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Lake County Winegrape Commission
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2019, 3:00 p.m.
Lake County Winegrape Commission
3865 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA 95451

1. Chair David Weiss called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Board Members present: David Weiss, Broc Zoller, Bonnie Sears, Keith Brandt, Pete Dodson, Bruce Merrilees, Bill Oldham. Board Members absent: John McCarthy. Quorum established. Also present: Debra Sommerfield, President; Megan Hoberg, Marketing & Events Coordinator; Paul Zellman, Education Programs Director; Ben Kardokus, CDFA Economist (via phone).
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Minutes from the January 15, 2019, Board Meeting were approved *(Motion #1, Oldham/Dodson, 7-0-1*).
4. President Sommerfield provided an Administrative Report that included an update on the 2019 Annual Board Member Election process.
5. Chair Weiss provided an Executive Committee Report stating that he had conducted the president's annual performance review and that he, President Sommerfield, and the Executive Committee Members agreed to provide one additional week of vacation effective with her January 2019 anniversary date and to be accrued as such going forward.
6. Secretary-Treasurer Sears stepped the Board through December 2018 financials and reviewed cash flow projections; President Sommerfield provided an update on assessments collected to date and line-of-credit availability.
7. Board Members addressed some confusion surrounding grower crop insurance payouts and whether the payouts are subject to assessment; CDFA Economist Kardokus confirmed crop insurance payouts are not assessable. The Board directed staff to send out an e-mail to growers to clarify that crop insurance payouts are not subject to assessment and, if deemed necessary, to send another e-mail after the release of the statewide crush report regarding bulk wine and custom crush payments.
8. Marketing & Events Coordinator Hoberg provided an update on the 2019 Unified Wine & Grape Symposium. At the Board's request from the prior meeting, President Sommerfield proposed a comprehensive program designed to examine and promote the volcanic nature of the Lake County winegrowing region; key components of the program include participation in the 2nd Annual International Volcanic Wine Conference, a volcanic research project in collaboration with John Szabo MS, and a technical summit for grape buyers on volcanics and elevation. Marketing Committee Chair Oldham stated he liked the plan and the Board agreed to move forward with it.
9. President Sommerfield provided an update on the ongoing research project and on the full grant proposal submitted to the CDFA Specialty Crop Grant Program requesting education funding for expansion of training program. Education Director Consultant Paul Zellman provided an update on

the 2019 Master Vigneron Academy® and described the experience of the eight class members attending the 2019 Unified Wine & Grape Symposium.

10. Next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. Additional meetings were set as follows:

- Tuesday, March 26: 2:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting; 3:00 pm Board Meeting
- Tuesday, April 2: 2:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, April 9: 1:00 pm Marketing Committee Meeting
- Thursday, April 11: 9:00 am Research & Education Committee Meeting
- Friday, April 12: 2:00 pm Community/Industry Relations Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, April 16: 2:00 pm Budget Workgroup Meeting
- Thursday, April 25: 3:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, May 7: 2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting; 3:00 pm Board Meeting
- Tuesday, June 18: 2:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting; 3:00 pm Board Meeting

11. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Lake County Winegrape Commission
AB 2720 Roll Call Vote Tally

Board Members	**Motion #1**
David Weiss, *Chair*	**Aye**
Broc Zoller, *Vice Chair*	**Aye**
Bonnie Sears, *Secretary-Treasurer*	**Aye**
Keith Brandt	**Aye**
Pete Dodson	**Aye**
John McCarthy	**Absent**
Bruce Merrilees	**Aye**
Bill Oldham	**Aye**
FINAL TALLY	**7-0-1**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Sommerfield, President, Lake County Winegrape Commission