

BEWBC Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2017 at 6:30PM

Attendance: Fred Mazzitelli, Alexey Smirnov, Kevin Neal, Mike Doherty, Laraine Volpe, Joe Sikora, Joe Enright, Steve Foisie, Mark Emiley, Elena Smirnova, Marty Weisman, Joe Mirowski

Call to Order and review of Action Items: No action items from previous meeting. Fred presented Mark Emiley with a \$100 gift card to Amazon for his work and dedication to updating the BEWBC Website.

Website Report: Mark reported that the website is ready for membership enrollment and the only decision needed was for the board to finalize the membership rate for 2017. There was a proposal of \$35 and \$25 for retirees which was unanimously agreed to by the Board. Mark updated the Website during the meeting.

- **Action Item 1:** Laraine to draft note to send the membership notifying them that they can renew on the website. She will send to Fred for review prior to sending it out to the membership.

Treasurer Report: Kevin presented the proposed 2017 budget and the following revisions were identified:

1. Lower WineFest budget to \$400
2. Remove the Winter Social from the budget
3. Revise the Monthly Beer Events to 6 @ \$100 each
4. Zero out budget for the Summer and Winter Social
5. Remove the Misc Other from the budget
6. Add budget line for Website and fund \$120 for 2017
7. Revise Exec Board meetings to 6 at \$70.

Board agreed that the budget deficit for 2017 to be funded from current reserves. Based on 2017 performance, we may have to get more aggressive on expenses to balance budget.

- **Action Item 2:** Kevin will revise/update the budget and route via email for approval.

Grape Procurement Report: Joe Enright reported that the grape procurement held an initial meeting this year and should be ready to begin open enrollment in about a week.

- **Action Item 3:** Joe to work with Mark to finalize the website update so that the open enrollment can be announced.
- **Action Item 4:** Joe to work with Steve on email message that will be sent to announce open enrollment and deadline for Corvus Cabernet.

Membership Report: No report this month and 2017 membership to be reported next month.

Wine Meeting Proposal: Joe S. has worked with Brad who has agreed to host the following meetings at his winery (with the option to back out if unavailable, not convenient when meeting date is close):

- Jan 26 – Spanish Varietals – Spain and Washington
 - March 16 (March Madness)
 - May 18
 - Sept 7
 - Nov 9 (Holiday Wines – Haynes Arnett)
- **Action Item 5:** Joe to work with Steve and others to finalize meeting schedule so that we can post on the calendar

Communication Report: No Report but Fred took the action to discuss with Dennis, Marty or Kathryn about the possibility of being a press editor for our new website.

- **Action Item 6:** Fred to reach out to Dennis, Kathryn or Marty about being the press editor for new website

Equipment: No report, but Fred encouraged Joe Mirowski to work on getting a note out to the membership asking who might be storing club equipment at their homes, so that we can compile that, along with the items in our storage facilities, and have a complete inventory of our equipment. It would also allow members to know where they can go when they need to check out equipment. The checkout process will be incorporated into the web site.

- **Action Item 7:** Joe to begin to compile inventory of all Club equipment.

WineFest Report: Alexey to work with Dennis and Paige to identify a date for 2017 WineFest

- **Action Item 8:** Alexey to identify date for WineFest

Other Actions:

- **Action Item 9** Fred to contact Dave Yingling about posting the big green press for sale.

Next Meeting: Fred to send out date for our next meeting

Parking Lot:

1. By-Laws need to be updated and then presented to the club membership for a vote (which is a requirement).
2. Need to continue discussion on wine appreciation and education. The club originally started with the goal of wine appreciation and or education and need to explore doing more activities such as wine tastings trips.

Elected Officers:

President	Fred Mazzitelli
VP – Wine	Alexey Smirnov
VP – Beer	Mark Emiley
Treasurer	Kevin Neal
Secretary	Mike Doherty

Committee Chairs/Other:

Membership	Laraine Volpe
Grape Procurement	Joe Enright and Tom Wiitala (co-chairs)
Wine Activities	Joe Sikora (more specifically “Wine Meetings”)
Beer Activities	Mark Emiley
Education	Steve Foisie
Equipment	Joe Mirowski
Communication/Web	Marty Weisman
Board Member at Large	Kathryn Chalfan
Board Member at Large	Dennis Campbell
Kent Equipment Manager	Paul Woodward (Equipment Committee)