



PENNSYLVANIA WINE SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 12, 2022

Call To Order

Vice President Robyn Meadows called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

In attendance: Lynne Beeson, Cathy Boyd, Scott Casper, Averill Shepps, Cindy Shingler and Robyn Meadows

Those Absent: Kathy Morgans, Laura Reich, Sheila Rickert and Barry Einsig

Review of the Minutes from August 8, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes distributed.

MOTION: Scott Casper moved to approve minutes. Cindy Shingler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review of Treasurer's Report

Lynne Beeson presented the August 2022 Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Averill Shepps moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cathy Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention (Lynne Beeson)

Blogs and Newsletter:

- Lynne Beeson asked for Board members to submit interesting articles for the website blogs, such as Wine Knowledge, recipes, BYOB suggestions, and other items of interest. She is hoping to have some new articles for September and October. Averill Shepps will be submitting a Wine Knowledge article. Cathy Boyd is going to be writing an article for Archeological Finds.
- For the newsletter, Scott Casper suggested that we list the board members' email address rather than phone numbers. There was consensus that this change is to be made. Each board member is to send Lynne Beeson their preferred email address.

Nominations Committee

- Scott Casper, chair, shared that we will be distributing the ballots via email as we did last year. Members can submit their ballots from Monday, December 5th at 6:00 a.m. through Saturday, December 10th by 11:45 p.m. Results of the election will be presented at the December 11th board meeting. Averill Shepps is serving on the committee and Scott is going to invite one additional board member to serve.

Upcoming In-Person Events

- October – Armstrong Valley: There are currently 4 people registered. Armstrong Valley recommended 8 wines and Barry Einsig will select 6 of those for the event. Robyn mentioned that the recent survey of members listed events at vineyards would be desired, so she is surprised by the low attendance.
- November – 35th Anniversary Gala: There are 18 people registered. Scott Casper is procuring the wines. Cathy Boyd will be selecting the dessert wine to accompany the cheesecake, which she picked up today.

- December – Champagne: Robyn Meadows would like the board to give her suggestions as to what Champagnes she should consider.
- January – PA Ex: Averill Shepps shared that the judging will take place at the Hilton Harrisburg on Saturday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m. The judging will last approximately two hours. Anyone interested in participating in the judging should contact her. She also needs someone to volunteer to accept the shipments of wine from the various wineries in January 2023.
- February: Cindy Shingler suggested hosting a Wine and Chocolate event, as PWS held several years ago. At that time, we used Allegro wines and Frederic Loraschi chocolates. It was a very successful event, which would work well around Valentine’s Day. Cindy volunteered to host the event.
- March: Nothing scheduled to date
- April: Cathy Boyd will be hosting an event
- May: A tasting event has been reserved
- June: A tasting event has been reserved
- In The Works: Lynne Beeson has been considering hosting another Riedel glassware event in the future. She also mentioned that the survey mentioned having an event where participants learn how to make a charcuterie board. She has been investigating the possibility of holding an event like this.

Virtual Events

- There was discussion regarding holding virtual events. Although we have asked both board members and members at large to volunteer to provide these events, and only one person has shown any interest, indicating they would provide one Wine Wednesday with people bringing whatever wine they want. Consensus was that we don’t have sufficient support to offer these events on a regular basis. Robyn Meadows mentioned the possibility of having a “Women in Wine” virtual event in March, since that is International Women’s Month.

Recommendation of Ad Hoc Membership Committee

MOTION: The Ad Hoc Membership Committee moved to provide membership contact information to Board of Directors and Membership Committee strictly for PWS business use with the following amendments:

1. Members shall have an opt-out option;
2. Safeguard protections shall be developed and adhered to;
3. All Board and Membership Committee Members shall sign an annual ethics statement aligned with protecting membership information & data. There was second by Cathy Boyd to call for a vote. The Board unanimously voted not to accept the recommendation.

Future BOD Meeting Dates

Scheduled every second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.
October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th, January 9th

Adjournment

MOTION: Cindy Shingler moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Boyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.