

**OUTER COASTAL PLAIN VINEYARD ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of 2-15-23 quarterly meeting**

The quarterly meeting of the OCPVA was held at Autumn Lake Winery on Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 6PM. Board Chairperson Joe Procopio called the meeting to order and the minutes of the November meeting were approved and accepted.

**Treasurer's report**

Jules told the members that the bank account has a balance of \$53,004. This amount includes the Wine Industry Council Grant of \$20,500. Karen reported that \$1,100 in dues had been collected to date. Invoices were sent by mail to all members. Saddle Hill Winery received and invitation letter and a request for dues as well.

**Couer d'Est**

The CdE event, which was the first step in the grant process was successful. Don will distribute the agreement to produce CdE to interested wineries. Once signed the first payments will be sent.

**Board Election**

There are four seats up for reelection to the board. Don and Mark will run again; Larry S and George will not. Members were asked to reach out to colleagues to invite them to consider joining the board. A vote was taken for two of the seats, and Don and Mark were elected.

**Italian Varieties**

Double A needs about 20,000 buds to create the number of vines needed for San Marco for 2024. There were requests for 4,000 vines for 2023, but only 2,000 are available. Budwood should be delivered to Autumn Lake and Mark will have it shipped to Double A. The additional Italian varieties are still in development, and would not be available for years.

**GSWGA report**

Devon would like two bottles of CdE from all wineries who produce it. The board agreed that the wineries will be paid for the wine with the marketing funds in the WIC grant. She will use it at marketing events to highlight the exclusive blend. She also talked about the effort to get NJ wines to Italy. GSWGA has a wine ambassador who will go to Italy with the NJ EDA. Devon would also like to have a large table at the Eastern WineExpo to pour NJ wines. Larry Coia has said that he will be there to pour; another person is needed for a one hour shift.

**New Administrator**

Kelly McGuire was introduced as the new Administrator for the OCPVA. She will be working with Karen over the next few weeks to assure a smooth transition.

### **SCBG grant**

OCPVA has until September 2024 to hold the two seminars approved by this grant. Tentative dates of November 9, 2023, and February 8, 2024 were proposed. Dan Ward will check on the availability of facilities at Rutgers.

### **Committees**

Joe suggested setting up committees:

SCBG grant—Larry Coia, Dan Ward

Membership—to be revisited

Training—Dan Ward will reach out to Rutgers personnel for topics

### **NJ Wine Grapes Book**

Dan brought boxes of the second printing of the book to the meeting. Devon took 10 copies to her office, and said she hoped to set up a book signing event. Karen took 10 and Jim took the remaining boxes to Bellview for storage. The price of the book will remain \$29.95 (\$20 to members) because it is printed on the book.

### **Newsletter**

Topics for the next newsletter include: SF wine competition awards; Wine Expo; CdE event; Mark articles (lantern fly and Italian varieties); Judgment of Princeton anniversary; Modtek recycling.

### **Dan Ward updates**

Grape Expectations has some great topics this year: ground cover in the vineyard and the pinot gris virus for example. The Grape/Wine Certificate course will be offered again this year. Camden County is expanding its vineyards; they have 120 acres available for planting at their Lakeland campus.

### **Labels**

Jim told the meeting that Modtek, a Pennsauken company that makes labels, will accept the label backing for recycling. After the meeting, Jim confirmed that they would take any label backing as long as it is free of labels. The backing can be dropped off at Bellview.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.