**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2017

Deer Hill Vineyards, 6 Lois Lane, Lafayette

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

Board Members Not Present: None

Guests Present: Sal Captain and Bill English

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

There were no minutes presented so this issue was put over until the next meeting. However, the majority of that meeting was spent discussing the draft Town of Moraga ordinance related to vineyards and wineries. Those comments are reflected in the attachment to these minutes.

Bill began the meeting with a presentation of LWGA membership and dues status. There are currently 67 total memberships (which when counting family memberships means a total of 105 individual members). Renewal dues have been received from 36. Next month those who have not paid will be considered 30 days in arears and will be individually contacted. Bill will put the topic of a membership drive on the agenda for next month’s meeting. Dave and Shari Parker were reinstated and credited a full year dues.

Tim provided a Treasurer’s report indicating that two of three installments of LWGA liability insurance have been paid with one remaining. The current balance in the LWGA account approximates $4,500.

Bill discussed plans for the October General Membership Meeting. He is requesting volunteers to host. Both he and Susan indicated they might be able to serve as back up locations if necessary. Two suggestions were offered for speakers: 1) the president of the Contra Costa Winegrowers’ Association, and 2) a presentation of the data we have collected with regard to our own members’ production and to invite a speaker who might discuss what differentiates a highly producing vineyard from one that is not, and to entertain questions from our members. Bill indicated that the next survey will ask for suggestions regarding meeting topics and will also ask more detailed questions about our vineyards, i.e., varietals, number of vines, annual production, direction facing, spacing between rows, spacing between vines, irrigation, spraying, rodent control, netting, etc.

The balance of the meeting was spent in discussion of LWGA’s formal response to the Town of Moraga with regard to revisions of the Draft Ordinance dealing with Home-Based Wineries and Home-Based Commercial Vineyards. Larry moved to accept the draft as amended (see attached) and Doug seconded. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention (Susan).

A motion was made by Larry to adjourn which was seconded by Bill. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence Thal, Secretary