

# MINUTES

## Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

*April 12, 2021 | 7:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey*

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### In Attendance

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VOTING: M. Achey, C. Cortright(ZM), David DeNio, Dionne, DeNio, K. Goodwin, MA Goodwin, T. Gross, M. Gross, D. Hanson, M. Henspeter, R. Henspeter, P. Hersey, C. Hersey, K. Wedel, J. Wende(ZM), E. Hoffman (ZM)      ABSENT: B. Kogler, M. Plewman

NON-VOTING: D. Austin, D. Whipple, E. Roberts      ABSENT: C. Rimpila, J. Snow

Quorum? YES

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### Approval of Minutes

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- March 8, 2021 minutes—no corrections; minutes approved as distributed
- March 22, 2021 minutes—no corrections; minutes approved as distributed

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### Discussion Item: “When to Resume In-Person Tastings”

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Guest: Lisa Rosier, Executive Director, Southside Community Center

Discussed costs of new contract and hourly rate for room rentals. \$150 / hour + \$12.50 for custodial. Has thermometer to check temperatures. \$75 / hour for Board Room. 45% Discount.

**Background: Spokane County currently at 50% capacity per Gov. Inslee proclamation. Phase 3 as of April 12, 2021. Need to follow Eating and Drinking Establishment rules? Center rules are not clearly defined.**

Wineminder survey = people support both sides of discussion.

Proposal for face-to-face + ZOOM tastings: Tables seating @ 4 people (150/ total); Phase 3 Servers vaccinated and masked; standing need masks; Food individualized bread, cheese, nuts. Price the same ZOOM and in-person.

Discussion considered additional costs related to in-person events, Room & Zoom options double the workload, plus the issues related to possible change in phases if the number of COVID-19 cases increase.

Set calendar for 2021 – 2022 tastings: Unanimous: Begin in-person tastings in September if Phasing allows.

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### Discussion Item: Southside storage Rental Fee

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Southside Community Center wants remuneration for use of shelves in Center Storage Room.

SCC wants \$50 / month; Board suggested negotiating for \$20 - \$25 / month? Or around \$250 lump sum.

Discussion about how much to offer and whether or not the costs should be included in the new contract.

Claudia will continue negotiation with the SCC Executive Director.

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### **Treasurer's Report: Kyle Goodwin**

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Reduced 10% of overhead costs since the beginning of the club year.

Ending Balance following the March tasting: \$4484.01

Terry Gross investigated insurance companies. No one was interested in underwriting a social club that serves alcohol. Will remain with Liberty Insurance.

Kyle is updating banking records so new SES Executive Board members can sign on Umpaqu bank account

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### **Membership Report: Deb Austin**

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194 members. Renewals starting.

New membership fees are

- Renewals = \$30 / individual; \$50 / couples
  - New members = \$35\* / individual; \$55\* / couples *\*New members pay a one-time \$5.00 set-up fee*
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### **Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Dave Whipple**

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- April tasting = Spanish Wines | Vino & John Allen (57 people signed up as of 4.12.2021)
  - May tasting = 3 of Cups possibly. Last minute change—not settled
  - June tasting = Not settled
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### **Special Events: Eva Roberts**

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- Holiday Dinner—Spokane Club is ready. Schedule on Monday, December 13, 2021
  - Anniversary Dinner. Schedule on Friday, April 22, 2022
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### **Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson**

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Deby has started contacting wineries. Barrister is a possibility in June. Davenport Terrace is not open yet.

Trying to schedule a meeting in June at an outdoor venue.

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### **Food Committee: Barb Kogler | Jody Wende**

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No report.

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### **Glasses | Linens | Swag Bags, etc.: Dionne DeNio**

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No report.

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### **Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio**

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No report

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### **Education Director: Dr. Jeffrey Snow**

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No report.

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## **AV & ZOOM: Terry Gross**

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No report. After the close of the meeting Dave Whipple asked Terry Gross to be the Zoom meeting coordinator back-up for Dave.

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## **Vice President Report: Kris Wedel**

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President C. Hersey is assigning VP Wedel the job of coordinating monthly tastings to ensure room is setup properly and event runs smoothly.

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## **Website: Charlie Rimpila**

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No report.

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## **Wineminder: Claudia Hersey**

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Mona Henspeter is working on an article about the costs of wine education. Jody suggested adding recipes again with the September edition.

April publication deadline is April 21, 2021.

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## **Other Business**

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Claudia provided updated Board Contact List.

New Board Members will get ribbons for their name tags.

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## **Next Meeting**

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May 10, 2021 | Location = TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Lund Goodwin, SES Secretary

### **Vote: Questions: When should we start in-person tastings:**

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Eva: September—easier

Terry: September (if zoom option offered, people have to source their own wines)

Paul: Split is hard: September

Kris: September

Deby: September

Dave: Reconsider for June at the May Board Meeting? September

Deb: September

Marlys: September

Robin: September  
Mona: September  
Mary: September  
Kyle: September  
Dionne: September  
David: September  
Mary Ann: September  
Claudia: September  
Ellen: September  
Carly: September  
Jody: September