

# MINUTES

## Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

*March 14, 2022 | 7:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey*

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### In Attendance

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

**Absent:** David DeNio, Dionne DeNio, B. Kogler

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

**Absent:** D. Austin, C. Rimpila

**Quorum?** Yes

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### Approval of Minutes

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- February 15, 2022, minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried and minutes approved.

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### Discussion Item: 2022 – 2023 SES Board Election

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- The SES Annual Election will be held at the April Board meeting. If ballots are required, Deb Hanson and Mary Ann Goodwin will collect and count them.

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### Treasurer's Report: Kyle Goodwin

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- The February tasting event held at Barrister Winery ended with a \$168 profit. Eighty-eight (88) members/guests signed up for the tasting although there were a number of “no shows.” The club has approximately \$7,500 in the bank after all event-related expenses were paid.
- Using Zoom defrays the costs associated with the Board meetings held at the Southside Senior / Community Center. New member and annual member fees do not currently cover the administrative costs related to the use of the Board meeting room, as well as monthly postage fees, the annual Washington state filing fee, insurance, and other operating costs.
- President Hersey asked if we need to increase the current new member fees in order to help pay the ongoing administrative costs. The Board discussed and decided they did not want to recommend an increase at this time given had just increased fees in the previous year. Mr. Whipple asked if we should pass on web fees to tasting fees. Mr. Goodwin suggested we use funds from the tasting fees to supplement administrative fees for the time being, although he noted that the board should revisit new member fees when the current inventory of “new member swag” needs to be replenished.
- A two-year license for the **SpokaneEnologicalSociety.org** URL was paid.
- Mr. Gross conducted an internal audit of SES's financial reports on Thursday, March 17, 2022, and found no issues to report.

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## Membership Report: Deb Austin

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- Club membership is at 187 members.
- Eighty-one (81) individuals have registered for the March tasting event, with nine (9) guests and three (3) speakers attending. Up to eighty-four attendees can register for the event.

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## Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Dave Whipple

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- The March tasting features Arbor Crest wines and will cost \$32 per member. The expectation is that the tasting fee will result in a \$200 profit after all related expenses are paid. The food committee has a budget of \$3.00/person.
- Arbor Crest staff was provided a budget from SES and was allowed the freedom to make selections for tasting that they believed would be well received. The winery offered SES a 40% discount for the bottles used in the tasting. Wine maker Chris Farrington will present the wines.
- John Allen and Dr. Jeff Snow will give a demonstration at the March tasting during the third flight, showing attendees how they can improve the quality of wines they purchase at restaurants with some simple decanting techniques.
- The March tasting will feature tables set for eight. Raffle tickets will be distributed to members only when they arrive at the registration table for the 3 bottle wine give away.
- Mr. Hersey reported that fifty nine (59) bottles are available for the March tasting event and Anniversary Dinner, leading to revisiting the wine give-away issue. Ms. Roberts suggested not giving away any bottles to avoid hard feelings and disruption to the dinner program. Dr. Snow supported idea of not giving away bottles as well. He stated that the people who support SES as board members and volunteers should be rewarded with any extra bottles accrued.
- The board took a voice vote to decide whether to continue giving giveaway wine i.e. a small number of bottles at the Anniversary dinner. Motion: Members attending the dinner will receive one raffle ticket and twenty (20) bottles, displayed in plain brown bags, will be given away at the end of the dinner event. Ms. Wedel moved, Ms. Gross seconded the motion and the yay votes carried. Ms. Gross suggested that an announcement be made at the March tasting there will be a limited number of bottles (20) available for the Anniversary Dinner wine give-away.
- Mr. Whipple noted that SES needs to purchase event licenses to cover the remaining tasting events through June 2022. Mr. Goodwin stated he thought there was one tasting remaining under the current license.

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## Special Events: Eve Roberts

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- Annual Board Dinner and election: Spokane Club on April 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. \$150 room charge. Members need to bring their own wine. A buffet dinner will be provided by the club. Dinner costs are paid by attendees.
- Anniversary Dinner: Spokane Club on April 22, 2022. Ms. Roberts is working with John Allen to identify an appropriate theme and wines for the dinner and she expects the dinner will feature Yakima Valley and Red Mountain wines. Ms. Roberts asked for dinner menu suggestions. Details will be provided in the next edition of the Wineminder.

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## Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson

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- Ms. Hanson is tentatively planning a May event at the Kendall Yards Maryhill tasting room during the week of May 23. The staff is interested in hosting the event and is trying to determine how they can provide service to a large group in their space. In addition to a wine tasting, Maryhill can also provide food to accompany the wine.

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#### Food Committee: Barb Kogler | Jody Wende

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- Ms. Wende indicated that the Food Committee is prepared for the March tasting. They tasted four of the wines that will be poured at the event and have selected food to pair with them.
- Eight members currently serve on the SES Food Committee.

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

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- No report

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#### Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio

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#### Education Director: Dr. Jeffrey Snow

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- Dr. Snow and Mr. Allen are planning to provide an educational demonstration at the March tasting on how to decant wines when you don't have a decanter. The goal is to show members how to make wine at restaurants taste better when they are young and raw.
- *Case for a case, just In case* is Dr. Snow's article for March *Wineminder*. The article outlines why is handy to keep a case of wine in your basement or closet so you always have the right wine on hand for company.
- Tri-City Wine Center Trip: SES Board members only. Wednesday, April 6, 2022. The Center tour starts at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be offered in the bottle room. Members will meet with graduate students from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to learn about their research. The tour will also include a tasting of student blended wines; bottles will possibly be available to purchase.

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#### AV & ZOOM: Terry Gross

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- Mr. Gross will provide AV system to the Spokane Club for the Anniversary dinner as well as the Annual Bosard Dinner/Meeting as the sound system at Spokane Club is poor quality.

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#### Vice President Report: Kris Wedel

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- Ms. Wedel will assist with the March tasting setup.

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#### Website: Charlie Rimpila

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- No Report

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#### Wineminder: Claudia Hersey

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- March 28 is the deadline for articles and any details about April Anniversary Dinner.

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#### Other Business

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- At the April 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Board Meeting the departing officers will be thanked for their service and the new Board Directors, once elected, will assume their position as Board Directors. The new Board members will then elect the new President. The new President will then reside over the nominations/election of the remaining executive officers (Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary). If there are more than 1 nominee for each of the Executive Officer positions the votes will be conducted by ballot.

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## Next Meeting

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- April 4, 2022 | 6:00 p.m. reception; 6:30 dinner | Spokane Club Library Room
- Checks made out to Spokane Club for Board Dinner@ \$44 per person; guest is allowed to attend.
- Motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Lund Goodwin, SES Secretary