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Valley of the Moon Dilettante Enological Society Newsletter June, 2007

President: Jack Bertram, 938-2310

Secretary/Treasurer: Doug Ghiselin, 996-8967

Vice President & Winemaster: Vickie Scharnicow, 933-4400

Meeting of June 14, 2007

President Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:30. We had 25+ members present. New member Brian Eagle was welcomed.

Old Business:

1. After much discussion at the November meeting, it was moved, seconded and approved that we would send a letter to the Vintage Festival Committee advising them that the club would not be coordinating this Home Winemakers Competition in 2007 and beyond. The club voted to hold a wine competition in conjunction with the 2007 Home Winemakers Celebration. President Bertram stated that the letter had been sent to the Vintage Festival Committee.

2. The 2007 Celebration Committee reported that they are having a little difficulty lining up judges for the wine competition. Also, 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 Information form regarding their participation in the 2007 Celebration. Ghiselin passed out forms at the meeting. Form is also attached.

3. Member Ghiselin reported that the check had been presented to Elizabeth Kemp, Board Chair of Vineyard Workers Services and an article had been sent to the local papers requesting publication.

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

5. 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. Annual Picnic: We are late in establishing a committee for this year. After discussion, it was decided that we would not have a picnic this year and hold one next year in the late May early June timeframe in an effort to find more suitable weather.

Treasurers Report

We have a balance of \$1886.22

VOMDES Calendar

July Business meeting.

Aug. Business meeting. Appoint Christmas Party committee.

Sept/Oct/Nov. Business meeting

Dec. Christmas party.

Speaker: Vicki Scharnikow led us through a very structured and interesting demonstration of pairing food and wine. Attached are the handouts provided by Vicki. Vicki's presentation was very well received.

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.

