

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION May 6, 2006 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 10:12 am at the Lake Front Brewery.

Members in attendance: Don & Barb Betlej, Dave Brandt, Tom Courtney, Erv Herman, Chuck & Mary Howell, Jim Remus, Mary & George Scovronski, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting (April) were read and approved.

Financial Report: The financial report dated April 30, 2006 was accepted and filed for audit. Tom Courtney noted that the end of May is also the end of the club's fiscal year. Tom plans to present his proposed budget for the next year at the June board meeting and asked for input from the board members.

April meeting Attendance: 84

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Elections: Dave Brandt provided a sample ballot for board member review. All positions have a single unopposed candidate. The election will be at the May membership meeting.

State Fair Judging: A State Fair Judge's meeting was held on Wednesday, May 3 at Cliffords. It was attended by a number of judges, including two people from the Jenny Falls Winemakers club. Parking passes were available at the meeting and will also be available at the next membership meeting. The membership will be asked to help out at the judging which is scheduled for May 20 and possible May 21 if required. Don Betlej and Howard Hasselkus are co-chairman for the event.

Website: A membership application form has yet to be created and made available on the WVA website to those interested in joining the club. The form will be sent by the web site to the attention of the club treasurer when completed by the prospective new member. The new member will be directed to send in a check for the yearly dues. A form for the advanced winemaking project will also be created and made available on the web site. Don Betlej has volunteered to create the forms.

Dinner Dance: The club needs a Dinner Dance Chairman for next year. Erv Herman and Jim Remus have volunteered to co-chair this event.

Club and State Fair judging winner labels: It was suggested that the club make available winner labels to be used by club members who have won awards at both judging events. Don Betlej said that he could use his computer to make the labels if there was any interest.

Wisconsin Winemaking Club Challenge: A wine competition among three Wisconsin winemaking clubs was held on April 22. Our club was invited to participate next year. The date has yet to be established and details of the event will be available at a later date.

Programs:

June 7 – Board of Directors meeting at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell

June 14 – Monthly Membership Meeting – Program TBD

July 12 - Membership meeting will be a cook out and pot-luck picnic at the garden of the Lakefront Brewery.

August 19 – WVA club picnic.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00 a.m. at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Don Betlej

Donald Betlej
WVA Recording Secretary