

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
August 2, 2006 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm at the home of Tim Larsen.

Members in attendance: Don Betlej, Paul Brauch, Tom Courtney, Erv Herman, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, Bill & Karen Schneider, George & Mary Scovronski, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting (June) were approved.

Financial Report: The Statement of Accounts for June 1st - July 31st and the proposed budget for 2006-2007 were presented by Tom Courtney. **The motion to approve was made by John Rauenbuehler, and seconded by Chuck Howell.**

June Membership Meeting Attendance: 33

July Cookout At Lakefront Brewery: Approximately 62

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Correspondence: John Rauenbuehler stated he had been notified by the Marshfield group that they had invited us to participate in their club judging August 26th.

Website: The Winemaker magazine website information has been updated per Don Betlej.

Medallions: Medallion #209 was given to Joanne Wollersheim as a memento from the club.

Award Winning Wine Stickers: Per Don Betlej, this will be addressed next year.

State Fair: Per Don Betlej, the display is set up and ready. It is located in the WI Products building. The awards have been mailed. There were 243 entries, of which there were 26 1st places, 51 2nd, and 61 3rd's. The judging in 2007 will be conducted in May.

Picnic: 46 people have signed up so far. The committee consists of Bill & Karen Schneider, George and Mary Scovronski and Tim Larsen. John Rauenbuehler will send out another e-mail as a reminder to get more participants.

September Membership Meeting: Don will arrange a program and will advise John Rauenbuehler so the topic can be published.

Harvest Dinner: The date will be November 5th and Don will advise if the Betlej's will chair.

Newsletter: Don Betlej reported that this is a work in progress. Broadband access seems to be okay but not sure about dial-up. He will work on being able to print individual pages. John Rauenbuehler will publish a monthly reminder to members that they can access the information from the club website if they choose.

Advanced Wine Making Program: A proposal was submitted from Tom Courtney and also Tim Larsen has one underway.

Dinner Dance: Erv Herman and Jim Remus will issue an article in the September newsletter. Date will be Feb. 3, 2007. Ken Skotzke will be approached to see if he will make the potpourri wine for 2008 as he won Best Of Show in the club judging in 2006.

Wine Components 101: The committee consists of Tom Courtney, Len Montalbano and Dave Brandt. Tom Courtney presented the course outline, Components Of Wine. **The motion to approve was made by Chuck Howell and seconded by Erv Herman. The motion passed unanimously.** Class location and dates are tentative. The class will be available to WVA members only.

Clifford's Wine For Diners: Jim Remus says we are set for 4 months and he will purchase more when needed.

Newsletter (Electronic): John Rauenbuehler stated he sent a letter to the 40 remaining paper copy members trying to convince them to change from paper to e-mail but only one responded.

Vintners Press: John Rauenbuehler would welcome any contributors.

Future Board Meetings: Cliffords will be contacted to see if we can use them as a back-up if we are unable to meet at an individual home. Also it was discussed that the judging of wines after board meetings will only be conducted if the meetings are short.

Programs/Upcoming Events:

August 19th - Picnic

September 6th - Board meeting at the home of Erv and Bobbi Herman.

September 13th - Membership Meeting

October 4th - Board meeting at the home of Bill and Karen Schneider.

November 1st - Board meeting at the home of George and Mary Scovronski.

November 5th - Harvest Dinner

February 3rd - Dinner Dance

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howell

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