



## PENNSYLVANIA WINE SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2025

### Call To Order

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

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

### Review and Approval of June Minutes

**MOTION 1:** John May moved to approve the July 14<sup>th</sup> minutes previously distributed. Scott Casper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### Review and Approval of Treasurer's Reports

**MOTION 2:** Scott Casper moved to approve the July Treasurer's Report previously distributed. Matt Point seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### Newsletter and Website Update

Lynne Beeson shared the **deadline for articles and blogs - Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** including articles for Luxury Zinfandel, Board Selections, and Finger Lakes.

**Blogs volunteers:** *Vittles and Vine* – Lynne. *Wine Knowledge* – History of Sabrage - Matt. *Archaeology* – no takers. *Restaurant Reviews* – Matt will do review of a DC Restaurant. *What You Missed* – *Sauvignon Blanc* – John.

### Past Events

***Sauvignon Blanc* – Positives** – Great food – some of the best from the Hilton. Hilton seems to have really upped their food game. No change in Chefs. Perhaps due to a less busy hotel, which shouldn't be an excuse... just seems to make a difference. Wines were nice. Several people commented after about the wines. Matt made the evening fun and people seemed to feed off that and have fun as well. **Improves** – More room for empty glasses set up in pouring stations.

Question posed as to if we were to add some money to the wine budget, what would that do to the cost? Suggested that it would have been nice to have a Pouilly Fumé or Sancerre for Friday's event. Comment that budget tool will tell hosts how wine costs impact ticket price so when planning that option is open. Suggestion that hosts could also reduce number of wines and have higher average bottle price with less wines.

### Upcoming Events

- ***Luxury Zinfandel*** – Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Hilton Harrisburg. Food is finalized – all meat (with vegan options available). John has all but one wine in his possession. Lynne's about to start work on slides after a couple phone chats with Eric. Lots of work still to be done but proceeding okay at this point. Pouring wines in three flights. Volunteers needed: **Check in** – Scott. **Prepour** – Matt. **Pouring Wines** – John, Stevie, Barry.

- **Board Selections** – Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Hilton Harrisburg. **Action Item: ALL presenters** – please send Scott tasting notes for your wine and any ratings so that he can write September newsletter article prior to deadline. **Action Item:** Each person presenting a wine(s) to print own one page handout at home to save event cost. Scott shared clarification of the Board Selections bottle cost reimbursement cap.

**MOTION 3:** Scott Casper moved to increase reimbursement up to \$31.80 per bottle (includes price plus tax). Matt Point seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee** – Consensus for Robyn Meadows and Lynne Beeson to manage Nominations for fall 2025 elections with neither of their positions likely to be contested.

**Membership** – Question if anyone joined after Friday's event with 10 nonmembers in attendance. Noted that two guests expressed interest in email to treasurer Saturday morning, but have not followed through. Suggestion to have larger differential between member and nonmember. Criticism that larger differential may keep people away. Suggestion that people in today's world hesitate to make commitments, decisions, etc. and so membership may fall due to that. Consensus to focus on attendance versus membership and leave pricing as if for the time being – at least until a new year.

#### **New Business**

No new business presented.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION 4:** Recommending and hearing no objections, Robyn Meadows, President, adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 7:28 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.**