

MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society BOARD RETREAT Meeting

July 11, 2022 | 6:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey

In Attendance

Board attendees: Marlys Achey, Carly Cortright, David DeNio, Dionne DeNio, Mary Gross, Marty Hanson, Mona Henspeter, Robin Henspeter, Paul Hersey, Claudia Hersey, Ellen Hoffman, Barb Kogler, Dave Madison, Rebecca Sputhe, Kris Wedel, Jody Wende

Board absentees: Julie Happy, Marcia Plewman

Appointee attendees: Deb Austin, Kyle Goodwin, Terry Gross, Deby Hanson, Eva Roberts, Jeffery Snow

Appointee absentees: Charlie Rimpila

Quorum? Yes

Business Portion of Meeting started after the dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 13, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Carly Cortwright

Carly provided a short review of the June and YTD financial reports she provided by email. She reported the Craftsman Cellars (June) tasting program made a gain of \$525.00.

Membership Report: Deb Austin

We currently have 194 members, which includes 13 new members since the June tasting. 9 previous SES members did not renew their membership.

There are approximately 31 members/guests signed up for the July 18th Winey Bitches extra special event.

Deb reported she completed cleaning up the Wild Apricot database.

Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Robin Henspeter

Reviewed the June Tasting and improvements in the program format, room set-up, food presentation, and implementing stronger courtesy reminders.

Paul Hersey and Robin Henspeter provided a review of planned tasting programs for the new tasting season. Their ideas for tastings were well received.

Special Events: Eva Roberts

The Board confirmed the date of the 2022 Holiday Dinner is December 12, 2022 at the Spokane Club. Any ideas for the “theme” for the dinner should be directed to Eva.

Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson

Looking forward to the Two Winey Bitches extra special event on Monday, July 18th – 31 tasters!

Food Committee: Mary Gross

Mary reported that Board Director Rebecca Spathe is joining the Food Committee. Still looking for a few more volunteers.

Discussion Item: Business Cards

Claudia Hersey proposed that all Board Directors and appointed Board members have an SES business card stating their capacity in the SES, as a “perk” for serving on the Board which effectively allows them an industry wide professional discount on tasting fees and/or orders at wineries and tasting rooms. They are also handy when board members are out at tasting rooms or wine events and can tell them about the SES and hand them a business card (networking tool). The approximate cost is \$475 to print approximately 25 business cards x 50 cards each. A motion was made to approve the expenditure and all members voted in favor.

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

A purchase was made in 2019, but Dionne will provide an exact count of our numbers for the September Board Meeting. Claudia would like to bring in some glasses with the NEW SES logo.

Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio

By next year’s April Anniversary Dinner (April 21, 2023) we will definitely have qualifying members to receive membership recognition awards.

Education Director: Dr. Jeffery Snow

Jeff’s topic for the September WineMinder education column will be on Port, and it was requested that someone add a segment on the connection between cigars and port.

Jeff will coordinate another visit to the WSU Viticulture & Enology Program for Board members/guests.

AV & ZOOM: Terry Gross

No Report

Website: Charlie Rimpila

No Report

Wineminder: Claudia Hersey

August 29th will be the cutoff date for articles to be included in the September Wineminder.

Other Business

Claudia thanked Mary and Terry Gross for hosting the Board Retreat at their home.

Claudia thanked the Board Members and committee volunteers for staying engaged and enthusiastic about our responsibilities to the organization and keeping our membership engaged with good management and great tasting programs.

Claudia stated that all Board Directors are expected to participate in Board Meetings. If there are regular absentee board directors/appointed members, this will be considerately addressed.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is Monday, September 12.

The next Tasting is Monday, September 19.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Claudia Hersey, acting Secretary