

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

April 12, 2006 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the home of Paul and Bertie Brauch.

Members in attendance: Don & Barb Betlej, Paul and Bertie Brauch, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting (March) were read and approved.

Financial Report: The financial report dated March 31, 2006 was accepted and filed for audit.

March meeting Attendance: 54

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Correspondence: Printed copies of the monthly newsletter and Vintners Press will be mailed to only those members without email addresses. A letter will be sent to those members who have an email address but have been receiving mailed copies that this will no longer be continued. It was agreed that new member names will be published in the club newsletter.

Club Judging Committee: A State Fair judges meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3 at Cliffords. Food will be provided by the club. *A motion was made by Jerry Horzewski and seconded by Jim Remus and Barb Betlej to budget a maximum of \$300 for this cost. The resolution passed unanimously.* An agenda for this meeting was created by Don Betlej and published on the WVA web site. Howard Hasselkus agreed to contact all prospective judges to inform them of this meeting. A notice will also be included in the next club newsletter and placed on the club web site.

Website: It was agreed that the club membership list will continue to be available on the WVA website via password only. It will be updated on a quarterly basis and will continue to be provided to the general membership once a year. A membership application form will be created and made available on the WVA website to those interested in joining the club. The form will be sent by the web site to the attention of the club treasurer when completed by the prospective new member. The new member will be directed to send in a check for the yearly dues.

Dinner Dance: The club needs a Dinner Dance Chairman for next year. Suggestions are requested by May's board meeting.

Wine Drawing at Membership Meeting Pre-Dinner: It was agreed that the current program, where all who attend the dinner at Clifford's prior to membership meetings qualify for a drawing of a bottle of wine, continue indefinitely. There are four bottles remaining and another case will be purchased once they are gone. Jim Remus has agreed to continue to be in charge of this activity.

Wisconsin Winemaking Club Challenge: A wine competition among three Wisconsin winemaking clubs will take place on April 22. Our club will not participate this year but Bob Wilson has agreed to help judge the event. Thirty bottles are submitted by each club for judging. The club that attains the most points will be declared the winner of the challenge and received a traveling trophy. Our club may be invited to participate next year.

Programs:

May 10 - Monthly membership meeting: Election of officers and a *Tribute to Bob Wollersheim* by Phillippe Coquard of the Wollersheim Winery.

May 20 - Wisconsin State Fair Amateur Winemakers Competition, Judging begins at 9:00 am.

June 7 – Board of Directors meeting at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell

June 14 – Monthly Membership Meeting – Program TBD

July 12 - Membership meeting will be a cook out and pot-luck picnic at the garden of the Lakefront Brewery.

The next board meeting will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Lakefront Brewery. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Don Betlej

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WVA Recording Secretary