

MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

January 9, 2023, 17:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey (In Person and Zoom)

In Attendance

Board attendees: Marlys Achey, Carly Cortright, David DeNio, Mary Gross, Terry Gross, Julie Happy, Mona Henspeter, Robin Henspeter, Claudia Hersey, Paul Hersey, Ellen Hoffman, Barb Kogler, Marcia Plewman, Rebecca Sputhe, Kris Wedel, Jody Wende

Board absentees: Dionne DeNio, Marty Hanson

Appointee attendees: Deb Austin, Kyle Goodwin, Jeffery Snow

Appointee absentees: Deby Hanson, Charlie Rimpila, Eva Roberts

Quorum? Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Hersey at our new venue, the Shriners Event Center and via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 5, 2022, meeting were approved with one change. Under tasting programs, the amount to be given away at the holiday dinner should be 20, not 40. The special meeting minutes from December 8, 2022, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Carly Cortright

The Spokane Club has not provided us with an itemized invoice, so it was not accounted for in the treasurer's report. That will show up in next month's report. The dinner realized a gain of \$167.05, which means the price charged was quite close to the actual cost.

Also, we paid ahead for the first half of the year to Shriners and that will also be reflected in the next treasurer's report.

Our December and year-end bank balance is \$16,829.99.

We will be switching to a one-price member fee rather than a separate price for couples. Carly and Deb will look at all the costs involved with membership to determine the new member price. We have spent \$28.50 per member to date, which will increase with new expenses. The new cost is to be determined and will be discussed at the February board meeting.

Membership Report: Deb Austin

We currently have 209 members, including two since last month. There are 94 currently registered for the next tasting, including 9 guests. There are several board members who are still planning to register, so we will extend the number to 108.

Tasting Programs: Paul Hersey and Robin Henspeter

Our next tasting is wine from the Paso Robles area, with a \$32 price. A sign-up sheet for pourers was passed around. Paul will recruit more if not enough have signed up to pour.

The following month will feature pinot noirs from around the world. Their popularity has skyrocketed since the *Sideways* movie, and therefore the tasting will be called "The Sideways Effect," and be hosted by Wanderlust.

Our current inventory is 34 bottles. The recommended giveaway for the January tasting is five bottles.

Special Events

The holiday dinner was a success. The poppers were great; David needs to submit a bill to Carly. We are still awaiting an itemized invoice from the Spokane Club.

Our annual board meeting at the Spokane Club is scheduled for April 10, 2023, and the Anniversary Dinner is Friday, April 23. Next year's holiday dinner date has not been confirmed.

Food Committee: Mary Gross

Mary had an idea that those who work on the food committee should wear a special apron to appear as part of team at the tastings. At this point the idea to logo them is on hold, but Claudia found some on Amazon for \$23/dozen. She will order them and Mary will launder them.

This month's food committee meeting is later this week on Thursday since Mary is traveling.

No co-chair is in the works right now.

The inventory stored at the senior center has been inventoried, labeled, and organized. Mary has a bin for the food committee, and Melissa is working on a storage space for our bins with water pitchers, dump buckets, etc. Some miscellaneous glassware we had was brought in to be given away. We will have plastic ware for those who forget glasses. Thank you to Claudia for all the organizing.

Glasses | Linens | Swag Bags, etc.

We have received our 144 new logo'd glasses, and a sample was passed around. We have been selling our old glasses for \$6. We have 19 old glasses, which we will continue to sell at that price. The new glasses cost the organization \$6.36, and it was decided to sell them for \$8 each. The extra revenue can be looked on the same as a tasting when we end up with a net gain and it goes into the treasury. We will hold back 36 glasses for purchase by current members, and the rest will be on hand for new members.

We still need to place an order for swag bags.

Claudia proposed a change to the ad hoc committee name from Glasses and Linens to Glassware and Promo Items Committee. We may sometime in the future need to order linens again, so it can be called Glassware, Linens, and Promo Items Committee. In the by-laws this would be a change to:

5.2.9 Glassware, Linens, and Promo Items Committee. This Glassware, Linens, and Promo Items chairperson shall be responsible for managing the SES linen orders as needed, SES glassware, swag bags, and other promotional items, managing the ordering, inventory, inventory storage, distribution of items, and inventory reporting. There shall be a chairperson of this committee who is appointed by the President. The chairperson may recruit and/or appoint other volunteer members as needed.

Membership Recognition

Dionne did a nice job at the holiday dinner with the recognition of those receiving pins signifying their membership status:

Gold: John Allen (32 years)

Silver: Jennifer and Jerry King, David DeNio (all 27 years)

Education: Jeff Snow

Jeff's next article will be information regarding pinot noir wines. He was concerned about giving contradictory information about the wine from that given by our presenters, but the group assured him that would not be a concern to most.

He also feels we should start highlighting information regarding the trip on March 22, 2023, to the WSU wine science center in Richland. Claudia has a flyer ready and will announce the trip at the tasting and again in the Wineminder. Jeff is also willing to set up a Red Mountain area wine tasting afterward for those interested.

A/V, Social Media, & ZOOM: Terry Gross

Terry and Charlie still need to get together to coordinate backup duties. Website pics need updating, as well as the registration page. Claudia asked Terry to arrive early for the tasting to make sure the equipment at Shriners is working.

President's Report: Claudia Hersey

- A timeline for SES board elections was added to the meeting packet. The nominating committee (Debbie Austin, Deby Hanson, Marcia Plewman, and Kris Wedel) will meet this month on the 17th. They have ideas for four of the six new members, and a suggestion was made to include Debbie Austin to the list of candidates.
 - Claudia suggested another by-law amendment, which was approved:
5.2.5 Membership Committee: The appointed position of Wineminder Editor and Webmaster will be considered members of the Membership Committee.
 - A change is needed to the Standing Rules regarding our tasting location, but it can wait until we modify our dues.
 - A schedule for 2023/2024 Board Meetings and Tastings was also included in the meeting packet.
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Next Meeting

The next tasting will be January 16, 2023, at Shriners.

The next monthly board meeting will be on February 13, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Marcia Plewman, SES Secretary