**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, January 7, 2019

Captain Vineyards, 1969 Joseph Lane, Moraga

Board Members Present: Carol Haag, Susan Captain, Larry Thal, Leslie Ward, Tim Wedlake, Gerard van Steyn and Daniel Howsepian

Board Members Not Present: Doug Spear, Bill Scanlin and Tony Inzerillo

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by co-president Carol Haag. Immediately after a break was taken for a tour of the Captain Winery and tasting room. The meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

There were no minutes available for the December 3, 2018 meeting. They will be presented by Bill Scanlin for approval at the next meeting.

Tim provided a Treasurer’s report which showed a balance in the LWGA treasury of $5,442. The December gala provided a net revenue to LWGA of $1,501.

Gerard reported on the upcoming January 27th meeting. It was noted that there are no postings on the website for this meeting. Bill Scanlin will be asked to do so ASAP. It was also suggested that we use Evite so that we have the ability to request RSVPs in order to know how many members to expect at our events. Susan presented several possibilities for venues for this, as well as other upcoming meetings. These included the Orinda Library, Hacienda, Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette Library and Lafayette Athletic Field Clubhouse. Unfortunately, it appears half of our Board members will be traveling this weekend and unable to attend. The theme will be “How to properly manage your vineyard manager”.

The next meeting after January will be March 31st. It was decided that at least one meeting a year will be a celebration for which members will not be charged. Thursday, December 5th will be the annual holiday party. There was a brief recap of the most recent holiday event and it was concluded that this was one of the best meetings we have had. Susan will talk to Ron at the Serbian Community Center to inquire if the date is available and also what the rate will be. Leslie will inquire as to Diamond Dave’s availability and rate as well.

There was a lengthy discussion about the upcoming election of Directors and the process was reviewed. Normally the president appoints a nominating committee which reports to the Board their recommendations which are voted on by the Board. Those qualified nominees are then provided an opportunity to provide a campaign statement prior to the election. Two individuals were suggested, Bill English and Dave Hicks, neither of whom are active members. Larry moved that they both be placed in nomination. Leslie seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (It was noted that as associate members they would be non-voting members since they are not in an active or commercial category of membership.) Tony Inzerillo and Doug Spear are not running for reelection.

After additional discussion it was clear that members of the Board are unaware of many of the Bylaw provisions that are applicable to the election process. It was suggested that the Board does an annual Bylaws review, possibly in conjunction with a new Board member orientation.

Daniel volunteered to do a survey of those attending the January meeting. Questions to be asked on a 3 X 5 card and returned at the meeting are what are your interests at these meetings (social, education about growing grapes, information about making wine, other), did this meeting meet your expectations, what suggestions do you have for future meetings, etc. The survey should be short. Prior surveys have been for all members; however, this one is specific to those attending.

A motion was made by Leslie to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence Thal, Secretary