**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, February 5, 2018

Deer Hill Vineyards, 6 Lois Lane, Lafayette

Board Members Present: Bill Scanlin, Larry Thal, Carol Haag, Leslie Ward, Susan Captain, Tim Wedlake, Daniel Howsepian, Doug Spear, Tony Inzerillo and Gerard van Steyn

Board Members Not Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Bill Scanlin.

Minutes for the January 8, 2018 meeting were presented. There were no corrections. Approval was moved by Carol and seconded by Susan and passed unanimously with one abstention. (Since it is not clear that the corrected copy of these minutes had been provided all board members they are attached to these minutes.)

Tim provided a year-end Treasurer’s report which indicated that LWGA has a current bank balance of approximately $3,686 with 2017 actual expenses of $4,531. The year-end deficit was $166. The estimated budget for 2018 is $4,460. Insurance continues to be LWGA’s largest obligation. Tim has attempted to obtain electronic copies of our two policies (Directors and Officers, as well as General Liability) however, they have not been forthcoming from our insurance agent. Doug offered to obtain them from Kosich Insurance in Lafayette. Carol and Larry will try to find lower cost alternatives. The only outstanding obligation for 2017 are dues for the Orinda Chamber of Commerce; however, we have not been billed. Leslie serves as their Treasurer (even though she is a Lafayette resident) and will resolve this matter. We ended the year with a total of 52 memberships. (Total members are more than this due to family memberships.)

Bill led a discussion about LWGA upcoming events. It was decided to develop an annual calendar. Board meeting dates were set as March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5 and December 3. Quarterly membership meetings are April 29, July 29, October 28 and December 27. Both a spring event and a summer wine competition are also being contemplated, one of which could incorporate a party, open wine tasting, wine competition and AVA celebration. Daniel and Gerard volunteered to look at various possibilities for these events and to develop a proposal to be presented to the Board.

Susan and Carol reported on the status of the Moraga draft ordinance. It is possibly scheduled for discussion by the Town Council on February 14. It is unclear what direction the Town Council intends; however, it appears as if the Planning Commission will no longer be involved going forward.

Bill reported on the recent LWGA election. Bill, Carol and Susan were reelected, and Gerard van Steyn was elected to his first term. Officer positions were nominated by Larry and seconded by Doug. Officer positions were elected as follows:

Co-presidents: Carol Haag and Susan Captain

Vice-president and president elect: Daniel Howsepian

Immediate past president: Bill Scanlin

Secretary: Larry Thal

Alternate secretary: Doug Spear

Treasurer: Tim Wedlake

Membership chair and website master: Bill Scanlin

Alternate membership chair: Tony Inzerillo

Events chair: Leslie Ward

Education chair: Gerard van Steyn

Bill thanked those who helped organize the January 28th membership meeting. Everyone thought it was a good meeting and that we should follow up with Moraga leadership to determine how LWGA might work with the Town of Moraga in ways to promote and sell local wine at future Hacienda events. Carol and Susan volunteered to pursue those discussions and to report back to the Board. It was agreed that there were two scenarios that should be explored. The first is working with the Hacienda to establish a relationship focused on supporting local events and education. The second is to establish a relationship focused on the promotion of local wines. The question arose as to what is required to secure ABC licensing for a tasting room. Bill Scanlin, Doug Spear and Susan volunteered to help research the relevant factors which would need to be discussed at future meetings. The overall consensus was that we should be active in promoting multiple tasting rooms – not only the Hacienda.

A motion was made by Leslie to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence Thal, Secretary