

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
June 1, 2005 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the home of Erv and Bobbi Herman.

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

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Financial Report: The financial report for May was accepted and filed for audit. Tom Courtney indicated that the membership is up by one, for a current total of 109 memberships. It was also commented that there was no intention to increase membership dues for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Correspondence: Nothing this month.

Programs:

May: A total of 64 people paid for attending this year's annual Wine and Food Pairing event.

June: Phillippe Coquard of Wollersheim Winery will make an "Ask the Winemaker" presentation. Joanne Ziarek was collecting members' questions for this event.

July: July 13 at 6:00pm, cookout at the Lakefront Brewery. A gas grill and two large Weber grills will be brought for use by those attending who should bring their own entrée. Members also are asked to bring a dish to pass and a bottle of their homemade wine to give to our host. A quarter barrel of Lakefront beer will be purchased and Chuck & Mary Howell will also bring the entrée for our host.

July 31 at 6:00am: Annual fishing trip. Eight members have signed up with still four spots available.

August: Annual picnic, scheduled for August 13. There will be no Bocce Ball this year due to the inadequate location for proper play. Beanbag toss and Washer toss will take place. Tim Larson will be making new improved washers. Same charge as last year for this event.

November: Don Betlej stated that he has confirmed with Clifford's that this year's Harvest Dinner by take place on *Sunday, November 13*. The menu and the price charged by Clifford's will be the same as last year.

Education Committee: Nothing this month.

Historian: It was noted that material from Dave and Lois Brandt was received.

Quartermaster: A current list of club assets was given to board members. A copy will also be distributed to the membership and placed on the club website.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Club brochure: John Rauenbuehler has placed stickers onto the WVA club advertising brochures that now request the email address of the new interested member.

Club survey: A summary of the data received was presented to the board by Tom Courtney. It was suggested that the deadline for survey submissions be extended to allow for more club members to participate. A request will be made at the next membership meeting asking those who have not submitted a completed survey to do so.

State Fair Judging: Jerry Uthemann stated that there was a shortage of judges and general help for this year's WI State Fair home winemaking competition. He expressed his personal dissatisfaction with the board for not, in his opinion, adequately supporting this club activity. He also indicated that he would possibly no longer want to participate in this event in the future due to this. Tom Courtney stated that the board needs to discuss and decide, prior to next year's State Fair, whether the club will or will not continue to participate. No further discussion was made. Jerry Horzewski recommended that this topic be dealt with at a later board meeting by the new incoming board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at 7:30 pm at the home of George and Mary Scovronski. Future board meeting locations: August 3 – Courtney's, September 7 – Howell's

Respectfully Submitted:

Don Betlej

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WVA Recording Secretary