

**WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**September 7, 2005 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm at the home of Chuck & Mary Howell.

**Members in attendance:** Don Betlej, Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, Bill Schneider, George Scovronski, Bob Wilson, Joanne Ziarek.

**Members in attendance at the August picnic:** 48

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS & MONTHLY BUSINESS**

**Correspondence:** Received information from Wollersheim Winery that they have a small grape crusher for sale for \$200. No one on the board expressed interest in the club purchasing this item.

**Programs:**

Sept 14 meeting: No meeting topic decided upon. Chuck Howell and Larry Legare would be asked to bring and demonstrate the wine pumps that they built from plans in a previous issue of WineMaker magazine.

Sept 17 Door County winery bus trip: This trip will be cancelled due to a lack of interest.

October 12 meeting: No topic as of this meeting.

November: Harvest Dinner on November 13.

February: Dinner Dance on Feb 4. No commitment yet by anyone to make next year's Potpourri wine. Tom Polzin has been asked.

Jim Remus has purchased 12 bottles of wine to be used for the monthly membership meeting dinner raffle for a total cost of \$101.00.

Annual fishing trip: It was noted that it was difficult to get people to sign up for this event. As in the past, participants were asked to donate some of their caught fish to the dinner dance even though they are charged a high amount to attend this event. It was suggested that in the future the club might choose to purchase the smoked fish for the dance, currently at around \$7.00 per pound. A decision would need to be made in time for next year's event.

**Historian:** It was noted that the club was established in December of 1970. President Joanne Ziarek suggested that a club history fact sheet be created commemorating the club's 35<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

**Meet your Board Member and Meet a New Member Newsletter Feature:** President Joanne Ziarek again encouraged all board members to fill out an informational questionnaire to be used for this new Board Member feature of upcoming newsletters. Barry Jeter and Russ Reinert were suggested as future new members to be highlighted.

**Club library:** All current library items were brought to this board meeting. Due to the dated nature of the items and with members now having the ability to obtain winemaking information from internet sources, it was decided to discontinue the library. Beermaking related items would be offered to the Beer Barons and the remaining winemaking items would be offered free of charge to the membership at the next meeting.

**State Fair/Judging Committee:** The initial meeting of the club wine judging committee was held. Future meetings would be scheduled in the fall. Jerry Horzewski expressed interest in joining this committee.

**Website Committee:** Don Betlej is working on a club document describing how the website would be organized and controlled in the future. Currently there are two sites available for viewing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:30 pm on the home of Bill & Karen Schneider.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Don Betlej*

Donald Betlej  
WVA Recording Secretary