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Valley of the Moon Dilettante Enological Society Newsletter March, 2008

President: Jack Bertram, 938-2310

Secretary/Treasurer: Doug Ghiselin, 996-8967

Vice President & Winemaster: Vickie Scharnicow, 933-4400

Meeting of March 13, 2008

President Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:36. We had 30 members present.

Old Business:

1. Treasurer Ghiselin reported that the final net from the October Home Winemakers Celebration was \$18,254. A ceremonial check was given to the Boosters. The date for next year's Celebration is October 11th. Members voted to continue our relationship with the Sonoma Valley High School Boosters. Annie Falandes' proposal that we include "Home Winemaker's Camps" as auction items next year will be developed in more detail as we proceed with planning for the 2008 Celebration. Chris Kukshel reported that the McLains had "stuffed the envelopes" and mailed out over 200 requests for donations for this year's event. The issue of multiple wine competitions was not discussed. Chris Kukshel has the task of addressing the issue of multiple wine competitions with Vintage Festival folks. This action is ongoing.

2. Bobbie Collins was not present to make a report of her audit of our accounting.

3. The task of evaluating our meeting format was not discussed. At a previous meeting, Chris Kukshel accepted the task of looking into expanding the membership and determining if our current meeting format is what the members want. At the July meeting 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. Chris will include this issue in his tasking.

4. Ghiselin reported that the Home Winemakers Conference to be held in Rohnert Park was sold out, but that VOMDES would have a table at the wine tasting on Friday night, May 16th. Members interested in pouring should send an email to Doug at ghiselin@vom.com. The conference will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Rohnert Park. Both the conference and the wine competition are being put together by Wine Maker Magazine.

5. President Bertram, as well as members in attendance, noted that our participation in the "Spit the Pit" event went very well and was well received by attendees, many of whom were excited about our 2008 Celebration scheduled in October.

New Business

1. Ghiselin went over several pieces of correspondence received since last meeting. They included a thank you note from Three House Multimedia for our participation in "Spit the Pit". Also noted was the Amateur Wine Competition to be held as part of the Sonoma-Marin Fair. See encl.

2. President Bertram noted that a nominating committee consisting of past presidents would be assembled to develop a slate of officers for next year. Any one interested in being an officer should email Ghiselin, ghiselin@vom.com, letting their interest be known. A slate of proposed officers will be presented to the membership at our April meeting.

Treasurers Report

1. Ghiselin reported that we have a balance of \$2731.04. This total includes \$1146 that was generated at the Christmas party.

Speaker

Our speaker was Barbara Clemintino, President of the SVHS Boosters Club. She thanked us for our support from the last two Celebrations and was elated to hear that we would continue our efforts this year. She discussed the many activities that the Boosters support. Please see enclosed. The Boosters have been in existence for 25 years, is a 501.c (3) organization with nearly a \$300,000 budget.

VOMDES Calendar

Apr. Business meeting. Install new officers. Appoint picnic and winery visit committees.
May Winery Visit
June Business meeting
July Annual picnic
Aug Business meeting. Appoint Christmas Party committee.
Sept/Oct/Nov Business meeting
Dec Christmas party.

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Bordeaux style bottles, \$7 a case. Contact Doug at 996-8967

