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**Lake County Winegrape Commission
Board of Directors'
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2016, 3:00 p.m.
Lake County Winegrape Commission
3865 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451**

1. Chair Jonathan Walters called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Board Members present: Jonathan Walters, Broc Zoller, Bonnie Sears, Bill Brunetti, David Weiss, Keith Brandt, Bruce Merrilees; Absent: Bill Oldham; Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Susan Peters, Office Manager; Ben Kardokus, Sr. Agricultural Economist CDFA (via phone); Paul Zellman, Educational Director.
2. Minutes from September 27, 2016, meeting were approved, (*Motion #1, Sears/Zoller, 7-0-1*).
3. LCWC's Education Programs Director Paul Zellman gave an update on the Master Vigneron Academy, stating the class visited University of California, Foundation Plant Services, and Novavine nursery in August. He stated the MVA graduation for the 2016 class will be held on November 5, 2016, at TNT Restaurant in Lakeport.
4. President Sommerfield provided an update on current marketing activities, including plans to participate in SommCon in San Diego on November 16-19, 2016, as well as an update on the CDFA Specialty Crop Block Grant, and Momentum 2017. She discussed the Sauvignon Blanc campaign and suggested hosting the International Sauvignon Blanc Symposium in 2018.
5. President Sommerfield led the discussion of a possible application to establish American Viticultural Area for the Upper Lake region. Board member David Weiss provided an update on the California Association of Winegrape Growers, stating that on November 10, 2016, the Regional Dinner will be held in Santa Rosa. Chair Walters provided an update on the Lake County Winery Association that they have received several resumes to fill the Executive Director position.
6. Secretary-Treasurer Bonnie Sears presented First-Quarter FY 2016-17 financials. Approved, (*Motion #2, Brunetti/Weiss, 7-0-1*).
7. President Sommerfield presented the employee handbook prepared by Counsel Jill England. Motion was made to have Executive Committee make revisions for final draft of employee handbook, (*Motion #3, Brandt/Sears, 7-0-1*).
8. Board Member Brunetti provided an update on the establishment of a retirement plan for the President. He presented the proposed resolution establishing deferred compensation retirement plan and associated plan and trust documents. Motion was made to approve the resolution, 457B

Plan (Exhibit A), the trust plan (Exhibit B), and authorize the Secretary/Treasurer to sign the resolution. (*Motion #4, Brunetti/Zoller, 7-0-1*). Motion was made to rename budget line item from “CalPERS Retirement” to “LCWC 457B Retirement Plan”, (*Motion #5, Sears/Zoller, 7-0-1*). Motion was made to eliminate budget line item “CalPERS Valuation Process” and move budgeted amount to “LCWC 457B Retirement Plan” expense account, (*Motion #6, Sears/Zoller, 7-0-1*). Motion to move \$8,625.16, from LCWC 457B Retirement Plan expense account into retirement (restricted) savings account, (*Motion #7, Sears/Brunetti, 7-0-1*).

9. Board member communications and correspondence was presented: Grape to Glass panel discussion on November 3, 2016, at Marymount University Lakeside Campus with Christian Ahlmann, Tracey Hawkins and Paul Zellman and a thank you note from California Women for Ag for LCWC’s support of AgVenture.
10. Next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. Annual Strategic Roundtable Discussion. Board meeting dates for 2017: January 17, March 7, April 25, and June 20.
11. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

**Lake County Winegrape Commission
AB 2720 Roll Call Vote Tally**

Attendees who Voted	Motion #1	Motion #2	Motion #3	Motion #4	Motion #5	Motion #6	Motion #7
Jonathan Walters	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Broc Zoller	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Bonnie Sears	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Keith Brandt	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Bill Brunetti	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Bruce Merrilees	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Bill Oldham	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
David Weiss	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
Outcome	7-0-1	7-0-1	7-0-1	7-0-1	7-0-1	7-0-1	7-0-1

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Peters
Office Manager