

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
November 14, 2007 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:15 at the home of Erv & Bobbie Herman.

Members In Attendance: Nancy Balcer, Mike Bell, Dave Brandt, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv & Bobbi Herman, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Gary Metzger, Jim Remus, George & Mary Scovronski, Joanne Ziarek.

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

October Membership Meeting Attendance: 59

November Membership Meeting Attendance: Harvest Dinner – 84 paid, 8 no shows, 76 attendees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Club Ribbon Upgrade/Redesign: Jo Markham, and Chuck & Mary Howell have met with Paul Opichka. He is looking at a rosette to add to the already assembled ribbons. We will all get together after the club judging to learn how to assemble the newly designed ribbons.

By-Laws/Constitution Changes: The changes outlined in the March 7, 2007 agenda were discussed. Dave Brandt will make the changes to the current By-Laws/Constitution and resubmit it to the board. Anyone who has suggestions or changes should contact Dave.

Future Meetings:

December: Critical commercial wine judging presented by Howard Hasselkus.

January: Program on champagne, presented by Jerry Uthemann.

March: Critical homemade wine judging.

April: Open

May: Open

June: Open

July: Lakefront Brewery

August: Picnic

A food and wine pairing will be considered for one of the open months.

Winemaking Class: Tom Courtney reports the date will be March 1st. That date will be published in the next newsletter. The cost will be \$20.00. He is looking for instructors. Intermediate winemaking subjects will also be introduced.

Dinner Dance: Jim Remus reports the organization for the event is coming alone. The committee is meeting again on November 20th.

Revision Of New Member Brochure: The brochure is pending, it's a work in progress.

WVA Logo Clothing: George Scovronski reports they have made contact with a company who is willing to work with us, even if quantities are small. Various items will be selected for purchase and presented to the membership.

New Member Feedback: Members-At-Large will be asked to approach some of the new members to ask if they would like to help out for programs such as the dinner dance, etc.

Wine Making Video: The video was given to Tom Courtney, with the idea that perhaps he could use portions of it for the winemaking class.

Wisconsin Wine Club Challenge: Joanne Ziarek reported they plan to have the challenge sometime in fall. Details to follow.

Life Member Profiles: It was suggested that life members be profiled in the new web site for the purpose of preserving club history.

Temporary Recording Secretary: Jo Markham has agreed to replace Mary Howell as recording secretary for the January 30th and March 5th board meetings.

Programs/Upcoming Events:

December 5th – Board meeting at the home of Tim Larsen
December 12th – Membership Meeting, Clifford's
January 2nd – Board meeting at the home of George & Mary Scovronski
January 9th – Membership Meeting, Clifford's
January 30th – Board meeting at the home of Howard & Sally Hasselkus
February 2nd – Dinner Dance
March 1st – Winemaking Class
March 5th – Board meeting (open)
March 12th – Membership Meeting, Clifford's
March 15th – Club Judging, Clifford's

The meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howell

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Recording Secretary