

**OREGON WINEGROWERS' ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2006**

Attendees: Kevin Chambers (Outgoing President, Incoming Secretary), Earl Jones (Outgoing Secretary), Steve Girard (Outgoing Vice President, Incoming President), David Adelsheim, Casey McClellan (Treasurer), Kara Olmo (Incoming Vice President), Lee Mankin, Pat Dudley, Jess Lyon

Guest: Laura Burgess from USDA NASS, Jason Lett from The Eyrie Vineyards and Black Cap, Jason Eckenroth and Jeff Carroll from Six88 Solutions, LLC.

Staff: Ted Farthing (Executive Director), Stephany Boettner, Sara Gourley

Call to Order

Girard called the OWA meeting to order at 9:00am.

Officer Election

Jones moved, Chambers seconded to nominate and elect the following officers for the 2007 calendar year: Girard as President, Olmo as Vice President, Chambers as Secretary, and McClellan as Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Approval

Jones moved, Chambers seconded to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2006 Oregon Winegrowers' Association meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Labeling Regulation Proposal

Chambers moved, Jones seconded to approve the labeling proposal as written with the exception of removing the use of the "champagne method." Motion passed unanimously.

Barrel Capitalization Options

The Oregon Department of Revenue proposed a new oak barrel depreciation schedule which was presented at the December 2006 Board retreat. The Board agreed to create the following task force to calculate numbers and work through the issue: Jack Irvine, Casey McClellan, and Steve Girard.

Jones moved, Chambers seconded to pursue the oak wine barrels to be treated as exempt from personal property taxation to the brink of litigation and report to the Board a go-forward plan with guidelines of what litigation would entail. In favor: Mankin, Girard, Chambers, Jones, Olmo. Opposed: Adelsheim. Abstained: Dudley. Motion passed.

Vineyard Farm Dwellings

At this point the Board will table the issue of vineyard farm dwellings.

Value Added Services

Online presentation of Ship Compliant by Jason Eckenroth and Jeff Carroll from Six88 Solutions, LLC.

Jones moved, Chambers seconded that OWA make Ship Compliant part of the OWA program as an added benefit to OWA members. Motion passed unanimously.

Girard recessed the OWA meeting at 11:23am.

Girard reconvened the OWA meeting at 11:39am.

Jason Lett presented the Board with a letter addressed to Oregon State Senator Floyd Prozanski regarding Measure 37. The letter gives an overview of the Oregon wine industry, and expresses concern and support to temporarily suspend Measure 37 until the ambiguities of the Measure are addressed.

Adelsheim moved, Dudley seconded that the OWA Board endorse this letter on the condition that our legal counsel and lobbyist review the letter prior to presenting it to Senator Floyd Prozanski. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Farthing presented the July – November 2006 Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet reports. From July – November 2006 the amount of dues received were under the projected forecast. Spending was cut accordingly. During the month of December 2006 OWA dues increased significantly. The Board suggested sending a letter to the industry informing that the OWA has survived its difficult financial time and thanks for their support and all new members.

Girard recessed the OWA at 12:11pm.

Girard reconvened the OWA meeting at 12:56.

OWA Liability Insurance

Farthing reported on and the board discussed OWA's current liability coverage. Currently the OWA does not carry liquor liability coverage. Board agreed we should pursue the coverage Farthing recommended, which gives the organization \$1M in liquor liability for a lower premium than we pay today.

Girard recessed the OWA meeting at 1:02pm

Girard adjourned the OWA meeting at 4:17pm.