

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
May 7th, 2008 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the home of Rick & Jo Markham.

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

Minutes Of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting (April) were approved as corrected.

April Membership Meeting Attendance: 58. The nominating committee presented the slate of officers (candidates) for the 2008-2009 season:

President – Howard Hasselkus

Vice President – Tom Courtney

Treasurer – Mike Bell

Corresponding Secretary – Don Betlej

Recording Secretary – Dave Brandt

Sergeant At Arms – Mary Howell

Trustees – George Scovronski and Tim Larsen (Two required)

Two Members At Large needed: Nominated are: Jerry Wanty, Erv Herman, Dan Faraca, Mike Szabo and Ken Skotzke.

Incumbents are Jim Remus and Rick Markham.

There were no further nominations from the floor. A motion by Dave Brandt, second by Chuck Howell to accept the list of candidates as presented. All unanimously approved it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Treasurer's Report: Tom Courtney was not present at the May meeting, so no Treasurer's report was given.

Correspondence: A sympathy card was sent to Joanne Ziarek after the passing of her brother. Joanne Ziarek received correspondence from the McHenry Co. Corkers, IL regarding ordering juice from Chile. George Scovronski will be talking with them, perhaps joining the two clubs in ordering juice. The Newsletter will be used in the future for these types of notices.

By-Laws/Constitution Changes: A discussion regarding family membership in Section 1 of the By-Laws will now read "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." A motion by George Scovronski, second by Erv Herman that the change should be presented and voted on for approval at the next membership meeting to be held on May 14th. After all changes have been made, the by-laws and constitution will be posted on the web site.

Web Site Upgrade: Don Betlej reported the project is ongoing.

Mew Member Brochure and Business Cards: Jeff Beutler has agreed to print the brochure at no charge to the club. Details regarding distribution to the membership will be discussed by the committee.

Ribbons & Awards: Chuck & Mary Howell met with Paul Opichka to get an overview on how to assemble the ribbons. It was agreed we would meet again in fall for a hands on lesson and when Chuck & Mary are confident they can take over they will do so.

Upcoming Events:

May 14th - Dave Brandt reported the ballots for the election would be ready. Tim Larsen also reported that the meeting would be a new member appreciation night. Members are encouraged to bring two bottles of wine that evening, with one bottle to be a community bottle that all members can sample. Bottles should be labeled with specifics such as type, specific gravity, vintners name, etc. New members will be encouraged to talk with the vintner regarding any questions, etc.

June 11th – Tim Larsen proposed a food and wine pairing be held at the Best Western Midway Motor Lodge in Brookfield. The cost per person will be \$25.34. It was discussed by the board and determined that the cost per member would be \$15.00 with the club picking up the balance of \$10.34. Non-members cost would be \$30.00. A motion to approve was made by Don Betlej, second by Jim Remus. A form will accompany the Newsletter.

July 9th – Tim Larsen reported that the date has been confirmed with Russ Klisch

August 16th - The picnic will again be held at Fox River Park. The permit has been acquired and Bill Schneider will take care of arranging for the beer. Notification will be listed in the newsletter.

State Fair Judging: Don Betlej said parking passes will be distributed at the May 14th meeting as well as sign up sheets for volunteers to help. Thursday, May 15th around 3:00 bottles will be sorted. Judging starts on Friday the 16 at 5:30-6:00 and Saturday at 9:00 until finished.

Dinner Dance/New Liquor Law: Until questions regarding the new liquor law forbidding bringing in our own wine are resolved the location is in question. Jim Remus reports the Latvian House is still an option.

Programs/Upcoming Events:

May 14th – Membership Meeting, Clifford's

May 16^h & 17th – State Fair Judging

June 4th – Board meeting at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell

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

July 9th – Potluck cookout, Lakefront Brewery

August 16th – Picnic

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howell

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Recording Secretary