

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 3, 2008, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Howard Hasselkus called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the home of Tom and Linda Courtney..

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

Guests in Attendance: Linda Courtney, Sally Hasselkus and Mary Scovronski.

Minutes: The minutes of the August Board meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Bell presented the report for August (copy attached to official copy of these minutes) and said that the 2007-08 audit has not yet been done. It was noted that the current monthly report is based on the accrual method, but future reports will be on a cash basis. The report was placed on file, subject to audit.

Vice President's Report: Future meeting programs will be: September---'Gadget Night' and October---'Use of Yeast in Winemaking' by Red Star Yeast. November is the Harvest Dinner, December's program is TBD and January is planned to be 'Aromas' by Chip Droege.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: There has been no new correspondence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Fair Judging

- Don Betlej reported that ribbons and plaques have been sent out. Discussions focused on the use of half points in the judging and the need for a review of judging categories. Don will call a meeting of judges and stewards in the near future to discuss changes.

Picnic – August 16 at Fox River Park, Waukesha

- The Annual Picnic was a resounding success with a record turnout of 68 people. Al Downs and his wife brought their completely restored Model A mail truck with an amazing display of fruits and vegetables. They also provided blackberry merlot slush and peach belinni slush, both of which were a big hit on a very warm day.

Website

Don Betlej reported that it has been difficult to upgrade the website; Jeff has been unavailable. The club may have to invest in software to allow our own people to make changes and keep the website well-maintained. Don will get more information.

New Member Brochure

Don requested volunteer assistance for mailings. During the discussion of the content of the brochure, the question of on what dates dues payments are effective. The policy that the WVA had followed during the years during which John Rauenbuehler was Corresponding Secretary states that "Members who pay dues after publication of the membership list (which usually

occurs in January or February) are paying for the remainder of the current fiscal year (which ends on May 31) and for the next fiscal year.”

Club Clothing

Mary said she cannot attend next Wednesday’s membership meeting, but will send the clothing display to the meeting with George.

Business Cards

Tabled until more information is available.

Bios of Life Members

Bios will be printed in the newsletter as well as placed on the website

---Dave will do Opichka’s and his own

---Joanne is doing Helmut’s and Virg Penn’s; she has already done the Rauenbuehler’s and Uthemann’s.

Winemaking Video

Whereabouts of video is unknown.

Dinner Dance

Howard Hasselkus reported that he talked with Midway Motor Lodge and they are still refusing to let us bring in our own wine. Tom Courtney reported that according to his reading of the current Department of Revenue rules, “there is nothing in the rules that deals with consumption (of wine)”. Apparently, it is simply a rule of the Midway Motor Lodge operators.

Howard also said he visited the Mayfair Raddisson, which would allow us to bring our wines, but they would charge \$30 a person (which does not include music). [The :Latvian House event costs the WVA \$23 a person *including* music.] Jim Remus reported that he visited Salvatore’s in South Milwaukee, but said that its maximum capacity is 180 in a very small room. He said they would also be available as a caterer at a site of our choosing.

Howard reminded the Board that the main reason for approaching the Midway ML has been a concern for the safety of our members and guests who may desire to stay overnight after the dinner-dance instead of being a hazard on the highway on their way home. It was also emphasized that we need a general chairman for the event.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget for 2008-09

Mike Bell presented a preliminary budget for 2008-09. After discussions about some specific accounts, it was decided to table approval of the budget until the October Board meeting, which will follow a meeting between the former treasurer and Mike in which budget items will be more closely scrutinized,

Wine Grapes and Juices, Acquisition of

With the advent of the arrival of wine grapes and juices in the very near future, discussion was focused on pick-up and transportation. Jim Remus volunteered to drive but must have help.

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

October Board Meeting: October 8th, at Bill & Karen Schneider's home, S81 W19452 Highland Park Drive, Muskego, WI 53150, 262-679-8454

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

Annual Harvest Dinner: November 16th, 5 pm, Clifford's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Brandt

Recording Secretary