**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, April 2, 2018

Deer Hill Vineyards, 6 Lois Lane, Lafayette

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

Board Members Not Present: Larry Thal (Excused), Doug Spear

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by Co-President Carol Haag.

There are no minutes for the March board meeting to approve. The March meeting minutes will be approved by email as soon as they are completed by Doug Spear.

The Federal and State Tax returns for 2017 are completed

Tim had Carol sign the insurance application. This policy should save approximately $800/year.

Discussed the high cost of EventBrite and how we will explore other options before using for another event.

Gerard discussed the new meeting schedule and plan

Daniel discussed the reach out by mail to vineyard owners that are not members. Out of the 80 letters sent, 7 were returned.

Susan said that she and Carol met with the Teresa Onoda who is the Vice Major of Moraga. Teresa was asked what kind of partnership we wished to have with them. She said that Hacienda was mostly going to be used for wedding venues and that we may rent the space during unscheduled time.

The Moraga ordinances are off the table for the time being. The Planning Commissioners recused themselves and there are major changes with the planning commission at this time.

Daniel discussed the layout of the Lafayette library community room. The board provided feedback and Daniel with revise the plan.

The board discussed how the wine will be handled, the size of the pours, if people will pour themselves or if we need pourers.

Gerard discussed the benefits between bonded and non-bonded wineries. There was a lively discussion around who benefits, who is making money (no one) and how donating can be a tax benefit to unbonded wine growers/wine makers. Non-bonded growers benefit if the AVA wines grow in popularity.

Decided to raise the maximum number of attendees to 150.

Discussed how who would be needed for setup and Daniel said he would ask for help when he communicates with the membership.

A motion was made by Carol to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Bill Scanlin, Past-President