

# **WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION**

## **OCTOBER 8, 2008, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Bill & Karen Schneider.

**Members in Attendance:** Mike Bell, Don Betlej, Dave Brandt, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Rick Markham, Jim Remus, George Scovronski, Jerry Wanty and Joanne Ziarek, .

**Guests in Attendance:** Sally Hasselkus, Jerry Horzewski, Jo Markham, Bill & Karen Schneider and Mary Scovronski.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as corrected to read that Jerry Horzewski, NOT Joanne Ziarek, is preparing the bio of lifetime members Jerry & Mary Uthemann.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Bell presented the report for September (copy attached to official copy of these minutes, but also reported that the 2008-09 budget has not been completed. The Chair ordered it to be done under 'old business'.

**Vice President's Report:** Future meeting programs will be: November is the Harvest Dinner, December is Critical Wine Tasting by Howard Hasselkus, January is planned to be 'Aromas' by Chip Droege, February is the Dinner Dance and March or April is 'Acids' by Jerry Uthemann..

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Don Betlej reported that there has been no new correspondence.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Dinner Dance**

Location of the event still is undetermined, but the Radisson Hotel at North Ave. & Mayfair Rd. is available at approximately \$30 per person, not including the music. Details will be researched further.

#### **Website**

Don Betlej reported that he has gone as far as he can without Jeff. Further development is pending.

#### **New Member Brochure**

Rick Markham reported that it is ready for use.

#### **Club Clothing**

Mary reported that the sale of clothing items will continue.

**Business Cards**

Rick Markham and George Scovronski will work together to develop a format for Board members to use, so that Board members need add only their names and titles, maybe a phone number.

**Bios of Life Members**

Bios are in progress. Pictures have been acquired.

**Winemaking Video**

Howard Hasselkus reported that he has the video.

**OLD BUSINESS****Budget for 2008-09**

During the discussion, Board members furnished line item amounts. Final totals are to be determined by Mike Bell after using receipts from membership dues to balance the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS****Audit Committee**

George Scovronski and Tim Larsen reported that the audit was completed on 9-7-08 and found that the club's books are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit was accepted with thanks and kudos to Tom Courtney for his 7 years of service as treasurer.

**Increase in Dues**

Following a spirited discussion, it was decided that now is not the time to raise dues. It was noted that the expense of mailing the newsletter has been greatly reduced from years past because a vast majority are now emailed.

**Upcoming Events and Meetings:**

**November Board Meeting:** November 5<sup>th</sup>, at Erv & Bobbie Herman's home, W193 N16333 Lea Fon Circle, Jackson, WI 53037, 262-677-1592.

**Annual Harvest Dinner:** November 16<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm, Clifford's.

**December Board Meeting:** December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Howard and Sally Hasselkus's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dave Brandt**

Recording Secretary