



SWGGA MINUTES  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 23, 2017

Directors Present:

Bernie Zimmerman – President  
Tony Mello-Vice President  
Bob Tonnie - Social Coordinator  
Dave Elliott – Education Coordinator  
Jim Garrett – Membership Coordinator  
David Blitstein – Outreach Coordinator  
Grace Zimmerman - Communications Coordinator  
Diane Houston-Secretary

Directors Absent:

Lloyd Tosse – Treasurer

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Bernie at 7:32 P.M.

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

Approval of Minutes: *Motion made by David Blitstein, seconded by Dave Elliot, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular Board meeting of January 26, 2017 as submitted.*

President's report:

Bernie reported that gift cards had been sent to all past directors rotating off in 2016 and he received many kind acknowledgements of the gesture.

Bernie reported that Patrick O'Hara who owns Brewhouse Supply in Auburn would like to become a member. He recently purchased a three-acre vineyard in Penn Valley.

Discussion held regarding the last minute cancellation of the February meeting due to Ponderosa Hall being used for the Orville Dam evacuees. **Bernie will ask Lloyd to request a refund.**

Treasurer's report: No report due to Lloyd's absence.

Social Coordinator's report: Bob Tonnie suggested adding food to pair with wines at the meetings and presented a suggested calendar. This raised questions on how it would be structured, paid for, whether payment would be collected at the door, etc. Bob then suggested just adding more substantial appetizers to the social hour prior to the meetings. He would provide the labor to purchase and prepare at no charge if the food costs were covered by the organization.

*Dave Elliot motioned to allow a \$100 budget for food per regular meeting, Diane seconded. After further discussion, the motion was amended to start with the April meeting as a trial, then determine further on a per meeting basis. Motion carried with Jim Garrett opposed.*

Outreach Coordinator's report: David notified Yuba Net and The Union to submit information about upcoming meetings and special guests.

Kate transferred the duplicate keys to Ponderosa Hall to David.

Education Coordinator's report:

April: Can This Wine Be Saved

March: TBD

Dave is also considering a "Food & Wine Pairing from Hell" looking at what foods will kill great wines.

Membership Coordinator's report: Jim reported we have 23 paid members and reminders will be sent March 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership cards will be issued for one year and dated to March of the following year. 2016 turned out to have the largest membership on record at 71.

Communication Coordinator's report: Grace reported that she is trying to tie the newsletter to the website with links. She also explained that the newsletter is sent to all members but the additional posts (3-4 per month) require the member to "opt in".

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Scholarship Committee – Bernie explained that this sub-committee falls under Outreach. Bernie suggested working with Tony to see if last year's committee would be willing to return. The committee would determine the selection criteria; applications need to be submitted by May, with a decision and presentation in June. Bernie reported he had received an application and turned it over to David B. Grace suggested adding this to the website. **David and Tony will provide Grace with the criteria and application form.**

Wine Maker's Guild - Jim reported they are looking for sponsors for the Bottleshock Open in Lodi, specifically from commercial winemakers that started at home. **Jim will pass the request onto the commercial members.**

Group Riesling Buy - Jim also may have a lead on a Riesling vineyard for a group fruit purchase; he will get more information.

Next BOD meeting location: The Garrett's, 21252 Clifford Road, Grass Valley 95949

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Houston  
Secretary