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Debra Sommerfield, President

**Lake County Winegrape Commission
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
October 29, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Lake County Winegrape Commission
3895 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451**

- 1. Call meeting to order, establish quorum.** President Debra Sommerfield called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Board members present: Peter Molnar, Bill Brunetti, Jeff Lyon, Jonathan Walters, David Weiss, and Broc Zoller

Board Members and others absent: Randy Krag, Buz Dereniuk, Kathy Diaz-Cretu, Sr. Agricultural Economist CDFA

Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Susan Peters, Office Manager; Paul Zellman, Education Director

Guests present: Dennis Krentz, Grower; Susan Stout, Writer; Scott De Leon, Director, Department of Public Works, County of Lake

- 2. Approval of minutes from August 27, 2013, meeting:** Approved as presented. David Weiss/Broc Zoller 6-0
- 3. Open Agenda/Public Input.** Dennis Krentz, Grower, stated that he is glad harvest is over.
- 4. Administrative: Debra Sommerfield, President.**
 - President Debra Sommerfield gave an update on policies and procedures.
 - Office Manager Susan Peters gave an update on Affiliate Sponsorship Program.
- 5. Executive Committee: David Weiss, Committee Chair.**
 - President Debra Sommerfield gave an update on revision of Assessment Collection Procedures and requested that it be taken up at the next Board meeting.
 - Debra Sommerfield gave an update on employee health benefits.
 - Bill Brunetti gave an update on office space and lease agreement.

6. Marketing: Peter Molnar, Committee Chair.

- a.* Chair Peter Molnar gave an update on “Momentum” grower marketing workshops. This will be a series of three workshops; the first will cover physical characteristic of climate and taste; the second workshop will be on economics and trends of varieties in today’s market; the third will be on contract negotiations.

7. Research/Education: Randy Krag, Committee Chair.

- a.* Paul Zellman gave an update on Master Vigneron Program. Graduation to be held on December 5, 2013, at Soper-Reese Theater.
- b.* Paul Zellman gave an update on Sustainable Winegrowing Program.
- c.* Paul Zellman gave an update on Ag Labor Management Seminar to be held on November 20-21, 2013, at Blue Lakes Lodge.
- d.* Broc Zoller led discussion on the recent finding of the brown marmorated stinkbug in the Sacramento Valley and shared information about potential impacts to the winegrape and other agricultural crops should an infestation be discovered in Lake County. By consensus, the Board directed Broc Zoller to draft a letter to the Pierce’s Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board, and other key research organizations to request that funding be directed for research related to this invasive pest.

8. Board Member Communications:

- a.* President Debra Sommerfield passed around miscellaneous correspondence.

9. Budget and Financial Matters: Buz Dereniuk, Committee Chair.

- a.* Review and approval of first-quarter financials. Peter Molnar/Jeff Lyon 6-0
- b.* Authorization and approval of resolution to renew line of credit, increase line of credit, and authorize two signatories to sign the Governmental Certificate: Chair Peter Molnar and President Debra Sommerfield. Bill Brunetti/David Weiss 6-0

10. Community Relations/Industry Affairs: Bill Brunetti, Committee Chair.

- a.* David Weiss gave an update on California Association of Winegrape Growers – CAWG.
- b.* Jonathan Walters gave an update on the Lake County Winery Association.
- c.* President Debra Sommerfield gave an update on AgVenture, Road Scholar, LC Farm Bureau Tour.
- d.* Special Presentation: “Watersheds and the Health of Clear Lake” by Scott De Leon, Director, Department of Public Works, County of Lake.

11. Closed Session. A closed session as authorized by Article IX, Section 11126(a) of the Government Code was not conducted.

12. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Future Board Meetings are scheduled for November 19, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. via conference call and December 12, 2013, at Tallman Hotel at 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Peters
Office Manager