



Conference Call Meeting Minutes for Thursday June, 22, 2017

- 1) Call to Order:
 - a. **Motion to bring meeting to order: Miller**

- 2) Roll Call
 - a. Board Present: Miller, Moersch, Lesperance, Lutes, Hosmer, Anthony, Petzold, Nitz, Shay, Youngblood. Public Present: Smith, Ural, Bush, Wenk.
 - b. Board Absent: Excused: Briggs. Unexcused: Brengman, Treloar.
 - c. Board Resigned: Casey
 - i. Miller: Shannon Casey resigned as of June 21, 2017.
 1. According to the MWC Bylaws Article IV, Section 8 -**Vacancies: When a vacancy on the board exists mid-term, the secretary must receive nominations for new members from present board members two weeks in advance of a board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to board members with the regular board meeting announcement, to be voted upon at the next board meeting. These vacancies will be filled only to the end of the particular board member's term.**
 - a. All nominations are to be sent to Brian Lesperance by July 6, 2017. The board will vote at the next board meeting, July 20, 2017.

- 3) Approval of minutes from May 18, 2017 meeting
 - a. **Motion to tentatively approve the May 18, 2017 minutes with edits as suggested: Lesperance, Second: Petzold. Motion passed.** Any edits must be submitted by end of day June 23, 2017.

- 4) Committee reports:
 - a. Grants / Funding / Legislation:
 - i. Recap PA 232 information meeting with MSU / MDARD on May 22, 2017
 1. Miller: Minutes from the meeting are posted on Basecamp.
 2. General discussion on how to explain the program to growers and to explore interest. **Motion to send a mailing out to all producers and growers outlining how our operation runs, introducing them to the MWC board member in their district, and setting up meetings in each district to discuss PA 232 and other topics of interest This mailing will be sent out in late fall after harvest: Anthony, Second: Hosmer. Motion passed.**
 - ii. Legislation: Pending legislation for MI Craft Beverage Council - seek board support for MWC to be actively involved in crafting language that is beneficial to wine industry



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1. Discussion to take place after this meeting. (There are notes posted on Basecamp.)
 - b. Sustainability:
 - i. Moersch: Monthly meetings are ongoing. Thanks to Jess Youngblood and Peter Laing for carrying the project forward. Pens and T-shirts with the GLWSA logo have been ordered and received. He will approach a grant writer to begin drafting a grant for the next fiscal year. Lesperance to put a list of members on the sustainability page on the MWC website.
 - c. Membership:
 - i. Shay: Will work to make sure that the membership committee goals are in alignment to what has been written into the grant. Youngblood: We are aiming to recruit 200 members by the end of the grant.
 - d. Research / Education:
 - i. Petzold: Would like to actively pursue proposals and concepts of apprenticeships by making it a serious topic for the Research and Education Committee. Miller: A conference call should be put on the calendar later in the summer to discuss the topic.
 - e. Communications:
 - i. Lesperance: Nothing new to report at this time.
 - f. Finance:
 - i. Lutes: There is an approximate balance of \$18,850.00 in both accounts.
- 5) VESTA National Summit recap and action items impacting industry.
 - a. Apprenticeship programs for the wine and grape industry
 - i. Smith: VESTA has been working with an apprenticeship program since 2014. MCW has the opportunity to be a program leader on a National level. Petzold: We need to differentiate between internships and apprenticeships. Bush: The DoL is interested in working with an apprenticeship program in our industry.
 - ii. Tom Petzold has posted a Powerpoint presentation on Basecamp outlining some basic concepts on an apprenticeship program. This should be the basis for a conversation among R/E Committee and the BoD for such a program for the wine industry in Michigan.
 - b. Request for IAT planning meeting with MWC about promoting/marketing Ag Tech Viticulture program and other educational program needs of the industry.
 - i. Smith: Randy Showerman would like to meet with Brian Matchett and Stacey Rocklin, members of the MWC R/E Committee and himself to talk about



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education and training needs, including apprenticeships. (There is a posting on Basecamp with proposed dates and times for those interested.)

6) Other Business:

- a. Shay: Please utilize the calendar on basecamp to post meetings. Members can also be emailed to remind them about meetings via the calendar.
- b. Smith: Miller's interview with Nicole Heslip (Brownfield Ag News) should be posted on Facebook and a link to it should be put on our website.

7) Next meeting / conference call

- a. Next meeting will be on **Thursday July 20th at 10:00 am.**

8) Adjourn :

- a. **Motion to adjourn Miller, Second: Lesperance. Adjourned 11:06am.**