**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2019

Deer Hill Vineyards, 6 Lois Lane, Lafayette

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

Board Members Not Present: None

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

The February 4, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed and approval was moved by Larry Thal, seconded by Bill English and approved as written.

Tim Wedlake provided a Treasurer’s report which showed a balance in the LWGA treasury of $5,692. Total paid membership is 51 with as many as 17 still delinquent. It was noted that we will need to appoint a new membership committee chairperson. The proposed budget for 2019 was presented (see attached). Bill English moved approval, Susan Captain seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Tim was asked to explore whether PayPal provides discounts to non-profit organizations such as ours.

Bill Scanlin presented the LWGA website with a recommendation we have a forum tab. After discussion regarding the necessity of such a forum being controlled and appropriate approvals made for any postings, Gerard moved approval, seconded by Bill English and passed by the Board.

Gerard discussed the membership meeting schedule and topic outline (see attached) which was approved by consensus. He discussed the possibility of spending 10 minutes before each Board meeting doing “Sommelier training”. No decision was made.

The Board reviewed LWGA Bylaws and made the recommendation that the following areas be considered for amendment:

* 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.
* We should correct references to Lamorinda and refer to the AVA, where appropriate.

Language will be proposed in advance of the next meeting for specific discussion of Bylaws amendments.

Susan talked about the 2018 crop report for which Daniel volunteered to put into a spreadsheet format.

A motion was made by Larry to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lawrence Thal, Secretary