**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, December 4, 2017

Deer Hill Vineyards, 6 Lois Lane, Lafayette

Board Members Present: Bill Scanlin, Larry Thal, Carol Haag, Susan Captain, Tim Wedlake and Tony Inzerillo

Board Members Not Present: Leslie Ward, Doug Spear and Daniel Howsepian

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

Minutes for the October 2, 2017 minutes were presented. There were no corrections. Approval was moved by Carol and seconded by Susan and passed unanimously.

Bill began the meeting by reviewing dues delinquencies. Contacts will be made reminding those who have not yet paid. Tim provided an abbreviated Treasurer’s report which indicated that LWGA has a current bank balance of approximately $4,635 with one last bill to be paid this year of $957 for insurance.

Bill led a discussion about the problems associated with this year’s holiday party and the necessity of postponing until early 2018 as an AVA celebration. While there was consensus that LWGA should have an annual party, it was not clear that the best time is in December when venue rates are higher and individual calendars are more packed. This will be revisited in January or February.

Susan reported on the status of the Moraga draft ordinance. The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th. The current direction of this ordinance has been complicated by misinformation being put forth about the advisability of setbacks, the differences between residential and agricultural zoning, who would be affected by this ordinance, the validity of concerns about use of pesticides, the difference between a home occupation and agricultural use, etc. Thanks to Susan the Town of Moraga is more aware of the impact of this draft ordinance and its consistency with the Town’s own General Plan. It appears that there is some concern on the Town’s part about moving forward with the plan as currently written.

Elections for board members are coming up. Those with terms expiring are Bill, Carol and Susan. Bill will solicit volunteers to serve on the Board.

The second anniversary of the AVA is coming up and consideration is being given to incorporate a winetasting event of some type as part of the celebration. There are some questions about who can participate and under what circumstances. Bill will explore these issues with our insurance broker.

Possibilities were discussed for the venue and speaker for our January quarterly meeting. One possibility may be the Hacienda in Moraga. Bill will explore this possibility and report back. Christine Kuckuk, Chair of the Moraga Planning Commission, was suggested as a possible speaker to discuss the Hacienda revitalization project.

Bill reported briefly on the recent LWGA member survey. Results will be sent to the Board for review at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Bill to adjourn which was seconded by Carol. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence Thal, Secretary