

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
October 4, 2006 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the home of Bill & Karen Schneider.

Members in attendance: Don Betlej, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Gary Metzger, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, Bill & Karen Schneider, Mary Scovronski, Joanne Ziarek.

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

September Membership Meeting Attendance: 35

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Treasurer's Report: Tom Courtney presented the August & September Statement of Accounts.

Correspondence: Nothing received per John Rauenbuehler.

Medallions/Glasses: None sold.

Annual Club Survey Results: Don Betlej will add all the additional surveys collected.

Stapleton Vineyard: Jeff & Evon Beutler have expressed interest in helping in the vineyard. A meeting with Dan Stapleton will be arranged.

October 11th Membership Meeting: The first advanced wine making project will be presented by Tim Larsen. John Rauenbuehler will send another E-mail to the membership requesting everyone to bring three glasses and also to remind them to bring their contribution for the potpourri wine to be made by Ken Skotzke and served at the 2008 dinner dance.

Advanced Wine Making Program: Howard Hasselkus and Tom Courtney will have presentations in the future.

Dinner Dance: A discussion ensued, helping Erv Herman and Jim Remus with planning. Tom Courtney, who chaired the event in the past will be their source for further questions.

Wine Components: Tom Courtney reported 14 people have signed up for the course.

Membership Application On Our Web Site: Don Betlej reported that the form is now on the site. He will also add it as "How To Join" on the menu side of the screen on the home page.

Program Committee: Joanne Ziarek reports that future meetings have been established.

Two Tier Surcharge: After discussing the board decided not to pursue the issue. However, John Rauenbuehler will send a yearly letter encouraging the paper copy members to sign up for getting their information via E-mail, letting them know they are missing out by not getting all the notifications. There are 35 members who receive paper copies. He will also go through the list to see if some of the organizations and businesses would agree to receive their copies electronically.

Mini Wine Judging At The End Of Board Meetings: The board elected to discontinue the practice, but, individual hosts can elect to do so if they choose.

Updating By-Laws/Constitution: Joanne Ziarek will ask Dave Brandt to look it over to see if it is worthwhile updating.

Wineries Unlimited: Bill Schneider had information to share on the Wineries Unlimited Trade Show & Conference to be held March 6th-9th, 2007 in King Of Prussia, PA. John Rauenbuehler will publish the information to the membership.

2007 Wine Club Challenge: Our club has been invited to help judge the event. It is to be held on Saturday, March 24, 2007. Because our own club judging was to be held March 25th it was decided to move our judging to March 11th. The Wine Club Challenge will allow 30 bottles to be entered from our club and perhaps some of the better wines from our own WVA judging could be entered.

Programs/Upcoming Events:

October 11th - October Membership Meeting, Clifford's
November 1st - Board meeting at the home of George & Mary Skovronski
November 5th - Harvest Dinner
December 6th - Board meeting at the home of Howard & Sally Hasselkus
December 13th - December Membership Meeting, Clifford's
January 3rd - Board meeting at the home of Jerry & Doris Horzewski
January 10th - January Membership Meeting, Clifford's
January 31st - Board meeting at the home of Dave & Lois Brandt
February 3rd - Dinner Dance

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Howell

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WVA Recording Secretary