



## PENNSYLVANIA WINE SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2025

### Call To Order

Treasurer, Lynne Beeson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. pending arrival of Vice President.

**In Attendance:** Board members – Lynne Beeson, Scott Casper, Barry Hixson, David Killian, John May, Matt Point.

### Review and Approval of June Minutes

**MOTION 1:** John May moved to approve the June 9<sup>th</sup> minutes previously distributed. Barry Hixson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Treasurer turned over meeting to Vice President, Scott Casper.**

### Review and Approval of Treasurer's Reports

**MOTION 2:** John May moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for June previously distributed. Barry Hixson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### Newsletter and Website Update

Lynne Beeson shared the **deadline for articles and blogs - Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** including articles for Sauvignon Blanc, Luxury Zinfandel and Board Selections.

**Blogs volunteers:** *Vittles and Vine* – Robyn has written up another of David's recipes. Lynne has V&V for September. *Wine Knowledge* – no takers. *Archaeology* – no takers. *Restaurant Reviews* – Matt will do Circular Dining Room.

### Past Events

***South Pacific Terrific*** – Positives – Really long but enjoyable. Improves – none.

### Upcoming Events

- ***Sauvignon Blanc*** – Friday August 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Hilton Harrisburg. Wines finalized. Need someone to handle the pre-pour. Scott volunteered. Robyn likely will handle registration. Other wines will be poured during the event for temperature control. David and Barry volunteered to pour. **Action Item:** John to touch base with Robyn r/t projector and laptop.
- ***Luxury Zinfandel*** – Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Hilton Harrisburg. Food is finalized – all meat (with vegan options available). John plans grab wines from Eric as soon as Eric contacts, and will store for the event.
- ***Board Selections*** – Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Hilton Harrisburg. Partial list of wines shared. John has two wines and will send names to Scott. Lynne will look for Robyn's wine price info and forward to Scott if she finds that she has it. Barry will be pouring an Alsace Riesling for \$16.99. Everyone should plan on four bottles of each wine. Date changed to October 10<sup>th</sup> because of concern about conflict with the Harrisburg Wine Festival on old date of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Barry will manually change the date on the postcards he distributes and Scott plans to do

the same. Newsletter noted the change in three or more places. Given advertising started a month early due to no July event, the date change is hopefully well communicated.

**Program Planning** – Scott shared an updated schedule prior to the meeting.

Honig moved to April – Matt Point shared that Michael Honig has agreed to present the program!

Judgement at Harrisburg moved to May to align theme with the Judgement of Paris celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but with a spin on it, per Scott. Suggestion to go with wines similar to the actual French event. That was considered but due to price points Scott decided cost would be prohibitive, and instead chose wines from PA and CA to compare in a blind tasting.

Lynne noted that the Date for October event may need to change. Currently Barry's event is set for October 2<sup>nd</sup> which will be the first weekend again and potentially in conflict with the Harrisburg Wine Festival. Central Penn Business Journal contact indicated date for 2026 is not yet firm but that they have "historically always done it the first weekend in October". **Action Item:** Lynne to check Hilton availability for Sunday afternoons in October 2026 and get back with Barry this week to decide plan B for next October because it seems likely that the same conflict with Harrisburg Wine Festival may occur.

David commented that getting Botrytis wines may be difficult, but with Board flexibility on the content, he will continue to pursue it. Consensus to continue the plan.

**MOTION 3:** Scott Casper moved that we adopt the presented draft program as the official Program Plan for next year. John May seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

No new business presented.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION 4:** John May moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt Point seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**