



Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2016

Roll Call:

Present: Miller, Lutes, Brengman, Anthony, Petzold, Trelor, Moersch, Lesperance, Hosmer, Clark, Smith, Nedbalek

Absent: Berger, Casey

Call to Order:

Dave Miller

Approval of Minutes 4/28/16:

Move to approve by Petzold, 2nd by Lesperance – Approved unanimously

Update on progress of filing Articles of Incorporation / IRS paperwork:

The filing of Articles of Incorporation / IRS paperwork is moving forward. Tom Smith is working on filling in the paperwork, from the State of Michigan's website, to complete the filing. The document requires a registered name and address. Brian Lesperance as Secretary will be the registered name and the registered address will be 6130 122nd Ave., Fennville, MI 49408. Tom is sending a copy to Dave Miller and then is going to have John Scott review it. Once the draft is approved, the paperwork will be sent via FedEx or UPS to Dave Miller for a signature, who will then send it on to be signed by the next Board Member, and then on to another member, until all required signatures have been captured.. A minimum of three board members must sign the Articles of Incorporation. The filing fee is \$20.00. The MWF can write the check. Tom Smith is willing to physically deliver the paperwork to the state. After the Articles of Incorporation are filed, the IRS paperwork for the 501C6 can be drafted and filed. Matt Moersch asked for clarification between the 501C3 and the 501C6. Liesl Clark and Tom Smith explained it to his satisfaction.

Membership Committee Report:

There was much discussion on how to structure the Membership and the dues. A three tiered level of membership was suggested by Dave Anthony that could apply to not only the wineries, but also to the growers and supplier/vendor members. Non-voting individual rates were also brought up. After much discussion, it was decided that the Membership Committee should draft a proposal for the board to consider. Matt Moersch, Jon Trelor, and Robert Brengman will work on the draft.

Finance Committee Report:

Lee Lutes is going to get a balance of the MWC account from Liz Berger and work up a rough concept of a budget. He will work with Liz to transfer the funds into a MWC checking account.

Communication Committee Report:

Brian Lesperance will email the group with information of where to send any monies due to get current. Once all members are current, the official vote for the Board Members can take place.

The communication committee will work on a "Rack Card" for the MWC, that includes "talking points", and information on how to become a member. Once a bank account has been opened, he will modify the website to allow organizations and/or individuals who want to join the MWC, to sign up and pay their dues online.

Research and Education Committee:

Dave Miller has been asked to write a Letter of Support for a Grant to procure a Flash Detente' unit. For further information please visit the following website:

<http://www.dtpacific.com/latest-news/thermovinification>

Motion to approve by Dave Anthony and after Tom Petzold asked that the letter indicate that no single commercial entity to have control over the machinery that it be available to everyone he 2nd the motion. Lee Lutes abstained.

Tom Petzold would like to see 6 - 10 members on the Research & Education Committee.

Sustainability Committee:

Matt Moersch has been talking with MAEAP regarding sustainability. He also brought up Senate Bill 929 which is proposing among other things to remove the monies brought in through wholesale sales from the Grape & Wine Council and put them into the General Fund.

Other Business:

Tom Smith invited the members of the MWC to participate and perhaps sponsor a Turkish wine tasting with Turkish winemakers on June 9th in Lansing. He thinks that it could be a great opportunity to get the MWCs name out and to perhaps tie a membership drive to it. It would also be a good chance to have a face to face board meeting. Dave Anthony agreed that it would be good to publicly recognize the dispute that the winegrowers and winemakers of Turkey are having with the Turkish government.

Adjourn:

11:12 am.

Next meeting will be a conference call on Thursday May 19, 2016 at 10:00am.