

**WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the home of George & Mary Scovronski.

**Members in Attendance:** Don Betlej, Mike Bell, Dave Brandt, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Rick Markham, Jim Remus, George & Mary Scovronski, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek.

**Minutes Of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting (December) were approved.

**December Membership Meeting Attendance:** 52

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Courtney was not in attendance so the December Statement of Accounts will be reported at the next meeting.

**Web Site Upgrade:** Don Betlej stated they might change the existing sight rather than go to a new system. Rick Markham will join the group.

**By-Laws/Constitution Changes:** More changes have been made since the last board meeting. Dave Brandt presented them verbally to the board. A copy will be sent to board members. Eventually they will be sent out to the membership for review and subsequent voting for acceptance at the March meeting. **A motion by Jerry Horzewski, second by Erv Herman, that the changes to the By-Laws & Constitution be accepted.**

**Picnic:** The reserved date is August 16<sup>th</sup>. The site is reserved from 10:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. An alcohol/beer permit was purchased for \$100.00. Again, the picnic will be held at Fox River Park.

**Dinner Dance:** Jim Remus reports his committee is on track. He also said that Al Downs made a wine press which will be donated. Joanne Ziarek reported that a member had a fund raising suggestion to donate \$100.00 off a \$500.00 portrait. The board agreed we do not accept partial donations. The menu will be finalized this weekend and that this is the last year for smoked fish. Don Betlej will send out a special E-mail detailing lodging information and menu.

**Programs:** Tim Larsen reported the April meeting will be Mason Creek Winery, expanding on the winemaking class which will be held March 1<sup>st</sup>. May or June will be a food and wine pairing presented by a restaurant located in East Troy.

**State Fair:** Don Betlej informed the board that the wine judging will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Changes have been made this year, one of which will be that post cards will be sent out to past participants informing them to go to the State Fair web site for information and registration form. This information will also be put on our club web site.

**New Member Brochure:** Rick Markham presented the new revised brochure. It will be sent out to the board for any additional revisions or suggestions, which should be sent to Don Betlej prior to the next board meeting. Eventually the information will be listed on the club web site. First impression suggested a job well done by the committee.

**WVA Logo Clothing:** Items have been selected to be introduced to the general membership. The company the committee is working with will put out a catalog of the items and will provide an order form.

**WVA Business Cards:** Rick Markham reports the cards will probably be formatted from the new member brochure.

**Club Membership Roster:** Tom Courtney will be asked to put out a new list, send out subsequent lists every 6 months or so and, it would be helpful if the club web site was kept current.

**Life Member Profiles:** Dave Brandt, Joanne Ziarek and Jerry Horzewski have agreed to work on this project.

**Programs/Upcoming Events:**

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting, Clifford's  
January 30<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting at the home of Howard & Sally Hasselkus  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dinner Dance  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – Winemaking Class  
March 5<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting at the home of Don Betlej  
March 12<sup>th</sup> – Membership Meeting, Clifford's  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – Club Judging, Clifford's  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Board meeting at the home of Rick & Jo Markham

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Mary Howell*

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Recording Secretary