**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2017

Deer Hill Vineyards, 6 Lois Lane, Lafayette

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

Board Members Not Present: Tim Wedlake

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President Bill Scanlin.

Minutes for the August 7, 2017 minutes were presented. There were no corrections. Approval was moved by Leslie and seconded by Carol and passed unanimously.

Bill began the meeting by giving an abbreviated Treasurer’s report which indicated that LWGA has a current bank balance of approximately $4,125 with current account receivables of approximately $2,800.

Bill led a discussion which resulted from a request by one of our former members for LWGA to provide better education and mentorship. While some education can be provided at meetings by guest speakers, much is provided informally by networking with other members. However, it was agreed that we could provide a more structured education program through our website. This could be done by offering “Frequently asked questions”, “How to . . . . “ or “Ask a member”. For the later we would encourage other members to provide responses or suggestions to those who reach out via the website. Bill will discuss this topic with members at our next quarterly meeting and solicit input and advice.

Carol and Bill reported on the status of the Moraga draft ordinance. At the September 18 meeting where this was supposed to be discussed they waited nearly 3 ½ hours and the Planning Commission never took the topic up for discussion. It has apparently been rescheduled for Monday, November 6th. There was board consensus that our next board meeting be scheduled for the Moraga Planning Commission hearing on that date so that as many of the members of the board who can be there will represent LWGA.

Bill discussed plans for the Sunday, October 29th General Membership Meeting. He had requested volunteers to host. So far it is still undecided where the meeting will be. There was also discussion about our annual holiday party which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 7th. The board decided that the winetasting event to be hosted in the fall, should more appropriately be held in the spring. That will coincide with the second anniversary celebration of the AVA.

Elections for board members are coming up. Those with terms expiring are Bill, Carol and Susan.

Bill and Carol will finalize a draft member survey and send to all board members for comment.

A motion was made by Larry to adjourn which was seconded by Leslie. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence Thal, Secretary