

# WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

## January 28, 2009, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the home of Rick and Jo Markham, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

**Members in Attendance:** Mike Bell, Don Betlej, Dave Brandt, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Tim Larsen, Rick Markham, Jim Remus, George Scovronski, Jerry Wanty and Joanne Ziarek

**Excused Absentees:** Mary Howell

**Guests in Attendance:** Lou Benedetto, Dean & Jenn Gruelke, Mary Scovronski and Debbie Stankus.

**Attendance at January Membership Meeting:** 23

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 7, 2009, board meeting were approved as distributed via email.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Bell presented a report for January 2009 to date. It was noted that in the report of Dinner Dance expenses, it should read 5 cases wine from Chip Droege instead of 4. A copy of the written, unaudited report was placed on file. Paid membership totals 86.

**Vice President's Report:** Tom Courtney made note of Henry Gutman's new winery in Pewaukee, called "Two Brothers' Wines" which will open in March and plans to invite Henry and the owners of the new winery in Port Washington for a future meeting program.

**Corresponding Secretary Report:** No report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Dinner-Dance

**Joanne Ziarek, General Chair,** reported as follows:

**Reservations:** Now over 130; 15 hotel rooms reserved so far.

**Name Tags/Seating Charts:** Set-up time is 1:00 pm; signs are being prepared for each table giving notice that only home-made wines may be opened and drunk at the hotel.

**Fish Bowl Auction:** Mike Szabo is in charge; although the "lost/stolen" funds from 2008 were recently found in the Purple Foot storage area, rules for handling cash this year will be distributed by Mike to handlers before Saturday.

**Wine Supply:** George S. reported that all of the wine has been acquired and will be delivered to the hotel. Price is still 3 for a dollar---a 9% ratio---but that may be changed when the price of the wine is revealed.

**Silent Auction:** Planning on using "super bids" for some items.

**Take Down:** Lou B. will manage this at the end of the evening.

**Finances:** Mike B. will have cash available for making change at each venue.

**Card Auction:** Erv. H. in charge; selling some cards for \$10/card, some for \$5/card and some 2 for \$5.

**Chinese Auction:** Rolls of tickets were not found in storage; if not found elsewhere, plan to purchase new rolls at Bartz's

**Wine Glasses:** Will be for sale on site.

**BOS Wines Live Auction:** Very popular; BOS wine makers will be notified to provide bottles for auction.

**Band:** Price for band this year is \$525.00

**Club Clothing:** Mary S. reported "no change".

### **Business Cards**

Rick M. reported that cards have been delivered to Joanne Z. as requested.

### **Bios of Life Members**

Dave B. will check on Jerry Horzewski's progress with the bio on the Uthemanns.

### **Judging Review Committee**

Don Betlej will be assembling an interested group at the Hasselkus' home on February 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to discuss potential changes in judging rules..

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Loss of Membership:** Discussion tabled until a future meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Beginners' Wine Class at Boerner:** Jim Remus reported that he was approached by Boerner Botanical Gardens people to conduct a beginner's wine class sometime this spring. Jim requested a handout to publicize the WVA; Rick and Don will prepare something to be used.

### **Upcoming Events and Meetings:**

February 7, 2009: Dinner-Dance at the Radisson Hotel, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

March 4, 2009: Board Meeting. Location to be announced.

March 11, 2009: WVA Membership Meeting at Clifford's

March 14, 2009: WVA Club Judging at Clifford's

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dave Brandt,** Recording Secretary