

OUTER COASTAL PLAIN VINEYARD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of 6/3/21 Quarterly Meeting

Members Present: See attached list.

The meeting was held at Autumn Lake Winery and was called to order at 6:30 PM by Don Romanini. Don asked everyone to introduce themselves, as there were some new members present.

Financial Report: Jules reported that OCPVA has \$32,310 in its account. The only bill is for \$11.00 on the credit card. We have collected \$6,075 in dues, which represents most of our income. Our net income for the year is \$76; we have paid three rather large bills this year: our D & O insurance, the remainder of the website design fee and attorney fees for trademark work.

Membership: 33 full members have paid their 2021 dues; also 5 associates, 3 friends and 4 industry members have joined. 3 members have not paid yet; one, Casabon Farms, has been sold to new owners Jeana and Nelson Valles, who were welcomed to the group.

Frank Salek Memorial: Larry C reported that a plaque had been purchased and placed on the OCPVA grating machine which is located at the Rutgers Centerton site as a memorial to Frank. A picture of the plaque was included in the recent newsletter. He said that the board had decided to hold an annual lecture in Franks' memory. He thought the first one might be about grafting vines, a good topic since Frank was an expert. Don said that Frank grafted all his own vines and was a mentor to the early wine grape growers in southern New Jersey.

Italian Varieties: Larry C gave an update on the Italian varieties: San Marco™ and Trentina™. 4,000 vines have been sold to date; there are about 2,000 vines available for planting at Double A vineyards. The contract with Foundation Edmund Mach provides for a license fee on each vine sold; half of the fee remits to them, and half OCP. The pinot gris virus has not affected the health of the vines; and that last year's crop of the two varieties was very good, in spite of a difficult growing season. Larry said so far only one of 1,500 San Marco vines has shown evidence of the pinot gris virus. Symptoms should show up during the first or second year of growth; these vines are three years old. Data about the Italian vines (such as sites and acres planted) must be collected to get the names approved.

Grants: Two grant applications were submitted this spring; both were funded. Larry C said that the Wine Industry Council will fund \$5,150 for the establishment of NJ growing sites for four varieties: San Marco™, Trentina™, Casetta and F13P7. Larry said vineyards across the state will be selected as growing sites for twenty vines. Information will be gathered from growers about the growth and yields to assess how the vines grow in diverse areas of New Jersey.

The second grant, for \$13,900, was approved by the Specialty Crop Grant Program. The money will be used to hold two seminars, one at Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Centerton and one at the Center in Pittstown. Wine grape growers and wine industry influencers will be invited to learn more about grape varieties that grow well in the state, and to sample wines produced here in a tasting event. The grant covers 2021-23. A good deal of planning will be required to implement the seminars.

Coeur d'Est: Don told the group that the American Wine Society will hold its national meeting in Atlantic

City in November, and it will focus on NJ wines. Larry Sharrott will be speaking about Coeur d’Est. This will be a great opportunity to showcase NJ wines. Lou offered to contact the Garden State Winegrowers about funding for an OCP booth at the meeting.

Don said that the board discussed fee that members had to pay \$500 to produce Coeur d’Est at its recent meeting and agreed that members should not have to pay a fee, but nonmembers should pay a \$150 fee. They thought it would be incentive for wineries to join OCPVA. There is a contract that producers must sign, and Don will review the contract and revise it to reflect this change. He emphasized that OCP fruit must be used to make the wine. Some changes to the bylaws will also be needed. Don will send a draft to board members.

Website: Karen told the members that the board had authorized some additional work on the website. A Vineyard Only page will be added, with information about growers who would like to sell their grapes.

Other Business: Members discussed the spotted lantern fly. Some reported that the state had brought dogs to the vineyard to sniff out infestations. Rutgers has set up traps at some locations. Jules recommended spraying when 20-25 nymphs are on a vine.

Meeting Venues: Having future meetings at various member sites was proposed; everyone liked this idea. It was agreed that locations that provide refreshments for meetings would receive a \$100 stipend for doing so. Dustin offered to have the next meeting at Cedar Rose Vineyards. The meeting date will be: **August 4th at 6:30.**

Last Name	First Name	Organization
Ashenfelter	Orley & Tracey	Ashenfelter Vineyards
Becker	Steven	Cedar Rose Vineyards
Coia	Larry	Coia Vineyards
Corsiglia	Wayne	Corsiglia Vineyards
Donnini	Jules	Auburn Road Vineyard
Hernandez	Mark	Autumn Lake Winery
Kelly	George	Volin Kelly Vineyards
Marr	Tedd & Jeanette	TASO Vineyards
Martin	Dan	HDJ Vineyards
Natali	Al	Natali Vineyards
Procopio	Joe	Corsiglia Vineyards
Romanini	Don	Panther Branch Vineyard
Simers	Gar	White Horse Winery
Spadea	Michael	Spadea Vineyard

Talarico	Karen	OCPVA
Tarpine	Dustin	Cedar Rose Vineyards
Viereck	Joel & Brianna	
Volin	Melissa	Volin Kelly Vineyards
Ward	Dan	Rutgers
Caraciolo	Lou	Almathea Cellars
Boyle	Brendan	Autumn Lake Winery
Valles	Nelson & Jeana	Valles Vineyards
Hatton	Shaun	Autumn Lake Winery