**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, February 4, 2019

Deer Hill Vineyards, 6 Lois Lane, Lafayette

Board Members Present: Carol Haag, Bill Scanlin, Larry Thal, Leslie Ward, Tim Wedlake, Gerard van Steyn, David Hicks, Bill English and Daniel Howsepian

Board Members Not Present: Susan Captain

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by co-president Carol Haag. Guest TJ D’Amato, President of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of his objectives for the Orinda Chamber and how LWGA and local chambers might work together to create better awareness of Lamorinda AVA wines. Topics included better partnerships with Lafayette and Moraga chambers, better sales and marketing at wine tasting events, and providing Lamorinda AVA wines at the Orinda Country Club. The meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.

The November 5, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written. Minutes for the January 7, 2019 meeting were approved with one correction, to reflect Bill English as a Commercial Class LWGA member.

Tim provided a Treasurer’s report which showed a continuing balance in the LWGA treasury of $5,442. Total paid membership is 52 with as many as 15 still delinquent. It was noted that we will need to appoint a new membership committee chairperson.

Daniel reported on the January 27th meeting. The theme was “How to properly manage your vineyard manager”. Only 20 members attended which may have partially been the result of late postings on the website for this meeting. Survey results taken at the meeting and electronically after were reviewed by Daniel and are attached to these minutes. Specific action items were deferred until a future meeting.

Gerard discussed the next meeting for Sunday, April 7th. The theme will be a member’s choice rating of AVA wines. The categories will be Cabernet, red blends, Pinot and white. Susan will be asked to recommend a suitable location from the list she presented at the last meeting -- the Orinda Library, Hacienda, Lafayette Community Center, Lafayette Library and Lafayette Athletic Field Clubhouse. Gerard moved the meeting date be changed to the first Sunday in April, David seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Susan was to talk about her discussion with Ron at the Serbian Community Center to inquire if the date of Thursday, December 7th, is available for our holiday celebration and also what the rate will be. Susan will report on this next meeting. Leslie will inquire as to Diamond Dave’s availability and rate as well.

Larry reviewed our Bylaws which was agreed should be an annual discussion our first meeting after our annual meeting and elections. There were several recommendations for possible amendments:

* Bylaws currently state that member meeting will be held quarterly the last Sunday of January, April, July and October. Since that is not our current practice it may be advisable to amend the bylaws accordingly.
* Bylaws should reflect that all LWGA publications, including our website, will not be used for endorsements for services or supplies unless approved by the Board and appropriate endorsement or advertising fees are collected.
* While bylaws are clear that one person can serve in more than one officer position, they should be amended to clearly state that only one person can occupy a single position.
* Bylaws should clearly state that LWGA does not share or sell its membership lists to outside individuals, commercial entities and/or other organizations.

There was a brief discussion of our purpose statement and it was determined that it is broad and adequately represents the interests of all our members. The importance of our committee structure was emphasized. Bill and Carol will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Elections for officers were conducted as follows:

* Bill Scanlin was nominated by Carol for president, seconded by David and unanimously elected.
* Carol Haag was nominated by Bill for vice-president, seconded by Larry and unanimously elected.
* Tim Wedlake was nominated by Larry for treasurer, seconded by Leslie and unanimously elected.
* Larry Thal was nominated by Carol for secretary, seconded by Leslie and unanimously elected.

A motion was made by Larry to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence Thal, Secretary