

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
May 12, 2007 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 10:03 at Lakeside Brewery.

Members In Attendance: Don Betlej, Tom Courtney, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Gary Metzger, George & Mary Scovronski, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek.

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

April Membership Meeting Attendance: 48

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Vintner's Press Memorial Edition For John Rauenbuehler: Tom Courtney reports it is a work in progress.

Vintner's Press: Ideas included recycling old previously published articles, publish advanced wine making projects, and continue to ask members to submit articles of interest. The Press could also be published periodically as ideas are submitted.

Advanced Winemaking Project: A discussion ensued that perhaps we need to reintroduce this project to club members and simplify presentation. It was also suggested that the word "Advanced" be removed from the title, which could scare away new wine makers, believing only advanced wine makers should consider a project. Tom Courtney will get in contact with the original committee to seek input.

Club Assets: George Scovronsky submitted the report. Although ongoing changes will occur, the fixed assets list will be published in a future Newsletter.

Dinner Dance Survey: Jim Remis will present the survey to members at the May meeting.

Elections: Jerry Horzewski reported that the ballots are ready.

State Fair Judging: Don Betlej stated that there were between 220-250 bottles of wine submitted. Those entries that do not have a matching W-9 form will not be judged. Manpower is needed Thursday from 9:00 until 8:00, Friday from 1:00 until 8:00, with some judging starting at 6:00, and of course all day Saturday.

Club Judging Awards And Ribbons: Paul Opichka has stated that he is running low on materials to make the awards and ribbons. It was also suggested that the club look into upgrading the ribbons.

Wollersheim Winery Meeting: Joanne Ziarek is working with Dixie at Wollersheim. The shelter has been reserved, and we will be having a 10:30 tour with Philippe. Don Betlej will send a survey to members to determine how many will be attending.

Picnic: Bill Schneider says everything is going well. Suggestions for different games would be welcomed. The lower picnic site will be requested for 2008.

Web Site: Jeff Beutler and Don Betlej will be looking at redesigning the site, including looking at security issues, and the possibility of using it for future member surveys. Also the expiration date of the website domain name needs to be determined.

Club Survey: The survey will be conducted later in the year.

Beginning Wine Making Course: Tom Courtney suggested that members be surveyed for possible interest in the program.

Members-At-Large: It was discussed that a possible duty for this position would be that they be liaisons for new members, encouraging them to attend meetings, and to talk-up future events.

Programs/Upcoming Events:

May 16th – May Membership Meeting, Clifford's
May 18th & 19th – State Fair Judging
June 6th – Board meeting at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell
June 9th – June Membership Meeting at Wollersheim Winery
No July Board Meeting
July 11th – Lakefront Brewery cookout
August 18th – Picnic, Calhoun Park, New Berlin

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howell

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Recording Secretary