

MEETING MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

May 9, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Kris Wedel, Vice President

In Attendance

Board attendees: Marlys Achey, David DeNio, Dionne DeNio, Marty Hanson, Julie Happy, Mona Henspeter, Robin Henspeter, Ellen Hoffman, Barb Kogler, Marcia Plewman, Kris Wedel, Jody Wende

Board absentees: Carly Cortright, Mary Gross, Paul Hersey, Claudia Hersey, Dave Madison, Rebecca Sputhe

Appointee attendees: Deb Austin, Kyle Goodwin, Deby Hanson, Charlie Rimpila, Eva Roberts, Jeffery Snow, Dave Whipple

Appointee absentee: Terry Gross

Quorum? Yes

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022, board meeting. The motion was carried and the minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Carly Cortright (absent) | Kyle Goodwin (former treasurer)

Carly Cortright had submitted a treasurer's report from the April 2022 anniversary dinner. There were no-shows at the dinner, and the Spokane Club was kind enough to not charge for those no-shows; therefore, the club didn't take a financial hit from this event and even came out with a small gain. Normally, the final count Eva submits to the Spokane Club should be set in stone. It was discussed that we should enforce a policy that once you RSVP and pay for an event, you will not receive a refund if you cannot attend due to unforeseen circumstances, whether it be illness, weather, or a scheduling conflict. Those unable to attend can find someone to attend in their place or forfeit the registration fees. Deb Austin notifies new members that they need to notify of a cancellation at least one week in advance. We could also add a reminder to the Wineminder.

There was a question about the 3.81% Affinipay fee, which Kyle Goodwin explained is an estimated credit card fee based on past bills. There was no fee listed for an event liquor license, due to the fact that Eva normally pays this out of her own pocket. (Thank you Eva.)

Kyle Goodwin has been transitioning his treasurer duties and checking account over to Carly. He submitted a March report for the Arbor Crest tasting and an annual report, both with a current bank balance of \$8,569.68. He reported that membership fees are to remain the same for now, and that the overall financial outlook for the group has improved. Membership numbers have also come back up.

Membership Report: Deb Austin

There are currently 195 SES members, six new since the April 4 meeting. Currently 106 are signed up for next week's tasting event, which includes 17 guests and 3 speakers. A few more are expected to sign up.

Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Robin Henspeter

Robin Henspeter reported they have a great mix of Mexican wines chosen for next week's event, a cava plus whites and reds. He only had a few pourers signed up, so several board members volunteered. If you need some training as a pourer, arrive early and receive some instruction.

Special Events: Eva Roberts

Eva felt this spring's anniversary dinner at the Spokane Club went smoothly and the group agreed. The scaled-down wine giveaway also went well. She gave two possible dates for the holiday dinner, December 12 or 19. The group voted on the 12th since the 19th was a little too close to Christmas.

Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson

Deby has been talking with Mary at Terra Blanca in the Chronicle Building, where they feel they have room for 40 people. Borrowed tables could accommodate more. They can provide food or allow food to be brought in, and pricing is being discussed. They are considering a Wednesday near the end of June. Deby is waiting for a call back.

Food Committee: Mary Gross

Dionne reported the committee meets Wednesday. They are trying to keep things fairly easy, but may need the usual help when it comes to getting everything set out.

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

There have been no product orders recently. Dionne will provide the new members with their glasses, etc. at the tastings. The linen order for next week's tasting was not discussed at the board meeting.

Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio

Dionne reported that the anniversary dinner did not include membership recognition because we did not have pin-eligible members in attendance. This will hopefully occur at the holiday dinner later in the year.

Education Director: Dr. Jeffrey Snow

Jeff reported on a very positive experience when some board members made a visit to the Wine Science Center at WSU in Richland. The director would like our group to attend again in the fall; it will probably again be a group of only 12-15 attendees, board members or possibly general members.

Snow on Wine. Paul Hersey and Jeff Snow would like to do an article entitled "Size Makes a Difference," which they will explain in their article. They also have sensed a need to revisit the topic of how wine is made, generally the ins and outs and science involved in wine production.

AV & ZOOM: Terry Gross

1. The sound system at the anniversary dinner was awesome; thank you Terry Gross. Eva explained that the poor sound quality at the holiday dinner was due to some water damage which affected the sound system, so the Spokane Club had to improvise.
2. Dave Whipple is the administrator of our Zoom account, and will add Terry Gross as an administrator. The contract has been renewed, which the group felt was wise.
3. There have been no updates to the Facebook account since our anniversary dinner.

Vice President Report: Kris Wedel

No report.

Website: Charlie Rimpila

Charlie reported the website is a work in progress. He has a lot of things on his plate, but asked that members reach out to him if they have anything to add or change, and send photos of events to be added to the site.

Other Business

Since the April board meeting, the new and old officers and committee chairs have met and transferred files and documents (Treasurer, Secretary, and Food Committee).

A few members had conflicts the past few meetings, but the group was happy to have them in attendance tonight.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2022 | To be determined if in person or via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m., seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Respectfully submitted, Marcia Plewman, SES Secretary