

Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council (CFWDC)



Minutes for July 22, 2015 Special Meeting

Council Members Present: Steven Reviczky, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg).

Participating by phone: Linda Auger, Taylor Brooke Winery; Hilary Crillo, Hopkins Vineyard; Jonathan Edwards, Jonathan Edwards Winery; Cameron Faustman, Associate Director, Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station; Jim Frey, Walker Road Vineyard; Russell Holmberg, Holmberg Orchards; Jamie Jones, Jones Family Farm & Winery; Gregory Weidemann, Dean, UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Sciences.

Council Members Absent: Dr. Frank Ferrandino, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station; George Motel, Sunset Meadow Vineyard; Michelle Niedermeyer, Lost Acres Vineyard.

Other Attendees: Linda Piotrowicz, Rebecca Murphy, and Jane Slupecki, DoAg.

Call to Order

Commissioner Reviczky called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Big E Schedule

Commissioner Reviczky welcomed attendees and explained there was one item to discuss. He asked Rebecca Murphy to provide overview of the efforts to fill the schedule for the Big E Wine booth in the Connecticut Building, and presented two draft schedules, both with vacancies. A discussion ensued. Jonathan Edwards offered to fill several open days instead of exhibiting on September 19. A motion was made by Jim Frey to accept the Option B schedule modified with Jonathan Edwards Winery filling from September 24 through September 28 instead of September 19 and authorizing DoAg to fill September 19 with a willing winery. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Edwards and passed unanimously.

The Council discussed ideas for ensuing years, including formation of a cooperative to address scheduling challenges of filling the wine booth.

DoAg will assist exhibitors in preparing the required documents which need to be returned ASAP to DoAg to meet deadlines of the West Springfield Liquor Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and Commissioner Reviczky adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

The next meeting is September 10, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane M. Slupecki

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