

**OREGON WINE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2010
CONFERENCE CALL**

Attendees: Sam Tannahill (Chair), Kara Olmo (Chair Emeritus), David Adelsheim (Vice Chair), Harry Peterson-Nedry, David Beck, Michael Donovan, Leigh Bartholomew, Terry Brandborg, Tim Kennedy (Treasurer)

Guests: Allan Holstein, Argyle; Chad Vargas, Adelsheim; Holly Witte, A Bloominghill Hill Vineyard

Staff: Katie Bray, Lavonda Driskell, Lisa Stevens, Annie Cocchia, Stephany Boettner

Call to Order

Tannahill called the OWB meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Northwest Foundation Block Advisory Group program and Northwest Viticulture Council

Tannahill received a request from Vicky Scharlau, Executive Director, Washington Association of Wine Grape Growers to assist in populating two committees/working groups with Oregon stakeholders.

The Northwest Foundation Block Advisory Group includes members from Washington, Oregon and Idaho representing nurseries, wineries, growers, Departments of Ag and WSU. The Advisory Group's job is to represent industry interests by advising WSU and Foundation Block Manager on overall business including management, direction, selection of plant material, distribution, phytosanitary issues (testing and re-testing), as well as on policies and procedures, funding needs, quarantine issues and quarantine needs plus program reviews and industry reports. Additionally, there is the concept of a "Northwest Viticulture Council" that would address regional needs and interests by providing a coordinated voice on important Congressional and regulatory, as well as intra-industry issues.

Current members representing Oregon are Scott Henry Sr. (Henry Estate) for wineries and Ted Casteel as an at-large representative. The FBA Group is seeking Oregon representation for growers and an at-large representative. Bartholomew and Adelsheim volunteered to participate on the FBA Group. Bartholomew suggested Allen Holstein as a possible member and he agreed to explore the commitment to do so. Adelsheim also recommended Earl Jones be approached to participate. Tannahill proposed approaching a nursery to participate also. Holly Witte of A Bloominghill Vineyard expressed an interest in the FBA Group and Holstein agreed to follow-up with her.

Tannahill recessed OWB meeting at 10:16 am.

Tannahill reconvened OWB meeting 10:56 am.

European Grapevine moth (*Lobesia botrana*) table grapes quarantine

Tannahill recently received a request to convey our support for the enforcement of the Grape Quarantine 603-052-0051 made effective Jan 28, 2010 and specifically the European grapevine moth. Helmuth Rogg with ODA received communication from the California Table Grape Association (CTGA) expressing concern over the requirement of a phytosanitary certification when shipping table grapes into Oregon. Cocchia provided the Board with a copy of the Grape Quarantine for review and discussion.

The Board agreed to continue to support the quarantine but urge ODA to work with the CTGA to find a solution that is workable and protects our vineyards and recognize the real threat this moth and its potential arrival by table grapes might have.

Beck moved, Donovan seconded, that the Board send a letter to ODA in support of its efforts to enforce the quarantine on plant materials coming from areas with potential *Lobesia botrana* presence. Motion passed unanimously.

Tannahill adjourned the OWB meeting at 11:07 am.