



PENNSYLVANIA WINE SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2024

Call To Order

President Robyn Meadows called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

In Attendance: Board members – Lynne Beeson, Scott Casper, John May, Robyn Meadows, Stevie Posey, and Averill Shepps.

Review and Approval of August Minutes

MOTION 1: John May moved to approve the July 8th minutes previously distributed. Averill Shepps seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report

MOTION 2: Scott Casper moved to approve the Treasurer's Report previously distributed. Averill seconded the motion. One abstaining. The motion carried.

Newsletter and Website Update

NEWSLETTER: Lynne Beeson shared next deadline in the report distributed previously, and noted articles due.

WEBSITE: Lynne Beeson requested blogs for the website. Robyn will continue the *Lesser-Known* series for Wine Knowledge. John will look for something for a blog. John also hopes to review Simply Greek in the near future.

Social Media

Stevie Posey indicated no new updates to Social Media.

Past Events

No events since last meeting.

Upcoming Events

- **Riedel Glassware Experience, Friday, September 20th** – Lynne Beeson Host/Scott Casper & John May Cohosts. Main concern is participation. Event is posted on our website of course, but also on Local Wine Events and the Riedel website. John will cover check-in. Stevie has banner and will drop off if not able to attend Riedel.
- **Pinot Noir, Friday, October 11th** – Scott Casper Host/Robyn Meadows. David Killian and Scott are donating Louis Jadot Premier Cru Burgundy 2012 in barter for a seat at the event. Wines have changed a bit and we will have nine wines now with no negative budget impact. Good wines – all rated over 90 points. John and Stevie volunteered to pour.
- **Marvelous Malbec, November 8th** – Robyn Meadows Host/Lynne Beeson Cohost. A white and two roses found as well as several nice reds (Chile, Argentina, Cahors) and one excellent red found on sale. Last wine will be a blend for comparison. Small plates confirmed with the Hilton. Will need help with pouring and registration that evening - please think about how you can help.

Program Planning for 2025

Continuation of dialogue from last month with members updating their proposals as follows.

Robyn – *Best of the Finger Lakes* (August to Fall); *Australia and New Zealand* (Any non-winter month due to Kevin's travel. Robyn doesn't have a date yet.)

Scott – *Italy* – June moved to May; *Board Selections* walk-about event in October

Lynne – Eric Miller (grape of his choosing) and Brian Stwalley (*Riesling* or other of his choosing). No months asked of these speakers awaiting other hosts to choose. Eric is solid for *Luxury Zinfandel*. Brian doubtful due to busy work schedule cannot commit more than perhaps a month in advance. Lynne does have a couple back-up event and speaker ideas to research.

Keith – Mexico is producing great wines (PA availability may be tough); an event at Aura? No update – Keith not present. This event dropped as Keith has resigned from the board.

John – Shenandoah Wine Trail and/or PA and Neighbors (MD, VA, NY); Shiraz/Syrah; thinking on another idea. John will do *The Softer Side of Syrah* in February.

Stevie – Summer informal winery event? This event dropped as Stevie will be leaving the board in December.

Lynne/Robyn Non-Champagne Sparkling Wines – Aura has a loft so sound may be an issue? Harvest will not allow us to bring in wines and only has a couple sparkling wines at any given time so not a viable venue.

March event for Women in Wine with women winemakers list Lynne was able to get from wine.com

Action Item - Everyone to firm up dates for next meeting.

Nominating Committee

Scott Casper, John May and Averill Shepps serving as the Nominating Committee for December 2024 elections.

Scott Casper reported a partial slate at this time. Four slots open for this election. Possible candidates were discussed for contact regarding volunteering or nominations.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Adjournment

John May moved to adjourn the meeting. Averill Shepps seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Robyn will be absent next month. Scott will facilitate the meeting.