**Lamorinda Wine Growers Association**

Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2019

Deer Hill Vineyards, 6 Lois Lane, Lafayette

Board Members Present: Bill Scanlin, Carol Haag, Gerard Van Steyn, Bill English, Daniel Howsepian and David Hicks

Board Members Not Present: Larry Thal, Tim Wedlake, Leslie Ward and Susan Captain

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm by President Bill Scanlin.

The May 6, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed and approval was moved by Carol Haag, seconded by David Hicks and approved as written.

Tim Wedlake provided an emailed Treasurer’s report which said “*We paid $807 for D&O insurance for one year from the checking account, and paid 1/2 ($1012) of the general liability, reimbursing Bill from the PayPal account. That leaves, rounded,  $600 in checking and $2000 in PayPal. This is likely the low point for the year as we will start collecting 2019-20 dues soon.*”

President Bill mentioned that he is working on the forum capability with the website. David Hicks mentioned that he wants 2 to 3 people answering questions posed in the forums. When the forums haven’t had any postings for a while, the forum owners will post content in the hope of encouraging discussions.

We discussed how the general meeting went the previous day and summarized the following:

* Members were very engaged on the subjects of winegrowing and watering
* There is a definite interest in viticulture and people asked great questions
* We did have a lower attendee count than the number of RSVP’s and we weren’t sure if the lecture topic or Warriors game kept people away
* Some attendees did not bring appetizers or wine
* Gerard will provide a PDF version of the presentation and writeup on the meeting to be sent to the membership.

Future meetings were discussed with the following comments:

* 7/28 at the Howsepian’s home where winners of whites and light reds will pour and discuss their wines. We should keep the presentations quick and discuss pest management and electrical fencing
* 9/29 perhaps at the Van Steyn’s where red wine winners will pour and discuss their wines.
* 12/5 Holiday Party – Need to confirm with Susan that paperwork and date locked in.
* Next year maybe we should not do the members choice wine and spend more time on viticulture

We discussed the potential wine making/showcasing/tasting facility in Rheem/Moraga. The board agreed that any facility we work with should be in Lafayette.

We discussed the need for a membership committee and if we really need it. Other associations don’t have them. We need to continue to improve our meetings so that people have fun and presentations are quick and to the point.

A motion was made by Carol to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Bill Scanlin, President