

MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society **SPECIAL** Board Meetings

August 24, 2021 | 7:00 pm | Zoom Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey

In Attendance

- **ATTENDED – voted in person:** 1) C. Cortright, 2) D. DeNio, 3) K. Goodwin, 4) MA Goodwin, 5) D. Hanson, 6) P. Hersey, 7) C. Hersey, 8) E. Hoffman, 9) B. Kogle, 10) M. Plewman, 11) K. Wedel, 12) J. Wende
- **ABSENT – voted by email:** 13) David DeNio, 14) M. Henspeter, 15) R. Henspeter
- **ABSENT – did not vote:** M. Achey, T. Gross, M. Gross
- **NON-VOTING ATTENDED:** D. Whipple, J. Snow
- **NON VOTING ABSENT:** C. Rimpila, E. Roberts

Quorum (requires 10 members per 4.2.5 of the Bylaws) – 12 members were present via Zoom

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the July 12, 2021 Summer Retreat/Board Meeting will be reviewed/approved at the September 13th regular meeting.

Agenda Item: SES September Tasting

A special meeting of the SES Board of Directors was called for the purpose to decide whether or not to hold the planned in-person September 20th tasting at the Southside Community Center.

Claudia Hersey called the meeting to order and reviewed the item on the agenda.

Claudia provided a review of the current (as of Aug. 23) Covid-19/Delta Variant restrictions applying to indoor/outdoor settings as mandated by Gov. Inslee, and reviewed the current federal/state mandates/health district data and other Covid-19 safety precautions for vaccinated and non-vaccinated people, as well as provided the potential costs from Southside Community Center associated with cancelling the planned event(s) per our rental agreement.

Claudia first read the opinions/votes of Board members/Committee chairs not represented at the Zoom meeting who had provided their opinions/vote via email in advance of the meeting.

Claudia then asked each Board member to express their opinion and how they would vote (either to cancel or proceed). If they voted to cancel, they voted NO. If they voted to maintain the event as planned, they voted YES (some with certain health caveates) – the following is the result of their votes:

1. Carly Cortright – NO
2. David DeNio (via email) – NO
3. Dionne DeNio – NO

4. Kyle Goodwin – NO
5. MaryAnn Goodwin – NO
6. Debby Hanson – NO
7. Mona Henspeter (via email) – NO
8. Robin Henspeter (via email) – NO
9. Paul Hersey – YES
10. Claudia Hersey – YES
11. Ellen Hoffman – NO
12. Barb Kogler – NO
13. Marcia Plewman – NO
14. Kris Wedel – YES
15. Jody Wende – NO

Note: Two non-voting committee members, Deb Austin (Membership Director) and Dr. Jeffery Snow (Education Director) voted they would hold the in-person tasting as planned (vaccinated only).

- A motion was made to cancel the September 18th in person tasting at the Southside Community Center, the motion was seconded, 12 members voted to cancel the tasting, 3 members voted to hold the tasting, the motion carried to cancel the Sept. 18th in-person tasting.
- Claudia Hersey reported, per the rental agreement cancellation policy, as we are cancelling room rentals less than 30 days prior to the event, 50% of the total ballroom rental cost, and 50% of the total boardroom rental cost, would be/may be charged. At 50%, the ballroom cancellation cost is \$173.75 and boardroom cost is \$66.25. Claudia will inform the Director and Program Coordinator at Southside Community Center of the decision to cancel the September events and negotiate the cost of cancellations, and then request an invoice for any charges due related to the event cancellation.

Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Dave Whipple

- September Virtual Tasting – Paul Hersey and Dave Whipple agreed to contact John Allen, VINO A Wine Shop, to see if he would be able to coordinate a VIRTUAL tasting on September 20th (in place of the cancelled/postponed in-person tasting). Dionne DeNio suggested John might be able to put together an ITALIAN WINES.

Wineminder: Claudia Hersey

- Claudia would revise the September WineMinder announcing the cancellation of the September in-person tasting and if the September Virtual Tasting could be coordinated would revise the tasting invite accordingly.

Next Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting – motion was seconded – meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting is Mon. September 13th VIA ZOOM. At that time it would be decided whether or not to cancel the in-person October Board Meeting and in-person October Tasting – and to instead hold via ZOOM.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Claudia Hersey (President and acting Secretary)