

# MINUTES

## Spokane Enological Society Board Meetings

*October 11, 2021, 2021 | 7:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Claudia Hersey*

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### In Attendance

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

**Non-Voting Attendees:** D. Austin, C. Rimpila, D. Whipple, J. Snow

**Absentees:** E. Roberts

**Quorum?** Yes

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### Minutes

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- September 13, 2021 Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried and minutes approved.

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### Discussion Item: In person events or virtual?

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- Discussion on moving to in-person tasting in November. A member survey indicated that members are ready to resume in-person tastings. SURVEY RESULTS: emailed to 131 addresses (some were to couples), and 11 members were mailed a copy of the survey. 91 email responses were received back representing 123 members. An 86.6% return rate. 94 members voted for in-person tasting in November and for the holiday dinner in December (76%), and 29 members voted against holding an in-person tasting in November or holiday dinner in December (24%).
- Safety protocols (as described in Claudia's email to the Board on Thu. Oct 7 and in accordance with CDC and public health guidance), will be in place for an in-person November tasting. If ~90 members register for the November tasting we will need 23 tables (8 top) with 4 chairs at each table to properly socially distance. A vote was taken: 16 Board members voted in favor of resuming in-person tasting in November and the holiday dinner in December, and 2 Board members voted against holding an in-person tasting and in-person holiday dinner. Accordingly, we will proceed with in-person tasting and holiday dinner unless otherwise mandated to cancel by government or public health officials.

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### Treasurer's Report: Kyle Goodwin

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- September virtual tasting was profitable. Ending bank balance for September = \$7120.88.
- Annual budget to date shows a positive balance of \$7,434.01.
- Insurance rates have increased.
- On track to pay all current expenses. Kyle cautioned the current budget does not include funding for cost associated with holding the Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at Southside or for the in-person tasting (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>) so will need to include those costs in the November 15<sup>th</sup> tasting fee (also the potential cost of holding the Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at Southside). Cash flow will continue to cover known club costs (operating expenses).

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### **Membership Report: Deb Austin**

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- There are 170 members including two new members who joined the club in September.

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### **Tasting Programs Support: Paul Hersey | Dave Whipple**

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- The theme for the November tasting is SIP SIP HOORAY (Bubbly).
- Canned wines are still under consideration for a future tasting event.

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### **Special Events: Eva Roberts**

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- The Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Dec. 13, 2021 at the Spokane Club.

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### **Extra Special Events: Deby Hanson**

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- Deby worked with Bridgeport Winery to schedule a tasting but in lieu of several factors was postponed.
- Extra Special Events are on hold until regular in-person tastings are shown to be successful. Tentatively looking to schedule an event in January – February 2022 timeframe.

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

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- Food committee will be asked to put together cold trays for the November tasting event.

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

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- Be aware the Blue Ribbon table linen order may be higher than usual if ordering for 23 tables.
- The current inventory of glasses and swag bags meets needs.

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### **Membership Recognition: Dionne DeNio**

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- No Report.

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### **Education Director: Dr. Jeffery Snow**

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- Dr. Snow invited to present a four (4) minute educational presentation at the November tasting. He declined preferring to write the education column in the WineMinder.

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### **AV/Entertainment/Internal Auditor: Terry Gross**

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- No report.

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### **Vice President Report: Kris Wedel**

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- Claudia asked if VP Wedel will backfill at the November tasting to make sure food / pouring work is covered.

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### **Website: Charlie Rimpila**

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- President Claudia asked Charlie to post the 2021 board meeting minutes, and the SNOW ON WINE articles on the website. She forwarded Charlie the PDF files. Recipe pages (PDF files) will also be sent to Charlie to post on the SES website.

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### **Wineminder: Claudia Hersey**

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- Claudia called for contributions for the November issue.

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### **Other Business**

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- Need to schedule a pouring lesson for new pourers at the November Board Meeting.
- SES Business cards have been printed to help publicize the club.
- SES pens are "in storage."

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### **Next Meeting**

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- November 8, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. | Southside Community Center & Zoom
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
- Minutes Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Lund Goodwin, SES Secretary