

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

January 4, 2006 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm at the home of Jerry & Doris Horzewski.

Members in attendance: Don & Barb Betlej, Tom Courtney, Jerry & Doris Horzewski, Howard Hasselkus, Erv & Bobbi Herman, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, Jerry & Mary Uthemann, Tim Larsen, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek

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

Financial Report: The financial reports for October and November was accepted and filed for audit. There are currently 103 club memberships, including 7 new members. Fourteen members from last year did not send in dues money for this year.

December Membership Meeting Attendance: 37

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Correspondence: The club will donate \$30.00 to the University of Wisconsin Neurological Oncology Fund in memory of Bob Wollersheim who recently passed away. An announcement will be made at the January membership meeting asking if anyone would also like to make an additional individual contribution.

Historian: Old menus from past dinner dances will be displayed for membership viewing at a future meeting.

Website Committee: www.wihomewinemakers.com will officially become the web site of the club as of the January membership meeting. Jeff Beutler, who designed the site, would give a short presentation describing how the site can be accessed and an overview of the various pages. All board members are encouraged to view the site and offer their comments.

Education: Howard Hasselkus submitted a form to the board for approval that will be used to submit wine making proposals for the new club Advanced Winemaking Program. *The motion to approve the form with no changes was made by George Scovronski, and seconded by Jerry Horzewski. The motion passed unanimously.*

Club Judging Committee: Don Betlej confirmed that the entry cost per bottle for this year's club judging will be \$1.00, an increase of \$0.50 over last year. Work will need to be done to develop a new judging form based upon guidelines proposed by the wine judging committee. It is the hope that it could be completed and approved in time for use at this year's club judging event, scheduled for Sunday, March 26.

Programs:

January 11: Critical wine tasting event. Three types of commercial wines will be evaluated. It is hoped that there would be enough people attending to have six judging tables, with six to eight people per table.

February 4 Dinner Dance: Tim Larsen, this year's Dinner Dance Co-Chairman along with Tom Courtney, is unable to devote the needed time and has asked for additional help. Jim Remus has volunteered to assist. There was a discussion as to how in the future the planning and coordination of the dinner dance would be accomplished. See New Business for additional information on this topic. George Scovronski and Howard Hasselkus are working on obtaining prizes for the actions. George will purchase the wine for the fish bowl raffle

and again this year will number the bottles and match books. Barb Betlej will again be in charge of table decorations. All are encouraged to help with the set up of the hall on the morning of the dance.

March 8: Critical wine tasting event. March 26 will be the date of this year's club judging.

April 5: Annual food and wine pairing event. The event will be run by Lou Bruno, and will be held starting at 7:00 pm at the Deer Creek Preserve in New Berlin. Note this month's board meeting would be held on Wednesday April 12.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member Contact: Tom Courtney will send a list of new members to board volunteers who will agree to call the new member and personally invite him and/or her to attend the next membership meeting as well as the upcoming dinner dance. The purpose is to help the new member learn about the club and its activities and encourage participation. This will help the club, as well as make being a member more interesting, fun and worthwhile.

Resolution Documentation: President Ziarek suggested a need to formalize the board meeting resolution procedure and documentation process. From this point on, the board meeting minutes will properly describe all resolutions made, including a description of the original resolution, the name of the person who makes the original motion, who seconds the motion and the results of the succeeding vote.

Future Dinner Dance Organization: The task of coordinating all that must be done in the planning of the annual dinner dance is an extensive and time consuming one. Historically, one or two individuals would do most of the work which needs to be done prior to the event. At the event, whether it is setup of the hall, or clean up, or help running the raffles, there usually is adequate help. It was suggested that next year more members be asked to participate in the planning portion of the event. The purpose of the event chairman would be to coordinate the various groups' activities to insure that the tasks are completed. How to implement this will be discussed after this year's dance.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dave and Lois Brandt. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Don Betlej

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WVA Recording Secretary