

WISCONSIN VINTNERS ASSOCIATION
January 31, 2007 BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

President Joanne Ziarek called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the home of Dave & Lois Brandt.

Members in attendance: Don Betlej, Dave & Lois Brandt Tom Courtney, Howard Hasselkus, Erv Herman, Jerry Horzewski, , Tim Larsen, John Rauenbuehler, Jim Remus, George Scovronski, Debbie Stankus, Joanne Ziarek.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of previous meeting (January) were approved after correcting the spelling of Mike Prado to Pradel.

January meeting attendance: 41

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Treasurer's Report: Tom Courtney presented the January Statement of Accounts. There are 101 paid members. The website and 2007 membership contact list will be updated. Report approved for audit.

Medallions/Glasses: Two Medallions and two glasses were sold.

Winemaker magazine article: Howard & Armin have their information for the article. Howard will check with Bob Wilson to see if he still has his information and then forward all the information to the magazine.

Club Wine Judging: Don reported we will use the same form as last year. Don will put information on the website get the same information to John for the newsletter. Howard will contact potential judges. Don will coordinate judges. Howard & Don would like to be able to set up on Saturday providing the room is not booked. Paul Opichka will be contacted regarding the ribbons. Ken Skotzke will be contacted about returning the Best of Show Traveling Trophy.

Membership Meeting: March 14 John Neuberg will present 4 wines. The club will buy (at cost) 3 bottles of each.

Central WI Wine Club Challenge: Don will post when, where, rules, classes of wines, entry forms etc. on the website. The club needs to send 3 judges. Howard & Dave showed interest in going. Howard will check with Bob Wilson. Dick Gray would like the names of attendees by March 1st. Each club is limited to 30 bottles of wine. Joanne read emails from the other clubs on how they determine which 30 bottles to submit for judging. It was felt the club could guarantee members interested in entering wine at least one bottle and depending on the class possibly more than one bottle. Because our club wine judge is so close to the Challenge, members are encouraged to submit wine for the Challenge at the same time they submit their wine for the Club judging. Howard will meet a member of the Central Wisconsin Club in Madison to deliver the Club wine to be judged.

April 11 Critical Wine Evaluation: Howard asked if the Board had a preference to homemade or purchased wine for the evaluation. The general consensus was homemade wines.

Wine & Food Pairing Program: Tim Harty has agreed to do the program. Joanne will follow up with him.

June 9 Wollersheim Winery: Joanne reserved a picnic shelter for 11:30. Phillippe will spend some time with the club. We need to contact a bus company to verify the maximum number of members (friends) that can attend.

August 18 Picnic: Howard has the permit needed to have the picnic at Calhoun Park in New Berlin.

Advanced Winemaking Program: Howard reported the results of the fortified wine experiments and gave them to John for publication in the newsletter

Dinner Dance: Erv reported 127 will attend. The potpourri wine by Tom Polzin has been bottled. Erv will call

caterer to give final count. Armin will pick up desserts. There are plenty of items for the Chinese Auction. We may be able to keep some items for next year or another event. Jim will type a card describing the item and who donated it for the Chinese Auction table. The silent auction table items will be hand written like last year. Don volunteered to take pictures.

By Laws: Board Members are asked to read the bylaws and give any suggestions (for change) to Dave Brandt.

Club Assests: George presented a list of club assets to the Board. The list will also be included in the newsletter. Don stated that Rich McKagan does not have Electronic Sign Board as reported. Don will check into this matter.

Milwaukee Journal: Howard's interview with Anne Schamberg will appear in the paper on Feb 4th. The article will be good press for the Club. We are hoping to link the interview to the Club website.

Alternate site(s) for 2008 Dinner Dance: The Club will delay signing a contract with the Latvian Hall in order to explore other options.

Programs/Upcoming Events:

March 7th - Board meeting at the home of Erv & Bobbi Herman

March 11th - Club Wine Judging

March 14th - Membership meeting

April 4th - Board meeting (location?)

April 11th - Membership meeting

May 12th ? - Lakefront Brewery meeting

May 19th - State Fair Judging

June 6th - Board meeting (location?)

Aug 18th - Picnic

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Stankus

Acting Recording Secretary