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**Lake County Winegrape Commission
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Lake County Winegrape Commission
3865 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451**

- 1. Call meeting to order, establish quorum.** Chair Peter Molnar called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Board Members present: Bill Brunetti, Buz Dereniuk, Peter Molnar, Bonnie Sears, Jonathan Walters, and Broc Zoller

Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Susan Peters, Office Manager; Kathy Diaz-Cretu, Sr. Agricultural Economist CDFA (by phone); Paul Zellman, LCWC Education Director; Allison Tucker, Executive Director, Lake County Farm Bureau; Arpad Molnar, Obsidian Ridge Vineyard

Board Members and/or others absent: Bill Oldham and David Weiss

- 2. Approval of minutes from July 15, 2014, meeting:** Approved (*Sears/Walters, 6-0*).
- 3. Open Agenda/Public Input.** None.
- 4. Round Table Discussion: Harvest 2014**
 - Each Board member gave an update on the progression of harvest 2014.
- 5. Research/Education Committee (B. Zoller, Chair)**
 - Broc Zoller gave an update regarding ongoing drought conditions, community outreach efforts regarding water use in viticulture, and groundwater/surface water issues. Broc Zoller presented a rough draft of the Lake County Vineyard Water Use Survey. IPM Seminar will be held November 14, 2014, at Soper-Reese Theater.
 - Review of agreement for FY 14-15 with Paul Zellman. Zellman requested it be tabled until next meeting.
 - Debra Sommerfield gave an update on USDA Risk Management EPP Grant. LCWC did not receive the award this year due to high number of applicants but was highly encouraged to re-apply next year.

6. Marketing Committee (P. Molnar, Chair)

- a.* Chair Peter Molnar led discussion on potential marketing activities for FY 2014-15.
- b.* Chair Peter Molnar asked the Board to communicate to their buyers and growers to fill out the market research survey. Debra Sommerfield gave an update on the website enhancements.

7. Community Relations/Industry Affairs (B. Brunetti, Chair)

- a.* Bill Brunetti gave an update on the community relations efforts, discussed possible assistance with Lakeport Wine Village project and sponsorship of 2014 Lake County Wine Alliance Auction.
- b.* Debra Sommerfield gave an update on California Association of Winegrape Growers.
- c.* Jonathan Walters gave an update on the Lake County Winery Association, Wine Adventure 2015 to be moved to May 16-17.

8. Executive Committee (J. Walters, Chair)

- a.* Jonathan Walters indicated that there was nothing to report from the Executive Committee meeting held September 16, 2014.

9. Finance Committee (B. Dereniuk, Chair)

- a.* Buz Dereniuk presented the July and August 2014 financials.

10. Administrative Update (D. Sommerfield, President)

- a.* Debra Sommerfield gave an update on assessment audit performed by CDFA's Market Enforcement Branch. Second notice has been sent to vintner. Next step, if necessary would be small claims court.

11. Board Member Communications

- a.* None to report

12. Closed Session regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of an employee pursuant to California Government Code Section 11126(a)

- a.* Was not conducted.

13. Return form closed session and announce action taken during close session on personnel (if any)

- a.* Was not conducted.

14. Closed session with Commission legal counsel pursuant to California Government Code Section 11126(a).

- a.* Was not conducted.

15. Issues and scheduling for next meeting(s)

- a.* Propose date for strategic session the first week in December.
- b.* Next Board meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2014, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at LCWC office.

16. Adjourn

- a.* Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Peters
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