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**Lake County Winegrape Commission
Research and Education Committee Meeting**

December 19, 2013, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Lake County Winegrape Commission Office, 3895 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451

- 1. Call meeting to order/establish quorum.** Committee Chair Randy Krag called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Randy Krag, Buz Dereniuk, Jonathan Walters.

Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Paul Zellman, Education Director

Absent: CDFA Sr. Agricultural Economist Kathy Diaz-Cretu

- 2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s).** None.
- 3. Discussion on LCWC Master Vigneron Program – 2014 program, student recruitment, possible introductory viticulture program for growers (English language)** The Committee members discussed the Master Vigneron program and agreed the focus is to encourage dependable, reliable workforce of vineyard supervisors in Lake County. Committee members discussed options for providing similar information to growers/vineyard owners, non-Spanish speakers, etc. and brainstormed possibilities for funding options to continue the program without grant funds. The Committee discussed having a minimum of 7 participants and up to 12 for a class and assigned names of specific growers/employers who have vineyard supervisors for direct outreach and invitation to MV graduation. Randy Krag agreed to draw up the requirements and goals for the program to assist in the outreach (i.e., 10 years of experience in agriculture, etc.). Paul Zellman discussed the possibility of again organizing a bus for a group to go to this year's Unified Wine & Grape Symposium at the end of January. The group agreed that in order to hold a 2014 class, a minimum of 7 students will need to be signed up by January 24.
- 4. Discussion on LCWC Sustainable Winegrowing Program – compliance/reporting, computer lab** The Committee briefly discussed the topic of irrigation and drought. Randy Krag agreed to talk with David Weiss, a Board Member on the California Association of Winegrape Growers.
- 5. Continued discussion of Small Grower Certification Program in partnership with CSWA**
None.
- 6. Issues and scheduling for next meeting.** Next meeting to be held on January 16, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the LCWC office. Topics to continuation of MV discussion and item 4 and item 5, plus a discussion of irrigated lands and drought.
- 7. Adjourned at 5:03 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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