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Connecticut Farm Wine
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council (CFWDC)

Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2012

Council Members Present:

Steven K. Reviczky, Chairman & Commissioner of Agriculture; Jamie Jones; Gary Crump; Steve Vollweiller; George Motel; Dean Gregory Weidemann; Dr. Bill Nail;

Members Absent: Dick Auger; Bill Hopkins; Cameron Faustman;

Other Attendees:

Jim Frey; Reggie Golembeski; Jan Zito; and Department of Agriculture staff – Joseph Dippel

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:10pm by Chairman Reviczky. A sign in sheet was passed around. The agenda and previous meeting minutes were also distributed.
- II. Review of the August 28, 2012 minutes: The minutes of the August 28, 2012 CFWDC minutes were reviewed and discussed. A correction was made to the minutes, item #6.4, concerning attendance at the 2012 Wine Festival. A motion was made by Crump that the minutes be accepted as corrected, seconded by Vollweiller, and passed unanimously.
- III. Treasurer's Report: A written Treasurer's Report was submitted by Hopkins for the time period 8/28/12 to 12/13/12. The current balance is \$26,928.13 with a beginning checkbook balance of \$26,923.63. There was \$4.50 in internet income and no additional transactions. A motion was made by Crump and seconded by Nail to receive the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Chairman's Report: Chairman Reviczky noted the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) reported Community Investment Act funds were posted as available in the amount of \$70,112.99, bringing the total balance available to \$97,041.12.
- V. Old Business: Chairman Reviczky discussed matters concerning the Big E including Council participation, wine sales, permit request efforts by the DoAg, and wine booth display upgrades funded by the Council. Also discussed was a letter received by the State of Vermont indicating they would no longer be able to sell beer in their building. Commissioner Reviczky indicated that he will continue to work with other New England states regarding the sale of wine and beer at state buildings during the Big E.

Chairman Reviczky indicated the DoAg is working with DAS regarding the Council's account transfer as required by law and the Office of the State Treasurer. Once Big E obligations are paid and the passport program completed, there can be a transfer of funds to an approved account at DAS.

VI. New Business: A motion was made by Jones, and seconded by Crump, to draw the winners of the 2012 Passport Program. It was approved unanimously. Chairman Reviczky drew the passport winners from the 2022 passports that had been submitted. The 2012 Passport Winners are as follows:

Grand Prizes (2) - 2 weeks in Spain:
#1 Nicolette Farewell, Trumbull Ct
#2 Carol Derucki, Enfield Ct

Limo Prize (1):
Thomas Fulmer, EH Ct

Marriott Weekend Getaways (15):
Sarah Reinwald, Unionville Ct
Susan Hill, Danbury Ct
Thomas Lawler, Bethany Ct
Matthew Kraft, Norwalk Ct
Desmond O'Grady, Southbury Ct
Shannon Nichols, West Haven Ct
Dave Olivera, Deep River Ct
Eve DiPietro, Southbridge Ma
Pamela Lord, Tolland Ct
Jackie Lewis, Branford Ct
Susan Leppones, Rocky Hill Ct
Jamie Scholl, Thomaston Ct
David Tarleton, Enfield Ct
Roy Lindblad, Farmington Ct
Thomas Fulop, Storrs Ct

Gift Certificate for 2 bottles of Connecticut wine (30):
Joanne Simmonds, Wallingford Ct
Katherine Grimm, Cos Cob Ct
Anthony Cometa, Groton Ct
Joe White, Winsted Ct
Mary Archer, Stratford Ct
Maggie Banning, Wallingford Ct
Daniella Degrazia, Bethel Ct
Brian Barry, Meriden Ct
Paul Weiss, Derby Ct
Brooke Meling, West Hartford
Edgardo Rossetti, Manchester Ct
Nicole Lynch, Milford Ct
Al Stefanik, Bristol Ct
Raymond Dostie, North Branford Ct
Martin Gebhart, Cromwell Ct
Sheri Macri, Wallingford Ct
Joe Nalley, Avon Ct
Karen Doonan, Wallingford Ct
Kristie Scott, Salem Ct
John Caivano, Clinton Ct
Karen Pizzano, Thomaston Ct
Steven Slivinsky, Tolland Ct
W.L. Hines, Waccabuc NY
George Montowski, Bristol Ct
Gary Nelson, Westmas Ma
Samuel Tuccio, Ansonia Ct

Meg Kisielewicz, Shelton Ct
David Laperle, Brooklyn Ct
Guy Daigle, Bristol Ct
Irene Carlson, Danbury Ct

Those who completed the passport by visiting all the farm wineries, will receive a complimentary ticket to the 2013 Connecticut Wine Festival.

Jones made a motion for the Council to allocate up to \$750 to verify the Passport participants to all 31 vineyards and get email addresses, zip codes, winery of origin of passport and copy and return comments to the individual farm wineries. Dr. Nail seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Reviczky discussed the Council's 2013 budget. He noted the state is facing a significant shortfall and there are cuts included in the Governor's proposed deficit mitigation plan that will affect the agency and the CIA. The amount of the budget cuts will be determined during the upcoming special and regular legislative sessions. The General Assembly goes into special session the week of December 17th.

Dates for the 2013 Wine Festival were discussed. Discussion also included the subjects of one or two festivals, the continuation of the Passport program, and surveying Passport participants by email for next year's program. A recommendation was made to hold the 2013 Wine Festival on July 27th and 28th at the Goshen Fair Grounds.

Dr. Nail reported on November 13, 2012, he attended an 'Eastern Viticulture Workshop' held in Mystic, CT. He noted the turnout was very good with 59 attendees, with most people from Rhode Island, Connecticut and Vermont. Jones noted he also attended and thought it was an excellent event with a wonderful schedule of presenters from across the country.

- VII. Next Meeting: The Council's 2013 quarterly meeting schedule was discussed. A motion was made by Crump to 'adopt a schedule for 2013 meetings at 10:00am, on the 2nd Thursdays (March 14th, June 13th, September 12th, and December 12th).' The motion was seconded by Jones and passed unanimously.
- VIII. Adjournment: Chairman Reviczky asked if there were other items to discuss and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 3:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Joseph Dippel, of the Department of Agriculture on December 21, 2012.