

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
September 5, 2006 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:05 at the home of Erv & Bobbie Herman.

Members in attendance: Dave Brandt, Erv & Bobbie Herman, Jerry Horzewski, Chuck & Mary Howell, Tim Larsen, Larry Legare, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, Bill Schneider, George & Mary Scovronski, Joanne Ziarek.

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

Attendance at the picnic: 61 paid participants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Correspondence: Nothing received per John Rauehbuehler.

Medallions/Glasses: None sold.

Audit Report: George Scovronski reported the books were audited two weeks ago and were found to be in good order. The report will be filed with the August minutes.

Annual Club Survey: The survey will again be handed out at the September meeting to members who have not already filled one out.

State Fair Display: The display has been returned to the Purple Foot.

September 13th Meeting: Larry Legare reported that Paul Brauch, Bob Wilson, and himself have cherry wines to be sampled and discussed. Members have also been encouraged to bring any berry wines, with the vintner being prepared to discuss the wine making process and also to bring the recipe.

Potpourri Wine: Ken Skotzke has agreed to make the wine for the 2008 Dinner Dance.

Harvest Dinner, November 5th: Jerry and Doris Horzewski and their daughter Diane will chair the event.

Picnic: Bill Schneider reported the picnic went well, great games and food.

Advanced Wine Making Program: Dave Brandt reports the program will be ready.

Dinner Dance: Erv Herman and Jim Remus report the program is on course.

Wine Components 101: Dave Brandt reported they have tested the components, an outline has been sent out and 11 have signed up as of this date, with the class capacity being a maximum of 15.

Membership/Web Site: John Rauenbuehler will see to it that new members receive the club roster. Also Don Betlej will post on the web site all the documents John Rauenbuehler sends to members. Jeff Beutler will also be contacted to see if he is interested in helping out with the web site.

Program Committee: Temporarily will be supported by the board members. A meeting will be set up to brain storm for future monthly meetings.

Leave Of Absence: Due to reoccurring health problems for Barb Betlej, both Don and Barb have requested a temporary leave of absence from their positions as sergeant-at-arms and vice president. Debby Stankus will be approached to see if she would be willing to be the interim keeper of the name badges. Suggestions from any members in the club for program ideas would be appreciated.

Dan Stapleton Vineyard: Dan is looking for 2-4 more people besides Chuck & Mary Howell to help in the vineyard next year. The location and further details will be sent to John Rauenbuehler by the Howells so the information can be forwarded to club members.

Wollersheim: John Rauenbuehler will contact Dixie to see if a date can be finalized for the club outing to the winery in 2007.

Program Suggestions:

Wine steward presentation to encourage more people to steward at the club judging and State Fair.

More wine and food pairings, popular with members, given by an outside party. Kyle Goman, from Mason Creek Winery would be a possibility. Jerry Horzewski has agreed to contact Chuckie's House of Wine to see if he would be interested in addressing the club.

Two Tier Surcharge: John Rauenbuehler has suggested that because between 35-38 members do not have E-mail, or do have it but choose not to share their address, the cost of mailing paper copies of the newsletter, etc. is not even covered by their dues. Perhaps a surcharge for these members should be considered. It was determined that this topic would be addressed at a future meeting.

Programs/Upcoming events:

October 4th - Board meeting at the home of Bill & Karen Schneider

November 1st - Board meeting at the home of George & Mary Scovronski

November 5th - Harvest Dinner

January 3rd - Board meeting at the home of Jerry & Doris Horzewski

January 31st - Board meeting at the home of Dave & Lois Brandt - to be finalized at a later time.

February 3rd - Dinner Dance

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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