



SWGGA MINUTES  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 26, 2017

Directors Present:

Bernie Zimmerman – President  
Dave Elliott – Education Coordinator  
Jim Garrett – Membership Coordinator  
Lloyd Tosse – Treasurer  
David Blitstein – Outreach Coordinator  
Grace Zimmerman - Communications Coordinator

Directors Absent:

Diane Houston-Secretary  
Tony Mello-Vice President  
Bob Tonnies - Social Coordinator

Others Present:

Marilyn Blitstein - Assistant Secretary  
Kate Garrett

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Bernie at 7:20 P.M.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Jim seconded by Lloyd, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular Board meeting of December 8, 2016 and the annual meeting of November 17, 2016 approved as submitted.

President's report:

Bernie asked the board for feedback on gift cards for past directors rotating off in 2016. After discussion, it was agreed that a \$100 gift certificate be given to: Dan Carrick, Jim Partidos, Kate Garrett and Nancy Machado. Motion made by Jim Garrett and seconded by Dave Elliot.

Discussion regarding the cleaning of Ponderosa Hall was addressed and volunteers are needed to help clean up. Bernie will discuss this with the Tonnies.

Discussion regarding invitation we received from the Berlin Wine Competition. It was decided not to announce it in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Lloyd reported we have a total of \$4,720 in the bank, \$3,043 in scholarship funds and \$1,678 in general funds.

Social Coordinator's report: Bob Tonnie not present. General discussion about social program for upcoming year.

Outreach Coordinator's report: David made contact with newspapers and radio stations. Will seek possible interview with KNCO and KVMR. David will email Yuba Net and The Union to submit information about upcoming meetings and special guests.

David will be receiving merchandise from Tony at the February general meeting.

Education Coordinator's report:

February: Can this Wine be Saved

March: Possible Food and Wine pairing - To be discussed with the Tonnie.

Dave is also considering a Rod Byers program on what food and wine can't be paired and a retasting of the communal zinfandels.

A communal Riesling wine making project for this fall was discussed.

Membership Coordinator's report: Jim reported we have 20 paid members. He said that's approximately 1/3 of last year's total membership. Jim said he will be exploring selling the old PA system, in favor of the new system which worked well at the last meeting.

Communication Coordinator's report: Nothing to report.

### Old Business

Redundancy Plan: Backup keys are in place and Lloyd is working on adding Tony as a second signature on our account. The account will be in the name of Sierra Wine and Grape Growers Association, which will constitute a name change and require a Board resolution authorizing it. Lloyd said he would be filing a fictitious name statement on behalf of the association.

Dave Elliott asked whether we would benefit from moving our address from the post office. The consensus was that it was not worth the effort.

New Business: Discussion regarding CalStar not being wine related. Motion to not have CalStar present at general meeting made by Jim, seconded by Dave and passed.

Next BOD meeting location: The Blitsteins, 12857 Sierra Vista Dr., Grass Valley (530)414-5403 or (530)615-1297 call for directions or email Dbeffx@aol.com.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn Blitstein  
Asst. Secretary