

MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

October 10, 2022 | 7:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey (Zoom)

In Attendance

Board attendees: Marlys Achey, David DeNio, Dionne DeNio, Mary Gross, Terry Gross, Marty Hanson, Julie Happy, Claudia Hersey, Ellen Hoffman, Marcia Plewman, Kris Wedel

Board absentees: Carly Cortright, Mona Henspeter, Robin Henspeter, Paul Hersey, Barb Kogler, Rebecca Spathe, Jody Wende

Appointee attendees: Deb Austin, Deby Hanson, Charlie Rimpila, Eva Roberts

Appointee absentees: Kyle Goodwin, Jeffery Snow

Quorum? Yes

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 12, 2022, meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Claudia presented the treasurer's report as Carly was not in attendance. The current balance is \$11,401.65. The report showed a profit for the September tasting of \$876.98. There was a charge for linens, which will be looked into because we had no linens at the tasting.

Membership Report: Deb Austin

We currently have 202 members. There are 83 signed up for next week's tasting, 78 members, three guests, and two speakers. Ten new members will need glasses and bags.

Tasting Programs

Next week's tasting is Old vs. New French wines. The predicted profit is approximately \$506. Our current wine inventory is 78 bottles. This event will include a four-bottle give-away with a regular raffle.

In November we are looking at Italian wines.

Special Events: Eva Roberts

The holiday dinner is December 12, 2022. Last month a thumbs up was given to a French theme; however, since our October tasting is French, we will save that for a later date. An old English dinner was suggested, as Eva mentioned the Spokane Club does this every year, and we want to make sure we schedule something they can pull off for such a large number. Many wines could go along with that theme.

The wine giveaway will be similar to last time, and some sort of gift was discussed: logo cookie, rabbit bottle stopper, etc. Other thoughts were cash donation to the cost of the meal to subsidize the wine cost or extra

champagne at the end. Does it make sense to serve the fancier wines at the beginning of the evening or the end?

It was decided to purchase poppers to fit in with the old English dinner theme. David DeNio will research this.

Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson

Latah Creek is excited to have us on the 26th. It will be capped at 40. We will advertise this a little more after this month's tasting event. We don't want to ask the Food Committee to provide snacks, so Claudia and Deby have graciously offered to put a few appetizers together. The gift shop will be open, so feel free to wander through. Remember to bring your own glass.

Food Committee: Mary Gross

They are ready to go with a great selection of appetizers, plated and with a special decoration. An informational sheet will list which apps go with the reds and which go with the whites.

It was suggested that if we have extra funds in the treasury, why not use some of those to subsidize the Food Committee. They have been operating on a shoestring. It was voted upon to increase the amount spent per person at the monthly tastings from \$3 to \$4.

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

An order for the tasting of 16 tablecloths will be placed. We have 52 bags and 38 glasses on hand after the ten are given out this month. We will need to place an order in the near future.

Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio

Dionne will work with Deb to come up with a list of qualified people for a holiday dinner award. A presentation about each qualifier would be nice. They will also work on some type of recognition for Dallas Palmer.

Education

A flyer was included in the meeting materials from Jeff Snow about another excursion to the WSU Wine Science Center in March of 2023. It will be limited to 45 participants. An announcement of this will be made after the end of the year.

AV & ZOOM: Terry Gross

Terry will work on taking more photos so we can post something more current. We should all work on this.

Website

Claudia asked Charlie for a checklist of procedures and documentation of what he does with the website. Terry volunteered to be instructed on the Wild Apricot procedures.

President's Report: Claudia Hersey

- Claudia still has new business cards to go to board members and appointees.
- The by-laws state we have a Membership Committee, which was created last month. Claudia would like to get together with Deb and Charlie to work out the payment for couples on the payment site. It is difficult to learn the second person's name with the way it is set up now.
- The next board meeting on November 14 will be in person at Southside.

Other Business

Marlys had asked if there was a limit on how many times a guest can attend tastings without becoming a member. Since they are paying a higher rate, we hesitate to penalize people for not joining. After two times, we will send a note in the mail inviting them to join. After 2 or 3 more times, they will receive another letter explaining the benefits of joining. As of now, there is no set number of times a person can attend as a guest.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 14, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Marcia Plewman, SES Secretary