything went well and the results of the judging are on the web site. Ribbons will be presented at the May meeting. Rosettes will only be placed on the Best Of Show ribbon. The lunch was well received. The Best Of Show selection process will be reviewed for both the club judging and the State Fair.

**Nominating Committee:** Jerry Horzewski reported that the slate of candidates for board members is pretty well filled.

**State Fair Judging:** Don Betlej stated it would be held May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and that we need to work on getting more help. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for entries.

**Bio Of Life Members:** Joanne Ziarek stated the past three presidents (including her) would work on this in the near future.

**Ribbons & Awards:** Jo Markham, and Chuck & Mary Howell will meet with Paul Opichka to learn how to make them.

**Wine Club Challenge:** Mike notified Joanne Ziarek that the challenge will be at the Cedar Creek Village Mall on October 18<sup>th</sup>. It was also suggested that the site be rotated between the four clubs for future challenges.

**Dinner Dance Attendance:** Jim Remus reported that there were a total of 156 attendees, 85 of which were WVA members and 71 guests.

**Dinner Dance 2009:** The board met at the Best Western Midway Motor Lodge and Ted Kucharzak gave us a presentation and tour. Howard Hasselkus and Joanne Ziarek did some preliminary price comparisons and it was determined that we would hold the 2009 Dinner Dance at their facility. Jim Remus will notify the Latvian House that we will not need their facility. Our \$50.00 deposit will be lost if they cannot rent the hall for that Saturday night.

**Programs/Upcoming Events:**

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting, Clifford's  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting at the home of Rick & Jo Markham  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting, Clifford's  
May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – State Fair Judging  
June 4<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting at the home of Chuck & May Howell  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting, Clifford's  
July 9<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting, Lakefront Brewery  
August 16<sup>th</sup> – Picnic

The meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Mary Howell*

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Recording Secretary