



SWGGA MINUTES  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 25, 2017

Directors Present:

Bernie Zimmerman – President  
Tony Mello-Vice President  
Lloyd Tosse – Treasurer  
Dave Elliott – Education Coordinator  
David Blitstein – Outreach Coordinator  
Grace Zimmerman - Communications Coordinator  
Bob Tonnie - Social Coordinator  
Diane Houston-Secretary

Directors Absent: Jim Garrett – Membership Coordinator

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Bernie at 7:05 P.M.

Establish Board Quorum: A quorum was determined to be present.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion made by Dave Elliot, seconded by David Blitstein to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of April 27, 2017; all approved.*

President's report:

Bernie asked the status of the gift cards for Jacques Mercier and Mark Foster for their appearance at the April program. Bob Tonnie recommended Sergios and asked the procedure for purchase. Bob Tonnie advised he should purchase the gift cards and submit the receipt for reimbursement.

Treasurer's report: Lloyd reported a total of \$5,784 in the account with \$3,093 in the scholarship fund and \$2,691 in the general fund. He also reported that SWGGA now has a tax ID number.

Social Coordinator's report:

**SWGGA picnic:** Bob Tonnie reported on his meeting with Sierra Knolls for the July 23<sup>rd</sup> picnic. He thinks it would be an excellent location; the facility is covered, seats 100, has tables and chairs, etc. A \$500 minimum is required which is \$250 less than last year's location. Bob will need to confirm that it is permissible for members to bring their own wine and for the silent auction, as that is an important aspect of the SWGGA picnic. Discussion held on how much to charge for the event. *Tony Mello motioned to charge \$20, seconded*

*by Dave Elliot with any shortfall subsidized by SWGGA. Attendance will require RSVPs with a check. All approved.*

Bernie stated that volunteers will be needed for: the wine table, raffle, welcome table silent auction and set-up. Start time will be 5:00 P.M.

Grace motioned to give Sierra Knolls a complimentary SWGGA membership; seconded; all approved.

Outreach Coordinator's report:

Scholarship: David reported he will be present to present the scholarship, including a framed award, at the school ceremony May 31. Marilyn will also attend to take photos for the newsletter. David will also write an article about the scholarship award.

David reported that updated artwork was needed for the merchandise digital imaging. *Tony Mello moved to authorize David to spend up to \$100 to update the SWGGA logo artwork; Diane Houston, seconded; all approved.*

David will distribute the hats and aprons at the next general meeting.

Education Coordinator's report: Dave Elliot reported on the following general meeting topics:

June: Rod Byers to present program on the "Science of Food and Wine". There is a cost of \$150 for Rod to purchase the white wines and food supplies. Dave will work on getting donations from local wineries for the red wine. Rod will select all wines.

Discussion on whether to open attendance to the public in an effort to draw members. *Motion made by Grace Zimmerman to limit the attendance to members only at no charge, but to advertise the event and invite people to join so they can attend.* Dave Elliot seconded them motion; all approved. SWGGA members are allowed to bring guests.

Membership Coordinator's report: In Jim's absence, Bernie reported that he and Jim discussed what to do about the 12 long term members that have not renewed. David Blitstein suggested phone calls; several volunteered to divide the list and make the calls.

Communication Coordinator's report: Grace asked for a consistent message and a name for the June, Rod Byers event. Dave Elliot will provide.

Grace also asked for timing on the email blasts for the newsletter: one week, two weeks or two days prior to the general meeting? Diane suggested two weeks and again two days prior to the meeting. All agreed.

There has been a problem accessing the SWGGA documents on the website. They are stored on Dropbox which has made changes to their application.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Discussion held on the food budget for general meetings. *Diane made a motion to have SWGGA reimburse the UPS store for the \$100 cost of food for the May meeting. Dave Elliot seconded; all approved. Dave Elliot made a motion for the program and social coordinators to plan the food for the meetings with a budget not to exceed \$100 per meeting. Diane seconded the motion; all approved.*

Next BOD meeting location: The Tosses: 11256 Juniper Drive, Nevada City

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Houston  
Secretary