

# MINUTES

## Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

*March 13, 2023, 17:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Carly Cortright (Zoom)*

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### **In Attendance**

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Board attendees: Marlys Achey, Carly Cortright, Mary Gross, Terry Gross, Deby Hanson, Marty Hanson, Julie Happy, Robin Henspeter, Ellen Hoffman, Barb Kogler, Marcia Plewman, Kris Wedel

Board absentees: David DeNio, Dionne DeNio, Mona Henspeter, Claudia Hersey, Paul Hersey, Jody Wende

Appointee attendees:

Appointee absentees: Deb Austin, Kyle Goodwin, Charlie Rimpila, Eva Roberts, Jeffery Snow

Quorum? Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Carly Cortright via Zoom.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

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The minutes from the February 13, 2023, meeting were approved as written.

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### **Treasurer's Report: Carly Cortright**

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Carly reported that we did well with our Sideways Effect wine tasting, coming out ahead \$115, right where we want to be. The year-to-date totals are still in the negative because we paid ahead to Shriners, so we will catch up on that. We also placed an order for glasses, which added to the expenses. We are ahead of where we were last year. There is only one more month until this fiscal year closes out, so March will be the final report. The balance for this month's report is \$11,870.05.

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

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Deb is on vacation, but reported that we currently have 216 members, including three since last month. There are 84 registered for the next tasting, a little lower than usual. She plans to disable registration on Wednesday morning.

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### **Tasting Programs: Paul Hersey and Robin Henspeter**

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A group went to Winescape and tried wines; they feel we will be impressed with the wines served at the tasting. There will be two whites, a rose, and some reds. Paul worked up the numbers, and with an attendance of 96 we will make a profit around \$95. The price is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. There are 32 bottles in inventory, and Paul recommends we give away three bottles this month.

The Food Committee has been provided with the wines for the tasting. We need to set up a date and time in April prior to the anniversary dinner to taste the wines.

The committee would like to add Marty Hanson to the nominee list as an active member for next year's program committee. Julie Happy is also on the nominee list, and will be more of an advisor for the committee.

The idea for the next tasting in May would be to use the Wine Spectator's list of ten best affordable wines for 2023. We have been working with distributors on getting eight of those wines.

Robin asked for pourers for the March tasting and received 6 or 7 volunteers.

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## **Special Events**

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Eva was not in attendance. The annual board dinner/meeting at the Spokane Club is April 10. There will be a reminder soon and it is important to RSVP by March 17. The dinner is buffet style and the reminder will clarify the cost and how to pay. Bring a bottle of wine to share, and bring a guest if you like.

We are awaiting the details on the anniversary dinner scheduled for Friday, April 21. All those details regarding menu and pricing will need to get to Claudia by March 27 for the Wineminder and the registration site.

The date for the Holiday dinner is tentatively set for December 11, 2023.

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## **Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson**

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So far eleven have signed up for the April 15 road trip to Clarkston; we are hoping for 25-30. It hasn't been promoted very much and is also very soon after the road trip to Tri Cities. There will soon be more flyers about the trip to Basalt Cellars, as well as information on a local hotel offering a special price. Carpooling is encouraged.

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## **Food Committee: Mary Gross**

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The tasting committee met last night and got everything set up for next week's tasting. Special thanks to Mary and the Food Committee who always work extra hard and play a big part in making our tastings successful.

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## **Glasses | Linens | Swag Bags, etc.**

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Dionne was not in attendance, so there was no report.

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## **Membership Recognition**

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No report on membership recognition.

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## **Education: Jeff Snow**

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The trip to the Tri Cities WSU center is next week. There are 41 attendees, and apparently Julie is arranging for 43 lunches. Jeff was not in attendance, so there was no report on "Wine 101" classes.

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## **A/V, Social Media, & ZOOM: Terry Gross**

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Everyone got logged in tonight without any issues, so that is a plus. Charlie had to cancel a get-together with Terry to get Terry up to date on website issues, so that is still in the works. The photos always need updating on social media and the website. Charlie was not in attendance for a website update.

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## President's Report: Claudia Hersey

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- The bylaws and standing rules are updated.
- Board nominees were elected and will be installed at the April 10 board meeting: Lyn Leininger, Matt Dolan, Deb Austin, Donovan "Skip" Leasure, Kevin Howell, and Kyle Goodwin. Claudia has provided them with materials and invited them to the board meeting.
- The new executive board members list has pretty well been established and will be submitted by the nominating committee. After installation of the new board members at the meeting, they and the remaining board members will elect a new president. Once the new president is elected, it is their first order of business to run the election for the remaining executive officers. Once that is complete, the new president will appoint the committee chairs/co-chairs. The new officers will assume their duties at the time they are elected.
- A survey was attached to the meeting materials. Do we want to approve it as is or make changes? The survey will be distributed in June to members for board review at the July retreat. Marty felt it was thorough, and everyone was in support of doing the survey. There has not been a survey since 2018. It will be done electronically somehow, possibly Survey Monkey which is free for 100 participants.

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## Board Retreat

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Two dates were discussed for the board retreat in July, the 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Mary and Terry Gross are willing to host on July 10, so that date is a winner!

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## Upcoming Dates

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The next tasting will be March 20, 2023, at Shriners.

The annual board meeting and dinner will be on April 10, 2023, at the Spokane Club.

The anniversary dinner is April 21, 2023, at the Spokane Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Marcia Plewman, SES Secretary