

**WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**June 6, 2007 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:15 at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell.

**Members in Attendance:** Don Betlej, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Rick & Jo Markham, Jim Remus, George & Mary Scovronski, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek.

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

**May Membership Meeting Attendance:** 76 paid

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Courtney presented the May Statement of Accounts. The report was approved for audit.

**Correspondence:** Howard Hasselkus contacted Winemaker Magazine and was notified that himself, Bob Wilson and Armin Engelmann will be featured in the magazine individually in different publications. Don Betlej will now be in charge of sending out sympathy and get well cards.

**Winemaker Magazine:** It was noted that the club address is listed with John Rauenbuehler's home address. Don Betlej will notify them to change the address information to his. He will also check the price of upcoming subscriptions.

**Newsletter:** The July newsletter will be completed by Don Betlej, and then sent to Tom Courtney for release.

**Vintner's Press:** It was suggested that perhaps we can reprint published articles with the individual authors permission.

**Club Ribbons:** Upgrading and redesigning is being considered. Also it was suggested that there be a backup for Paul Opichka, as well as for other positions in the club.

**Web Site Domain:** The domain has been paid for two years.

**Wollersheim Winery:** As of this date 27 people have signed up.

**Lakefront Brewery:** Food for Russ and his family will be brought by Chuck & Mary Howell. It was decided that plates, silverware and napkins will be furnished by the club, as well as for the picnic. Tom Courtney will arrange for the beer. Grills are needed, contact Joanne Ziarek if you can bring one.

**Picnic:** The picnic is set to go. Members will be told not to bring glass wine glasses, per the request of the park officials. Plastic wine glasses have been purchased for members to use. Don Betlej will publish articles in the next two newsletters. Howard Hasselkus will try to get the lower level site for 2008.

**State Fair Judging:** The results of the judging have been published on the website and also in the newsletter. Perhaps a meeting can be set to discuss how improvements can be made, especially on the final judging.

**Dinner Dance:** The survey of member attendance at the dinner dance taken in May gave no definitive answers as to why members do or do not attend the dinner dance. Jim Remus will chair the event next year. An e-mail will be sent to all members requesting interested parties to meet with him to coordinate and organize the 2008 event.

**Web Site Re-Design:** Jeff Beutler and Don Betlej will work on this project in the fall.

**Winemaking 101:** Tom Courtney stated the class will possibly happen in fall, or next year if there is interest.

**Dinner Dance Wine:** George Scovronski stated 10 cases of Coastal Ridge Gewurtztraminer were purchased.

**Members-At-Large:** Joanne has received a list of new members and will talk to all the members-at-large about being liaisons for them, welcoming them to the club and talking to them about upcoming events.

**Lifetime Membership:** Jerry Horzewski has proposed that we honor Paul Opichka for many years of service with a lifetime membership.

**Programs/Upcoming Events:**

June 9<sup>th</sup> – June Membership Meeting at Wollersheim Winery  
No July Board Meeting  
July 11<sup>th</sup> – Lakefront Brewery Cookout  
August 1<sup>st</sup> – Board meeting at the home of George & Mary Scovronski  
August 18<sup>th</sup> – Picnic, Calhoun Park, New Berlin  
September 5<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting at the home of Tim Larsen  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Board meeting, Tom Courtney

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Mary Howell*

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