

MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

December 6, 2021 | 7:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey

In Attendance

List attendees: C. Cortright, David DeNio, Dionne, DeNio, K. Goodwin, MA Goodwin, T. Gross, M. Gross, D. Hanson, M. Henspeter, R. Henspeter, P, Hersey, C. Hersey, E. Hoffman, B. Kogler, M. Plewman, , J. Wende

Absent: M. Achey, K. Wedel

Non-Voting: D. Austin, E. Roberts, J. Snow, D. Whipple

Absent: C. Rimpila

Quorum? Yes

Approval of Minutes

- November 8, 2021 Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried and minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Goodwin

- November 2021 tasting: 83 members paid to attend; 63 members and 5 guests actually participated. The event generated a profit of \$710. All but one receipt has been paid.
- SES's ending cash balance includes all the income for the Holiday Dinner but none of the expenses associated with the event: \$18,395.34
- Annual Budget shows a positive balance after accounting for all annual administrative costs. Some expenses are allocated to tastings and annual dues cover most administrative costs.
- Raffle permit: \$25 / annual. Mr. Goodwin questioned whether we need to purchase a raffle permit as SES sponsors a wine Give-a-Way or Drawing rather than a raffle as no tickets are sold. Mr. Whipple asked if the cost of the dinner ticket included payment for a raffle ticket. Mr. Goodwin recommended that SES not purchase a Raffle permit at this time.
- Mr. Whipple noted that he applied for a three month Special Events License, \$240. The license will cover the January, February, and March tasting events. The Special Events License allows the club to buy wines without paying state sales tax on the purchase. A banquet license is purchased for SES Board meetings as no wine is purchased.

Membership Report: Deb Austin

- 183 members have paid 2021-2022 dues as of December 6. One new member joined following the November tasting.
- 135 registrations have been received for the Holiday dinner: 10 guests and 125 members. Ms. Austin will forward table reservation requests to Ms. Roberts.

Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Dave Whipple

- Paul Hersey reported he will bring the inventory of 177 wine bottles to the Spokane Club for the dinner giveaway. Any remaining bottles will be returned to inventory.
- Paul also reported the January tasting with Liberty Lake Wine Cellars was confirmed.

Special Events: Eve Roberts

- After estimating the expense and revenue associated with the Holiday dinner, it appears that SES will cover approximately \$30. Wine expenses are: \$2,865. Dinner is coming in within the allocated budget.
- In April 2022, the Anniversary Dinner will include a additional \$500 room charge per the Spokane Club.
- SES has 177 bottles of wine available for the December dinner give-away; SES will allocate 125 for the give-away drawing (*as of 1/6/22 – we gave away 121 bottles at the dinner which leaves 56 bottles in inventory*)
- A question was asked about how “left-over” wine will be allocated/given away at the April Anniversary dinner or in the future. The Board decided to schedule a deeper discussion about wine bottle giveaways at the January Board meeting.

Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson

- No Report

Food Committee: Barb Kogler | Jody Wende

- The food committee will have January wines to taste when making food selections. The budget for tasting will be ~\$4/person. The committee still needs to decide whether to use single plates or shared platters for the tasting.

Glasses | Linens | Swag Bags, etc.: Dionne DeNio

- Ms. DeNio and Ms. Wende are unavailable to attend/manage the January tasting event. Other members of the Food Committee will be assigned to manage their tasks at the January tasting.

Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio

- Ms. DeNio is looking at the possibility of scheduling the Membership Longevity Recognition event at the April 2022 Anniversary dinner.

Education Director: Dr. Jeffrey Snow

- Dr. Snow has a Canned vs. Bottled Wine article ready for the December 2021 Wineminder. The January 2022 education column focuses on sustainability issues related to the wine industry.
Dr. Snow suggested a February tasting theme comparing bottled wines (cork and twist top) and canned wines.

AV / INTERNAL AUDIT: Terry Gross

- Mr. Gross plans to work with Treasurer Goodwin to conduct an internal audit of SES books in January, 2022.

Vice President Report: Kris Wedel

- Ms. Wedel plans to help Debbie Austin at December Holiday Dinner registration table and fill in for Claudia for the January Board Meeting.

Website: Charlie Rimpila

- No report.

Wineminder: Claudia Hersey

- Articles due by December 16, 2021 – planned release date December 27, 2021.

Other Business

- It is planned to organize/consolidate the SES equipment and supplies on the shelves at the Southside Community Center to free-up shelf space for Southside.
- Claudia announced the 2022 Board Elections process will begin in January to replace 6 SES Board Members and Officers – a timeline, list of potential candidates and required officer replacements will be reviewed at the January Board meeting.
- WSU Wine Science Center has invited SES to visit the new Center located in the Tri-Cities. Dr. Snow will work on arranging a low-key visit for SES members sometime in March-April, 2022.

Next Meeting

- January 10, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom and/or Southside Center
- Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Minutes Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Lund Goodwin, SES Secretary