

**WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**January 3, 2007 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the home of Jerry & Doris Horzewski.

**Members in attendance:** Don Betlej, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Jerry & Doris Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, George Scovronski, Joanne Ziarek.

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

**December meeting attendance:** 39

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Courtney presented the December Statement of Accounts.

**Corresponding Secretary:** John Rauenbuehler reported a card will be sent to the Maksimowicz family expressing our sympathy on the passing of Dorothy.

**Winemaker Magazine Article:** Howard Hasselkus reports that the articles submitted in the past have been lost. All three will be reentered together.

**Club Wine Judging:** Don Betlej will chair the event on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Clifford's.

**Central Wisconsin Wine Club Challenge:** The club is still waiting to get more information from Dick Gray about the rules and how it is being organized. Last year each club was allowed to enter 30 bottles of wine. Ribbons were awarded and a traveling trophy was given to the winning club. It was also discussed that perhaps our club could donate money to help defray expenses.

**Advanced Winemaking Program:** Tim Larsen submitted his report.

**Dinner Dance:** Erv and Jim will distribute sign up sheets at the January meeting asking members to sign up for various areas where help is needed.

**Wine Components Program:** Tom Courtney said the committee will encourage attendees to sit in as a third member at future wine judgments.

**Club Assets:** George Scovronski submitted a list of the fixed and variable assets and their locations. The list will be updated and the fixed assets will be published in the newsletter for February. Members will also be encouraged to donate any items that would be useful to the club.

**Future Meetings:**

March: Mike Prado from Consumer's will be contacted to see if he will do a presentation for the club.

April: Howard Hasselkus will do a critical wine evaluation.

May: Wine and food pairing?

**Picnic:** Howard Hasselkus has secured the required park permit for August 18<sup>th</sup>. When the flyer is created for members, they will be instructed to use the paved parking lot below the picnic grounds and will also be encouraged to use plastic glasses.

**Programs/Upcoming Events:**

January 10<sup>th</sup> – January Membership Meeting, Clifford's

January 31<sup>st</sup> – Board meeting at the home of Dave & Lois Brandt

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dinner Dance

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting at the home of Erv & Bobbi Herman

March 11<sup>th</sup> – Club Wine Judging

March 14<sup>th</sup> – March Membership Meeting, Clifford's

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Central Wisconsin Wine Club Challenge

April 4<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting (location ?)

April 11<sup>th</sup> – April Membership Meeting, Clifford's

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully Submitted:

*Mary Howell*

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Recording Secretary