

**WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**June 4, 2008 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:12 at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell

**Members in Attendance:** Dave Brandt, Don Betlej, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Len Montalbano, Jim Remus, George & Mary Scovronski, Jerry Wanty, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek.

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

**May Membership Meeting Attendance:** 47

Election Results:

At the May membership meeting, the two offices that had more than one candidate running were Members At Large and Trustee. Erv Herman and Jerry Wanty were elected for Members At Large and George Scovronski for Trustee. The balance of the board members ran unopposed, as recorded in the May minutes.

By-Laws Change

At the May membership meeting Dave Brandt presented the membership with the changes to the By-Laws as outlined by the board regarding the wording of family membership. A motion by Erv Herman, second by Fred Stanek that the wording be approved as presented. All unanimously approved it. "A two adult household, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Association, and to whom mailings of the Association will be sent to the "family" under one cover."

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Courtney presented the February through May Statement of Accounts, as well as the Fiscal Year Summary (June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008). The reports were approved for audit. There are 133 paid members.

**By-Laws/Constitution Changes:** Don Betlej will post them on the club web site.

**Web Site Upgrade:** Don Betlej reports it is still an ongoing project with no specific date for completion.

**New Member Brochure and Business Cards:** It was discussed that the prototype for the new member brochure is very difficult to read as a tri-fold as the print is too small. It was determined that full size will be mailed to new members and the tri-fold may go to legal size or undergo other changes so it is easier to read. Business cards are still being looked at.

**Wine Making Video:** The video is being circulated among members.

**WVA Logo Clothing/Items:** Mary Scovronski will bring all the brochures and order forms to the next regular meeting in the fall.

**Upcoming Events:**

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Wine and Food Pairing: Tim Larsen reported that as of this date 72 people will be attending. Len Montalbano will be conducting the program. Joanne Ziarek will conduct installation of new officers.

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Potluck/Cookout at Lakefront Brewery: Tim Larsen will contact Russ Klisch to confirm date. A notice will be sent out to the membership with details. Jim Remus and Howard Hasselkus will supply grills.

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Picnic. The picnic will be once again held at Fox River Park. Games of bean bag toss and washers will be included as well as bocci ball for anyone who is interested.

**State Fair Judging:** Everyone agreed that the event was well organized, including the final judging. There were 275 entries per Don Betlej. It was suggested that stick on nametags would be a nice addition for future events. Setting up the booth for State Fair still needs to be addressed.

**Dinner Dance:** Although nothing has been verified for sure, Williams Supper Club and Crown Royale are two sites that are possible for 2009.

**Life Member Profiles/Web Site:** A tentative form is being looked at with the possibility of resuming this in the fall.

**July Board Meeting:** None scheduled.

**Club Assets:** Joanne Ziarek reports the microphone and gavel have been passed on to Howard Hasselkus.

**Meet New Board Member:** This activity will resume in the fall. Howard Hasselkus will address the issue.

**Outgoing Officers:** To make a smooth transition, outgoing officers are requested to transfer all club information to the newly elected officers.

**Inter Club Challenge:** Although few details are known, it is believed the challenge will be held in Wausau on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Programs/Upcoming Events:**

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Food & Wine pairing at the Best Western Midway Motor Lodge in Brookfield

July Board Of Directors Meeting – **NONE SCHEDULED**

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Potluck cookout, Lakefront Brewery

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting at ?????

August 16<sup>th</sup> – Picnic

The meeting adjourned at 8:17.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Mary Howell*

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Recording Secretary