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Valley of the Moon Dilettante Enological Society Newsletter October/November, 2006

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Meeting of November 9, 2006

President Muscardini called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.. We had an overflow crowd of members and guests. All attributed to the success of our Home Winemakes Celebration. Six new members joined.

Old Business:

1. Discussions took place with respect to our future participation with the Vintage Festival and the Home Winemakers competition. Members Dennis Przybycien and Annie Falandes were co-chairs for the event this year. Dennis discussed their efforts with respect to the event. He noted several issues with which he was not totally satisfied. Dennis presented metals to those present who had won but had not received their metals. There were insufficient metals to present metals to all winners. Dennis also provided judges notes to those present. After much discussion, 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 event in 2007 and beyond. The club voted to hold a wine competition in conjunction with the 2007 Home Winemakers Celebration.

2. President Muscardini discussed the Home Winemakers Celebration. He noted that the event had been a huge success, acknowledged those who worked on the event, and thanked them for their effort. Secretary/Treasurer Ghiselin provided a financial accounting of the event and noted that we grossed \$16,954, had expenses of \$1286.03 and therefore the

Sonoma High School Boosters Association will receive \$15,667.97 from this event. Ghiselin noted that there were two outstanding auction items that may reduce this accounting by \$240. Tracey Walker from the Boosters and Vicki Scharnikow will coordinate a photo op at the Swiss Hotel for the presentation of the proceeds. The Club and the Boosters are committed to a Home Winemakers Celebration in 2007. Organizing committees will be assigned in January.

3. There was no update discussion regarding the vineyard at the Vallejo Home. Item will be held open. Committee to pursue this item is Dennis Przybycien(chair), Ghiselin, Trotta and Carroll are committee members.

4. The Christmas party will be held at the Herrick's Barn on Sunday, Dec 10th. Midge Herrick is coordinating this event and will ask for help when needed. Bobbie Collins will coordinate the silent auction and Carole McLain will coordinate the raffle. See box below for details. Time was adjusted from that which was established at the meeting to accommodate the caterer and our host.

New Business

1. Al Milotich is looking for club members who would like to join in a group purchase of shrink on capsules. Call him at 933-9963 if interested.

2. Al Milotich is also in need of 15 gallons of Zinfandel. Call him if you can help with either juice or grapes.

Treasurers Report

We have a balance of \$2322.62

VOMDES Calendar

Dec. Holiday Party

Holiday Party is December 10th at the Herrick's Barn

Cocktails and Appetizers at 6. Dinner at 7.

Choice of

Beef Tenderloin seared with lavender and rosemary, with fig and pomegranate butter

or

Sea Bass seared with citrus and coriander, with tomato saffron sauce

and

Mushroom and roast cipollini onion risotto and fall greens

Dessert Buffet

Send you reservation (\$50 per person) to VOMDES, 300 Moon Mountain Road, Sonoma, CA 95476

Please get your reservation in by December 1st.

Be sure to bring three bottles of your homemade wine for the raffle and something for the silent auction

