

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION October 5, 2005 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at the home of Bill and Karen Schneider.

Members in attendance: Don Betlej, Paul and Bertie Brauch, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, Bill & Karen Schneider, Mary & George Scovronski, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek

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

Financial Report: The financial report for September was accepted and filed for audit.

September Membership Meeting Attendance: 48

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Historian: It was suggested that the December Vintners Press highlight the fact that December 2005 is the 35th anniversary of the beginning of the club. It was suggested that the anniversary be celebrated at the December membership meeting which would include a cake.

The club library is being dissolved and all members at the last membership meeting were invited to view any remaining items and take any that they wanted. The remaining items will be donated to the Muskego Public library.

Medallions: It was suggested that a photo of the current club medallion be placed in an upcoming club newsletter to help promote its sale to the members. Don Betlej volunteered to take the picture and give the resulting black and white jpeg file to John Rauenbuehler.

Website Committee: No progress. Don Betlej, current chairman of this committee, asked if another board member could take over the chairmanship. Jerry Horzewski volunteered. Other members in this committee are John Rauenbuehler and Jeff Beutler. Don will remain as a contributing member of the committee.

Winemaker Magazine: We have been asked to provide photo's of the three club member to be highlighted in a future magazine article. Don Betlej volunteered to take the pictures at the next membership meeting and email them to the magazine.

Club Judging Committee: Don Betlej, chairman, provided a list of suggested items to be discussed and worked on by the committee. The current members are Bob Wilson, Tom Courtney, Dave Brandt, Howard Hasselkus, George Scovronski and Chuck Howell. Items dealt with both administrative issues of the club judging and WI State Fair events as well as the actual wine judging process. The next meeting of the committee will be scheduled sometime prior to the next board meeting where the list provided will be discussed in greater detail. Action items will be created with hopefully some projected completion dates. In our quest to increase the number and quality of wine judges, it was suggested that at future board meetings, the host would provide a bottle of his/her best for all to judge. This would allow for board members to increase their judging experience and knowledge. The results would be collected and used as a reference by the committee.

Education: Tom Courtney suggested that work on an intermediate winemaking course be started and solicited from the board members any suggested topic and ideas.

Programs: Members who previously volunteered for the Program committee are: Lou Benedetto, Dave Brandt, Howard Hasselkus, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Bill Mech, Ross & Kris Nowak and Jim Remus. This committee is chaired by the current club Vice President Bob Wilson.

October Meeting Topic: Faulted Wine. Bob Wilson and Len Montalbano will demonstrate various faulted wine sample for the club to try to identify and evaluate. Members are encouraged to bring in samples of their own faulted wine for evaluation and suggestions as to how to prevent and/or eliminate.

November: Harvest Dinner will take place on Sunday, November 13 instead of a regular club meeting. Tom Courtney indicated that there were about 50 people signed up to attend at this time. Don Betlej asked for any donated items to be used as door prizes. The club will donate a Dinner Dance Certificate and a case of wine, left over from the last dinner dance fish bowl raffle. All attendees are encouraged to bring a bottle of their best homemade wine as a gift to Jack of Clifford's.

December: 35th Anniversary. No program yet specified.

February: Dinner Dance. Tom Polzin has volunteered to make next year's Potpourri wine. All were encouraged to bring in fruit for the wine at the next membership meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mary and George Scovronski. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Don Betlej

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WVA Recording Secretary