

MINUTES

Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

REVISED FINAL - May 9, 2021 | 7:00 pm | Zoom Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey

In Attendance

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

NON-VOTING: D. Austin, D. Whipple, E. Roberts

ABSENT: C. Rimpila

Quorum? YES

Approval of Minutes

- April 12, 2021 minutes—no corrections offered; Terry Gross moved and it was seconded to Approve the April 12, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion Item: Wild Apricot

Currently, SES's Wild Apricot subscription is at the **COMMUNITY Plan level**, which allows for 600 database contacts. SES currently has around 300 contacts in the database. The renewal cost for a Community Plan subscription is increasing by 20% this year.

Another plan, the **GROUP Plan**, is limited to 250 database contacts and costs approximately \$600/year.

Deb Austin recommended changing SES's Wild Apricot to the **GROUP Plan** level, editing the current contact database to meet the 250 contact limit.

Kris Wedel moved and it was seconded that SES renew the Wild Apricot subscription at the Group Plan level. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Kyle Goodwin

- April tasting costs were less than anticipated; the club earned \$366.51 after expenses were paid.
- With membership renewals to date, the bank has a balance of ~ \$6,000.
- The Q1 Audit needs to be scheduled by Terry Gross prior to June 30, 2021.

Membership Report: Deb Austin

Deb reported that:

- SES has 194 current members,
- 47 renewals have been received for 2021-2022 club year as of May 10, 2021, and
- 51 members have registered for the May 17, 2021 tasting.

Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Dave Whipple

- April Tasting Review: No feedback shared.
- May Tasting Update: Four of the Six wines selected for the tasting are available, with the remaining two back ordered which will make it difficult to prepare the tasting kits for pickup. Fifty-one (51) members have registered for the tasting and the event can accommodate sixty (60) tasters based on the number of tasting kits available. Kits are available for pickup on Friday – Sunday at the Wanderlust Delicato.
- June Tasting Proposal: Kris Wedel moved and it was seconded that the regular June tasting event be replaced with an Extra Special event scheduled on June 16, 2021 at the Winescape Winery. Motion carried.

Special Events: Eve Roberts

- Holiday Dinner is scheduled for December 13, 2021.
- Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for April 22, 2022.
- Both dinners will be held at the Spokane Club.

Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson

June Extra Special Tasting planned:

- **Winescape on June 16, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
- Five (5) tastings and charcuterie platters offered for \$25 / person. Fifty guest limit depending on weather and current COVID-19 phase.
- Discussion considered possibility of subsidizing the Wild Apricot registration fees for those attending the extra special event, supplementing the charcuterie platters with additional food, and other event logistics.
- Kris Wedel moved and it was seconded that registration for the event will cost Motion carried unanimously.
- Proposal: \$30 members / \$35 non-members, with the fee cover Winescapes' tasting costs, additional food provided by Food Committee, and the Wild Apricot processing fee. Motion carried.

Food Committee: Barb Kogler | Jody Wende

- No Report

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

- Dionne will issue New Member swag bags to those attending the in-person June Extra Special event at Winescape.

Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio

- 25 year and 35 year member recognitions will be celebrated at the 2021 Holiday Dinner scheduled for December.

Education Director: Dr. Jeffrey Snow

A three month series of articles will consider the importance of caring for grape vines in the making of wine. The first article will look at trellising techniques and how grape varietals are cared for differently. Additional articles will follow up on how vines are cared for throughout the year.

AV & ZOOM | Social Media: Terry Gross

- Terry is updating the social media web site.

Vice President Report: Kris Wedel

- No report

Website: Charlie Rimpila

- Claudia is working with Charlie to improve the Wild Apricot web site.
- Discussion about how to improve the Wild Apricot event registration functionality.

Wineminder: Claudia Hersey

- Claudia suggested that VP Wedel might want to contribute to a regular column featuring interviews with local winemakers.
- Another suggestion made by Mary Gross was to write wine book / media reviews for the Wine Minder.

Other Business

Southside Senior / Community Center's proposed contract was reviewed by Kyle Goodwin:

- Claudia proposed that SES schedule a September meeting at Southside Senior / Community Center in-person. If overwhelming response is received, then SES would contract for October and November 2021. Risk is that we could lose the traditional Monday meeting date if another group reserves the space. An alternate proposal was to accept the contract for September – November OR to accept the one-year contract, with a 30-day cancellation clause.
- Claudia proposed that Kyle and Lisa (Southside Senior / Community Center) negotiate an annual contract reserving the hall for eight tasting events and eight SES board meetings, 2021 - 2022. Kris Wedel moved and it was seconded that SES renew the Wild Apricot subscription at the Group Plan level. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dionne DeNio moved and it was seconded that SES negotiate an annual contract with the Southside Senior / Community Center covering eight tasting events & eight board meetings for the 2021 – 2022 year. Motion passed.
- No additional information has been received about the cost of the Southside Senior / Community Center's Storage space currently being used by SES.

Next Meeting

June 14, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. | ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. | Minutes respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Lund Goodwin, SES Secretary