

OUTER COASTAL PLAIN VINEYARD ASSOCIATION
Minutes of 5/2/19 quarterly meeting

The second quarterly meeting of the OCPVA was held at Bellview Winery on Thursday May 2, 2019 at 6PM. The president, Jim Quarella called the meeting to order at that time.

The minutes of the first quarter meeting were approved and accepted.

Dave Davis gave the **Treasurer's report** in which he advised that the bank balance as of the last statement was \$23,017. There are several bills to be paid and also some receivables that are not reflected in that balance. After including those the approximate net treasury amount is \$23,120 as of this date. Dave also reported that the current membership for 2019 is 41 full members, 7 associate members and 4 industry members for a total of 52.

Dante Romanini reported that a letter will be going out by mail to all members to thank them for joining for 2019 and informing them of the benefits of membership.

Italian Varieties Committee. Reports were given on the imported Italian varieties by Jim Quarella, Larry Coia and Dan Ward. Approximately 620 ECO1 (F1P9) and 60 ECO3 were received from Double A Vineyards and have been planted in several members' vineyards. Larry and Dan distributed a grower's brochure and forms for the tracking of these vines which the members will provide. Jim reported that more bud wood was sent to Double A in addition to what they have grown for grafting vines for 2020 plantings. As of now there are tentative orders for approximately 6000 vines for next year. Jim also reported that we have received the fully executed license from FEM for the propagation and sale of the vines in the US. Growers who have planted these vines this year should receive a reimbursement of approximately \$2.50 per vine from the grant OCPVA has obtained for that purpose.

Coeur d'Est Committee. A call was put out for any members interested in participating in this year's program.

Membership Committee. Joe Procopio reported on his efforts to promote the association through social media. He asked that members provide info to him that can be posted on Instagram. A note will go out to all members to remind them of this.

Dan Ward discussed the current the new Rutgers Pest Control Recommendations for Grapes for 2019 and distributed copies of it. It will also be available as an extension bulletin online. Hemant Gohil reminded members of the Twilight extension meeting to be held at

William Heritage Winery on May 22. Dan also discussed the availability of the new book he and Larry Coia have authored on New Jersey wine grape varieties. There was a discussion on how it could be distributed in various ways. It will eventually become an extension bulletin and available on the Rutgers website.

Al Natali reported on the State Ag Board activities and mentioned that the new grants prepared by Larry Coia and George Kelly have been tentatively approved.

There was a general discussion about the current season. In particular, there was information provided by Al Natali and Mark Hernandez regarding recent DEP inspections and what they are generally interested in.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next meeting (3rd quarter) will be held on Thursday August 1, 2019.