



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



CT Farm Wine Development Council
165 Capitol Ave, Room 161
Hartford, CT 06106

DRAFT Minutes of the Special Meeting

November 3, 2016, 10 a.m.

Members Present: Steven Reviczky, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg), Jonathan Edwards, Jonathan Edwards Winery; Dr. Frank Ferrandino, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station; Jim Frey, Walker Road Vineyard. Participating by phone: Linda Auger, Taylor Brooke Winery; Hilary Criollo, Hopkins Vineyard; Russell Holmberg, Holmberg Orchards; Jamie Jones, Jones Family Farm & Winery; Michelle Niedermeyer, Lost Acres Vineyard; Rob Michalik, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (Commissioner Smith's designee).

Members Absent: Cameron Faustman, Associate Director, Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station; George Motel, Sunset Meadow Vineyard; Gregory Weidemann, Dean, UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Sciences.

Other Attendees: Linda Piotrowicz and Jane Slupecki, DoAg.

Call to Order: Commissioner Reviczky called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Reports from Working Groups: Commissioner Reviczky asked program leads to report on their efforts.

Big E: Jon Edwards provided a report on the new model of operation of the 2016 Wine Booth work. Members were in consensus that the previously approved \$10,000 payment to the operators should include a \$100 stipend to each winery providing additional staffing at the Big E booth. A discussion ensued on how to improve booth operations. Rebecca Murphy was commended.

Passport: Michelle Niedemeyer provided an update on passport program activities, and Jim Frey provided an update on the 2016 prize drawing to occur at the council meeting on December 8, 2016. A discussion ensued.

Research and Education: Russ Holmberg updated the group on the first educational meeting and funding and potential programming for next year. Dr. Frank Ferrandino informed group of potential additional funding. A discussion followed.

Old Business:

2016 Passport Drawing: After discussion about the prize drawing, members reached consensus on conducting it at DoAg as in 2015. This year, notification calls to winners will be shared by members.

New Business:

2017 Program of Work and Budget: Reports from program leads are due to DoAg by November 11, 2016. They will be distributed to members for their review and will be discussed at the December 8 meeting.

Other New Business: Members reached consensus that programming efforts will be spearheaded by a member serving as program lead, who will gather and compile program-specific information and ideas for review/discussion and potential action by the council at its meetings.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Council is December 8, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane M. Slupecki
November 4, 2016