

MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

February 15, 2022 | 7:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey

In Attendance

List attendees: M. Achey, K. Goodwin, MA Goodwin, T. Gross, M. Gross, D. Hanson, M. Henspeter, R. Henspeter, P. Hersey, C. Hersey, E. Hoffman, B. Kogler, K. Wedel, J. Wende

Absent: C. Cortright, David DeNio, Dionne DeNio, M. Plewman

Non-Voting: D. Whipple J. Snow

Absent: D. Austin, C. Rimpila, E. Roberts,

Quorum? Yes

Approval of Minutes

- January 10, 2022, minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried and minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Goodwin

- The cost of the January tasting exceeded revenue by \$119.03 due to an increase in the cost of the Food Committee's budget.
- January expenses included:
 - SES Mailbox fees which increased to \$215/year,
 - Pre-payment of the liquor license for three (3) Tasting events, and the
 - \$20 filing fee to submit the club's Annual Report to the Secretary of State.
- President Hersey asked Mr. Goodwin to send her a copy of the January 2022 Annual report for club's records.
- The 2021-2022 SES Budget is covering all costs and has a positive bank balance of ~\$8,000. Looking forward, Mr. Goodwin recommends looking at the New Member fees to determine if they are covering the costs of new member "swag."
- Mr. Gross and Mr. Goodwin still need to schedule a meeting to audit the books before the end of the budget year.
- Mr. Hersey asked how the current SES bank balance compares to the previous year's balance. Mr. Goodwin couldn't recall the exact balance although he noted that the virtual tastings held during the pandemic helped the club rebuild a healthy bank balance. (Note: The SES Bank balance as of March 31, 2021 was \$4,484.)

Membership Report: Deb Austin

- Eighty-two individuals are registered to attend the February tasting scheduled to be held at Barrister Winery, including four (4) new members and 8 guests. Although everyone has pre-paid for the event, SES will only pay Barrister for the number of participants actually attending the event.
- Ms. Austin is on vacation and Ms. Hanson and Ms. Achey have agree to fill in for her at the February tasting, checking members in to the event.

Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Dave Whipple

- Mr. Hersey and Mr. Whipple visited Arbor Crest in preparation for the March tasting. The Arbor Crest team plans to present eight (8) wines over four (4) flights at the March 21, 2022 tasting. Chris Farrington, the Arbor Crest winemaker, will introduce the wines which will include more unusual blends rather than the more typical varietals. Mr. Hersey noted that Arbor Crest has halved their production in recent years to concentrate on producing high-quality wines rather than high-quantity wine.
- Dr. Snow suggested that he would like to include a demonstration with John Allen on how to enjoy wine better at a future tasting event.

Special Events: Eve Roberts

- The SES Annual Board Dinner / Meeting was re-scheduled for April 4, 2022, as too many members were unavailable to meet on the original date of April 11. The dinner meeting will take place at the Spokane Club.
- The SES Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for April 22, 2022 at the Spokane Club.

Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson

- Ms. Hanson would like to schedule an event in May and she asked for recommendations. Board members suggested working with Arbor Crest, Maryhill in Kendall Yards and Townsend in Greenbluff.

Food Committee: Barb Kogler | Jody Wende

- Ms. Gross shared the food committee's plan for the February tasting at Barrister's winery. Tasters are being invited to bring their own food and food committee will provide simple snacks individually plated and presented on trays.
- March tasting plans are in development.

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

- No report

Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio

- No report

Education Director: Dr. Jeffrey Snow

- Dr. Snow shared that the WSU Wine Center is interested in hosting SES members and sharing more about the science of vineyards and wine making. Dr. Snow volunteered to organize a visit in April 2022 and share details with board and membership. (Note: The trip is scheduled to take place on April 6, 2022.)

AV & ZOOM: Terry Gross

- Mr. Gross will provide the sound system for the Anniversary Dinner at the Spokane Club.
- Mr. Gross regularly posts on the SES Facebook page and continues to write the **You Heard it Here** column for monthly Wineminder Newsletter.

Vice President Report: Kris Wedel

- Ms. Wedel presented the nominations for the 2022-23 open positions on the SES Board and Officers. There are four open positions and the nominations to fill them are:
 - Julie Happy
 - Rebecca Sputhe
 - Dave Madison, and
 - Marty Hanson
- If no additional nominations are received, all candidates will be considered elected and will assume their office at the Annual Board Meeting/Dinner scheduled for April 4, 2022 at the Spokane Club. The new board members will be introduced to the general membership at the Annual SES Anniversary Dinner on Friday, April 22, 2022.

Website: Charlie Rimpila

- President Hersey continues working with Mr. Rimpila to update the SES website.

Wineminder: Claudia Hersey

- President Hersey requests additional content for the March edition of the newsletter.

Other Business

- Mr. Hersey reported that there are 66 wine bottles in stock. The plan is to give away three (3) bottles at the March tasting. He also suggested using some bottles to host the March board meeting.

Next Meeting

March 14, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. | Southside Center

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Minutes Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Lund Goodwin, SES Secretary