

OUTER COASTAL PLAIN VINEYARD ASSOCIATION
Minutes of 8/1/19, 3rd quarter meeting and board meeting

Board Meeting: Prior to the general membership meeting, the Board of Trustees held a meeting of the board to discuss the status of grants and the use of funds related thereto.

General Membership Meeting: The third quarterly meeting of the OCPVA was held at Bellview Winery on Thursday August 1, 2019 at 6PM. Jim Quarella called the meeting to order and the minutes of the first quarter meeting were approved and accepted. Jim also gave the **Treasurer's report**. The bank balance as of the last statement was \$25,202 most of which are restricted funds related to grants the association has received.

Italian Varieties Committee. Reports were given on the imported Italian varieties by Jim Quarella, Larry Coia and Dan Ward. Double A Vineyards and Nursery provided about 400 vines this year and it is anticipated that several thousand may be available for planting in 2020. Larry and Dan reported that there was some winter damage on the vines planted last year at RAREC. It is believed that the damage may be related to the severe pruning of those vines in late winter to gather budwood to be sent to Double A for grafting of vines for next year's plantings. This was supported by the fact that other plantings of the ECO1 which were not heavily pruned did not show the same level of damage. There are orders for about 6000 vines for next year.

Grower Information. Dan Ward and Hemant Gohil discussed the grape camp which was recently held at RAREC. Hemant also advised that there will be upcoming meetings by RAREC focused on growing specific varieties. Dan also discussed the availability of the new book he and Larry Coia have authored on New Jersey wine grape varieties.

Seasonal Grower Discussion. There was a lively general discussion about the current growing season. In particular, there was information provided about growing degree days and the current issues related to downy mildew which has been a problem this year. There were also discussions about insect pests, in particular, the spotted lantern fly.

Tasting. There was a tasting wine made from the Italian variety Casseta which was made from RAREC plantings by Bellview Winery. There was also a tasting of red wines provided by Dustin Tarpine of Cedar Rose Vineyard.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next meeting (4th quarter) will be held on Thursday November 7, 2019.