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Valley of the Moon Dilettante Enological Society Newsletter July, 2007

President: Jack Bertram, 938-2310

Secretary/Treasurer: Doug Ghiselin, 996-8967

Vice President & Winemaster: Vickie Scharnicow, 933-4400

Meeting of July 12, 2007

President Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:30. We had 15 members present and two guests.

Old Business:

1. The 2007 Celebration Committee reported that they are moving along quite nicely. Wine submitted for judging must be delivered to the Wine Exchange NLT August 15th. Members wishing to pour at the Celebration should get their "pourer's form" submitted to Chris ASAP. We can use a few more auction items. Members were encouraged to solicit auction items. Ghiselin noted that only a few club members have submitted the form regarding their participation in the 2007 Celebration. Form is attached.

2.. The audit committee, consisting of Al Miotich (chairman), Bill Harris and Mitchell Shapiro, has not met

3. Rich Brooks suggested at our March meeting that the club may want to embark on a community service venture wherein we place collection barrels at various locations and encourage folks to drop off donations of food and clothing for the Vineyard Workers Services. Rich was not present to report the outcome of discussions with Ms. Kemp, Board Chair of Vineyard Workers Services. Subject will be held in abeyance pending report from Rich.

New Business:

1. We held a discussion regarding a proposal to have "Wine Making Workshops" at member's homes. The purpose would be to see what others are doing and perhaps discuss a problem and how one of our members had solved it. A thought was that we would try to get industry wine makers and cellar managers involved in these workshops. Item will be discussed further at our next meeting.

2. Chris Kukshel volunteered to rework our web site. He will do so in conjunction with our web site manager and will send draft proposals to the officers.

Treasurers Report

We have a balance of \$2279.22

VOMDES Calendar

Aug. Business meeting. Appoint Christmas Party committee.

Sept/Oct/Nov. Business meeting

Dec. Christmas party.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY MEMBERS

1. Member Silvano Payne reported that he has purchased a new tractor. Silvano's son and the new tractor are available for hire. Cost of services to be determined considering the job. Call Silvano at 939-9306.
2. Member Doug Ghiselin announced that he again has new bottles for sale. They are Bordeaux style (for use with Zinfandel, Cabernet, Merlot, etc) and the color is brown. Take delivery now for \$6 a case. \$7 a case after August 1st.

