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LIVE Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2012, 10am-12pm

Northwest Viticulture Center, Salem, OR

Attending Board: Ed Fus (Chair), Jason Tosch (Chair Emeritus), Chad Vargas (Vice-Chair), Stirling Fox (Secretary), Allen Holstein (Treasurer), Al MacDonald, Don Crank, Bill Hanson, Dan Kent

Board Not Attending: Kevin Corliss, Vicky Scharlau

Attending Staff: Chris Serra (Executive Director), Michele Martin (CRC Program Manager), Abby Cullinan (Winery Program Manager)

Attending Partners: Kevin Scribner (VINEA, via phone)

Call to Order: Ed Fus called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Minute Approval: Allen Holstein motioned to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2011 board meeting. Chad Vargas seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Reports: Chris Serra presented the regular reports.

Financial Report: A written report was provided to attendees, and Chris Serra clarified a few items from the written report. LIVE projected a break-even budget for 2011, which it did again for 2012. The written report may be somewhat misleading regarding the CRC. At the end of 2010 the CRC received a \$20,000 grant from the Bullitt Foundation, which showed up as a 40,000 surplus for the 2010 fiscal year. What now appears as a loss for the CRC is actually covered by the Bullitt grant, and the remainder by ODA.

Membership Report: Chris Serra presented a web page with real time membership statistics (<http://liveinc.org/about>)— recently implemented by William Foster. It is noted that LIVE is in the process of the annual certification mailing, data migration, and winery certification decisions, so these statistics will change in the near future as updates are made.

Annual Meeting Report:

- The annual meeting will take place at Willakenzie Winery, 10am-3pm on April 27th.
- Speaker: Glenn McGourty.
- Ballot and Meeting Content: board elections, and suggestion of vote on pre-emergent herbicide use. Bill Hanson, Ed Fus, Chad Vargas and Jason Tosch are up for re-election. Chris requested that anyone else who wants to go off the board give LIVE notice so that the search for a replacement can begin.

The membership voted in the past on pre-emergent herbicide use, and it was discussed at the determination meeting that LIVE re-evaluate its stance and possibly add this to the annual meeting ballot. Ed Fus and other board members stated that there needs to be a presentation of the issue, but also noted that the topic could be discussed at the tech committee level. Dan Kent stated he is wary of bringing up a pre-emergent herbicides at the annual meeting. The board discussed that it may make sense to address the issue through the tech committee.

Chris Serra asked board members for other ideas on meeting content. Suggestion included LIVE's geographical reach, expansion to other crops, and the value of certification. Board members suggested that the meeting include an open format for comment, and Stirling Fox added that this might help LIVE gauge opinions.

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Chris Serra suggested that LIVE make an effort to have board members mingling and interacting with members during the meeting.

Vineyard Certification Technical Committee: *Chad Vargas presented the report.*

Vineyard Determination Meeting

The annual vineyard determination meeting and joint technical committee meeting went well and were well attended. There were issues with off-list chemical use, and some vineyard that didn't put effort into turning in any paperwork. Chris Serra reminded the group of Ted Casteel's point that members who don't do any paperwork should have to repeat year 1. Chad also noted the discussion of ESL manager challenges and thoughts about providing education in Spanish. The board was generally positive in response to the idea of educating in Spanish. Don Crank suggested Juan Valot, a professor at Chemeketa, based on his success working with Professor Valot at WVV.

Joint Technical Committee Meeting

The joint technical committee meeting addressed yellow list issues. The regional technical committees continue to be the first place to deal with technical issues and will update the board's technical officer. The committee discussed birds as a key pest and adding them to the passport. New pests were seen in Region II and that it will be a challenge to address scale from cultural and chemical standpoints. There was useful discussion on how to handle research within the tech committees, chemical trials, and issue of delays associated with the chemical evaluation process. It was decided that a lot of chemistry decisions can be made off of existing research and tools like PRIME. Jason Tosch noted that the joint technical committee heard questions on replants/fumigation and whether that required members to pull vineyards out of the program.

Chad Vargas scheduled a technical committee meeting on March 22 at 9 am for Region I. Chris Serra noted that a checklist committee needs to be set up.

Inspector conflict of interests

Chris Serra briefed the board on reports of an inspector using LIVE's contact list to solicit work and concerns regarding an inspector who is a vineyard manager. The conflict of interest clause in the inspector agreement was referenced. Chris Serra agreed that LIVE staff would work with Dan Kent to draft a revised conflict of interest policy.

Winery Certification Technical Committee: *Don Crank presented the report.*

The committee received the OWRI chemical evaluation tool and believes the next step is to acquire funding for Kate Knox, an environmental researcher, to take what OWRI has done and move forward with its application to the winery program.

The board noted the importance of responding to OWRI and OWB/OCSW. Dan Kent stated that going through the process with Kate would be valuable to program integrity. Don Crank motioned to respond to OWRI tool with a statement that it is a good start but needs further development and funding for this. Ed Fus seconded – unanimously approved.

Chris introduced Abby Cullinan, new LIVE staff member.

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Board discussed marketing, OCSW and OWB new executive director.

The board discussed marketing efforts and Chris Serra stated that LIVE can continue to develop marketing collateral to give to members to promote the program. The board agreed that LIVE should not emphasize marketing at this point and instead provide collateral for marketing initiatives through OCSW/LIVE members' activities.

Carbon Reduction Challenge: *Michele Martin presented the report.*

The Carbon Reduction Challenge is in the second year of ODA grant funding. The CRC convened a meeting last week with the OEC for a finance discussion, and discussed LIVE's role in program post-ODA grant. The same group will meet in May and provide an update for June board meeting.

Grant proposals are in and awaiting decisions from funders. Michele Martin asked the board for questions so she could update them on program activities of interest. Membership is at 12 wineries. Workshops have taken place, and Cristom is probably joining CRC following the most recent. Michele described CRC corporate sponsor strategy.

Board continued to discuss various ways in which LIVE programs would work in conjunction with CRC. Stirling Fox stated that a piece of every board meeting should be devoted to the CRC.

Partner Updates: *Dan Kent presented the Salmon Safe report.*

The PRIME project has been exciting, helping Salmon Safe in its efforts to embed science about pesticide toxicity in its high risk list. Salmon Safe has been piloting PRIME and seen enthusiasm for it at trainings and meetings.

Salmon Safe is also working with the Willamette Partnership on the Trifecta project (ecosystem services). Willamette Partnership is a national pioneer in ecosystem services marketplace. They are exploring the idea of merging ecosystem services, certification, and regulatory assurance.

US Fish and Wildlife in Oregon inquired with Salmon Sage about a butterfly-safe wine label – Dan responded to them by explaining that vineyards/wineries are already deeply involved in sustainability initiatives. Salmon Safe is considering incorporating some content – it's very consistent with everything else Salmon Safe is doing. There could be some regulatory benefit for growers, like endangered species act assurance.

Chris Serra added that members have requested LIVE explore integration with FSMA.

Dan Kent discussed working with Demeter – after a GAP analysis they are looking at embedding Salmon Safe standards, subject to international approval process.

Salmon Safe was also approached by place-based conservation groups that are interested in developing Salmon Safe project.

Dan stated that by June LIVE board meeting he expects to have more to share on these activities.

Kevin Corliss updated the board on VINEA.



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VINEA board proposed language about LIVE certification for their standards - that language has not yet been adopted. Kevin noted that this prompted a lot of discussion and interest and likes Ed Fus's suggestion of connecting with growers at upcoming Walla Walla event in Portland.

Topics for Future Discussion:

- Stirling Fox requested further discussion in the future on LIVE logo use.

Close of Session: Ed Fus closes the board meeting session at approximately 12:10 pm for the personnel committee to meet.

Re-opened Meeting Session: Ed Fus re-opens the board meeting session at 1:00.

Next Meeting: The board scheduled their March meeting for March 12th

Adjournment: Ed Fus adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.

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March 12, 2012, 10am-12pm

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Board Not Attending: Kevin Corliss, Vicky Scharlau, Dan Kent

Attending Staff: Chris Serra (Executive Director), Michele Martin (CRC Program Manager), Abby Cullinan (Winery Program Manager)

Attending Partners: Kevin Scribner (VINEA and Salmon-Safe, via phone)

Call to Order: Ed Fus called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

Minute Approval: Jason Tosch motioned to approve the minutes from the January 2012 board meeting. Chad Vargas seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Reports: Chris Serra presented the regular reports.

Membership: 5 new members joined the vineyard program in the first few months of 2012, including the first vineyard in Idaho, and 2 members left the program. The vineyard program expected to retain most members in 2012. Chris Serra reported interest from attendees at industry events in Oregon and Washington. He stated that vineyard recruitment would focus on Idaho, BC, and Washington state, and explained that recruitment for the winery program would occur in late spring/early summer.

Financial Report: Chris directed attendees to the docket, which included the regular financial information.

Annual Meeting Report: The board discussed additional speakers/presenters. Chris Serra confirmed that Oregon Vineyard Supply and Results Partners were sponsoring the event, and that Stirling Fox was donating wine.

Don Crank arrived at 10:25 am.

Vineyard Certification Technical Committee: *Chad Vargas presented the report.*

Chad updated the board on technical committee activities in the first part of 2012, including updates to the LIVE yellow list and discussion on allowing some preemergent herbicides for use within the newly required rotating MOAs strategy for weed control. Chad stated that the technical committee would meet this week to further discuss the possibility of including preemergents on the yellow list, and that the committee would present their decision to the membership at the annual meeting.

Winery Certification Technical Committee: *Don Crank presented the report.*

Don Crank summarized the recent winery technical committee meeting for the board, which focused on further development of an evaluation tool for winery chemicals and other materials. Don explained that a new survey on materials use would be distributed to wineries and a subcommittee formed to analyze the reported data. The committee also decided to ask Kate Knox to revise her proposal to assist with the scientific underpinnings of the tool and limit the scope of her work to fewer materials in order to make some progress within funding constraints. The committee also planned to set up an event for current and

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potential members to meet each other and provide winery members updates on all changes to the standards.

Carbon Reduction Challenge: *Michele Martin presented the report.*

Michele noted that the Carbon Reduction Challenge had 16 members currently enrolled. In addition to recruitment, CRC activities in early 2012 included development work, connecting with foundations and corporations interested in supporting the program.

The CRC technical committee recently decided to include fermentation as an optional reporting category, to be implemented within the reporting tool shortly.

A recent CRC networking event was held at Argyle, offering energy efficiency education and discussion. Michele stated that the event was a success and good model.

Salmon-Safe and VINEA: *Kevin Scribner presented the report.*

Kevin Scribner updated the board on the activities of Salmon-Safe and VINEA, partners of LIVE.

- *Salmon-Safe Outreach:* Kevin described Salmon-Safe work in the interior Columbia Basin, including hop growers in Yakima, multi-crop operations, and tree fruit in Walla Walla. He also stated that Salmon-Safe's Canadian partners were conducting outreach to the Okanagan this spring.
- *Salmon-Safe and IPM:* Kevin noted that testing of the PRIME tool continued. Pilots included LIVE vineyard technical group, hop growers, and orchards. Salmon-Safe was also asked to contribute to development of an IPM manual for vineyards.
- *Salmon-Safe and Biodynamic:* Kevin described continued discussions with Demeter on integration of Salmon-Safe principles into biodynamic requirements and a related gap analysis.
- *Salmon-Safe Summit:* Kevin noted that the summit would be held June 14-15 at McMenamins Edgefield.
- *VINEA Annual meeting:* Kevin noted the April 18 VINEA annual meeting, to include a presentation by the LIVE winery program.
- *VINEA and LIVE Board Meetings:* Kevin informed the board that Amavi agreed to host both meetings on June 4, affording VINEA and LIVE board members the opportunity to meet.

Inspector Contracts

Chris Serra presented an updated inspector contract to the board, including new language to help avoid conflicts of interest. The board discussed and approved the changes.

Adjournment: Ed Fus adjourned the meeting at 12:40 pm.

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June 4, 2012, 1-4pm

Amavi Cellars, Walla Walla, WA



Attending Board: Ed Fus (Chair), Jason Tosch (Chair Emeritus), Stirling Fox (Secretary), Allen Holstein (Treasurer), Al MacDonald, Chad Vargas (Vice-Chair), Kevin Corliss, Vicky Scharlau.

Board Not Attending: Dan Kent, Don Crank, Bill Hanson.

Attending Staff: Chris Serra (Executive Director), Michele Martin (CRC Program Manager), Abby Cullinan (Winery Program Manager).

Attending Partners: Kevin Scribner (VINEA and Salmon-Safe), Chris Banek (VINEA), Clive Kiser (VINEA/OSU Extension), Tom Waliser (VINEA), Rick Small (VINEA), Jason Magnaghi (VINEA), Leonard Brown (VINEA), Greg Giguere (VINEA).

Call to Order: Ed Fus calls the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

Minute Approval: Allen Holstein motions to approve the minutes from the March 2012 board meeting. Chad Vargas seconds the motion. Unanimously approved.

Officer Appointments: Allen Holstein confirms he will remain treasurer & CRC liaison. Stirling Fox will remain secretary. Chris Serra states that Don Crank will remain as Winery Tech Officer. Chad Vargas has been Vineyard Tech Officer, and will remain in the role until a successor is available. Kevin Corliss will be the new Vice-Chair. Ed Fus gives the floor to Chad Vargas, who now fills the role of Chair.

Membership Report: *Chris Serra presents the membership report.* Currently there is a wash of new members in the vineyard program, with the goal to have 24 new vineyard members this year. There is 1 new winery program member, with a goal of 20 new members (see docket for detail).

Financial Report: *Allen Holstein presents the financial report (see docket).* Chris Serra explains new projections, with loss not as great as that projected in November 2011. Careful management of CRC program budget has resulted in lower expenses.

Inspection Report: *Chris Serra reports on inspection progress.* All vineyard inspections have been assigned and scheduling has begun.

Vineyard Technical Committee report: *Chad Vargas reviews for the board recent work on the vineyard technical committees.* Chad summarizes annual meeting report, which covered the decision to introduce pre-emergent herbicides and the decision making process. Region I modeled restrictions for Aim after Region II. Chris Serra introduces tech committee procedure draft document. In discussion of roles of vineyard committees and their authority, he gives an example of a regional tech committee decision – approving use of a product already in place in another region. In this situation, there's less concern about the ramifications for the larger program, since the product would have been subject to review by the joint technical committee and the IOBC when it was originally added to the list. Kevin Corliss suggests that the procedure include the technical committee function for on-farm research trials. Makes sense to incorporate previous draft guidelines for trials into this procedure.

Rick Small and Leonard Brown depart at 1:45 pm.

Kevin Corliss notes that the on-farm trial protocol needs to be passed to IOBC.



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Greg Giguere raises the subject of Vivando and asks about process – Chad Vargase explains general IOBC yellow list approval process. Al MacDonald mentions that LIVE must judge in emergency situations whether to approach the IOBC about changes to the list midseason.

Kevin Scribner suggests LIVE develop a basic checklist of topics to consider - criteria for evaluating chemistries. Chris Serra mentions that Jason Tosch developed a flow chart for tech committee decisions, and Kevin recommends incorporating it into the protocol. Chris Serra suggests the four tech chairs get together and standardize how they use a checklist/flow chart for evaluating chemistries. The group discusses the PRiME tool and beta tests.

Kevin Scribner suggests regular check-in of joint technical committee, at two week intervals, so as to stay up to date with regional issues. Chad notes a newsletter for technical committees could improve knowledge of regional issues.

Chris Serra notes that tech committees should send him meeting minutes.

Chad suggests joint technical committee chairs review and update the procedural document with LIVE.

Other notes on procedural document:

Al MacDonald notes that the board is ultimately responsible for the programs, and at some point the overall board has to have final approval of decisions regarding standards or some appeal procedure. Chad Vargas suggest the tech officers have a role here, and perhaps the positions could be more fully developed in that respect. The group discusses references to voting in procedural document and the implication that there is a certain number of people on the committees, to determine if there is a quorum.

Ed Fus suggests the document include academics in the description of tech committee membership. He poses to the group the question of how a potential committee chair could demonstrate their ability to make a decision that is not in their own interest. Chad Vargas suggests the procedure reference ethical responsibilities of the chair position. Variance process needs to be more fully fleshed out – length of time and requirements for a complete application should be included. Ed notes that the procedure should clarify who has authority in the case of grievance/appeals.

Al MacDonald asks the group if there would ever be an issue in the vineyard that would affect the winery technical committee, and how that would be resolved.

Vicky Scharlau suggests more clarity around overall tech committee authority, and which items need the attention of the board.

Chad Vargas suggests the tech committees have a proactive approach to issues – such as an action list for exotic pests and protocols prepared in advance.

Winery Program report: The winery program standards update are complete and the major activities planned for the following months are a training for program members and travel to Oregon and Washington to recruit members.

Carbon Reduction Challenge: *Michele Martin provides a report to the board.* Michele discusses current membership numbers and goals, newly awarded Laird Norton, and updates to the reporting tool update. Michele also summarizes discussion at a recent CRC financial meeting and a proposed alternate fee structure, to be implemented in 2013.

Ed Fus motions to accept grant funds. Allen Holstein seconds. The motion is unanimously approved.

Allen Holstein discusses need to reaffirm commitment to administer CRC through June 2013. Allen also notes intent to extend program to other industries – with proposed changes to fee structure the pool of potential new members is expanded.

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Chad Vargas states that CRC should address other industries while it is still housed within LIVE. Ed Motion to extend program support into June 2013 as long as CRC can support itself through funding. Allen seconds. Unanimously approved.

Michele Martin updates the board on proposed changes to program structure, including an initial energy assessment in year one, to provide members a roadmap for energy improvements.

VINEA and Salmon-Safe reports: *Kevin Scribner updates the board on VINEA and Salmon-Safe activities.* Salmon-Sage continues work with growers through pilot assessments and beta testing of the PRiME tool. Some funding support for this work in Walla Walla. Salmon-Safe has also been identified as a tool for the Columbia River Basin Toxics Reduction Working Group efforts in reduction water pollution. Salmon-Safe was highlighted as a voluntary approach (versus a regulatory approach). Chris Serra asks how two organizations can work together strategically, not crop by crop; Kevin believes it's the time to explore this.

Kevin Scribner describes recent VINEA technical discussions, particularly regarding the 5% compensation requirement and the challenges of meeting it in an arid environment and how to integrate biodiversity into the workscape. Kevin Corliss acknowledges this is an issue for some growers he knows, and wonders if a proxy set-aside could help meet requirements. Kevin Corliss thought the IOBC's interpretation was not that the area be managed as a biodiversity zone, but to be a set aside of natural land completely unmanaged. Chad Vargas thinks this is an issue, with lots of variation in the quality of set-asides, and that growers/LIVE need to work on functional biodiversity. Ed Fus states that a biodiversity zone needs to attract something beneficial to the crop. Kevin Scribner notes water use restrictions and that Washington state doesn't recognize biodiversity as a beneficial use. The group asks Chris Serra to discuss the issue in upcoming meetings with the IOBC. Other challenges discussed by the VINEA committees are applying Salmon-Safe requirements for growers with multiple crops.

Kevin notes that VINEA really appreciates opportunity to meet in Walla Walla with LIVE. Other activities include further developing their communication structure and a website makeover. Ed Fus suggests the organizations pay attention to communication and trust and try to improve.

WAWGG Report: Vicky Scharlau updates the board on WAWGG activities. She notes that Vinewise had its 10 year anniversary and has undergone a multi-stakeholder update process. The tool provides avenues for more information if a grower wants to certify. She describes related activities for the Washington Wine Industry Foundation, including a clean plant campaign testing certified grape vine nurseries in the state. The campaign has included outreach and education to growers and wineries about the value of clean plants. Winerywise is going through a final editing process and has been beta tested, and will officially launch with outreach sessions this summer. Additional grant funds focused on safety and health components of Winerywise. State winery inspectors are helping strengthen the tool, and provide review from the Washington state Department of Labor and Industries. Vinewise review looked at the philosophy "good, better, best" and involved students from the university programs. This approach has been valuable to the process.

Additional Discussion and Fall Meeting Date:

Kevin Scribner mentions a WSU IPM manual for vineyards, which he will share.

Chris Serra summarizes recent efforts recruiting new members in the Prosser area and Idaho. Vicky Scharlau mentions LIVE could attend Winerywise sessions in Washington State.

The next board meeting is set for November 8, 2012.

Adjournment: Chad Vargas adjourned meeting at 3:35 pm.



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Attending Board: Kevin Corliss (see minutes), Jason Tosch (Vineyard Officer), Chad Vargas (Chair), Stirling Fox (Secretary), Allen Holstein (Treasurer), Al MacDonald, Bill Hanson (Vice Chair - see minutes), Ed Fus (Chair Emeritus), Dan Kent (Salmon-Safe)

Board Not Attending: Vicky Scharlau, Don Crank.

Others Attending: Jana McKamey, Oregon Wine Board.

Attending Staff: Chris Serra (Executive Director), Michele Martin (CRC Program Manager), Abby Cullinan (Winery Program Manager)

Call to Order: Chad Vargas called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Minute Approval: Allen Holstein motioned to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2012 board meeting. Al MacDonald seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Kevin Corliss – may not be able to take on role of vice-chair. Board will choose another vice-chair during meeting.

Reports: See docket for detail. Chris Serra presented the regular reports.

Membership Report

The focus for program managers has been on new members. Chris shows the board some notes on reasons people mention for leaving the program. Bill Hanson notes some members and potential members needing follow up. Chris will follow up regarding Winemakers LLC.

Ed Fus arrives at 10:15 am.

Financial Report

Chris provides the regular financial report and visuals of trends over several years. He explains month by month cash flow, fluctuations, and end of year revenue.

Chris further explains cash position 2013-2014 with no dues increases.

Chris goes through the 2013 budget overview. Stirling expresses concern about growth projections. Chris presents several ideas for more revenue. Stirling thinks membership would approve CPI increase in dues.

Grants funding needs to be obtained and renewed. Stirling offers to assist with foundation letter for Bob Healy grant.

Chad calls for a vote on the budget.

Allen moves to approve the budget and revisit it in June after learning about grant status. Bill Hanson seconds. Unanimously approved.

Vineyard Program Update

On-site visits completed are completed. Chris spoke with all inspectors as of yesterday. Rob mentioned Eastern Washington growers are still concerned about the marketing value of the

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program. The deadline for reporting is coming up. Digital certificates may be available early for vineyards that have passed without question.

Technical committee reports– Jason Tosch states that very few groups have met since the last board meeting.

Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon groups have not yet met.

For Eastern Washington, Greg Giguere mentioned cobblestone vineyard trend and moving it out of cover crop. Board discussed how this affects sustainability goals. Chris suggests experiments. Only a couple growers doing it for marketing purposes. Concerns that it will be kept pristine-looking with herbicide. Chad suggests they offer a proposal for what the cobble maintenance looks like.

For Central and Southern Washington, Kevin Corliss reports no major issues this season. Timing of list with early season pests is an ongoing problem. Committee may consider looking at some of materials on the Region 1 list.

Jason details some weed control issues that technical committees are discussing. Rely/glufosinate is still out of production. Discussing ideas for post emergence to offset continual input of glyphosate.

For pest control – voles in particular – Quintox no longer used in vineyards. Zinc phosphide was approved by technical committee and IOBC for case by case deployment. Chad Vargas suggests getting feedback on application. Jason notes that thrips were ugly in some spots. They are not a key pest for Region I, but in certain years it are pretty brutal.

Ryan Collins raised concerns about light brown apple moth – traps are bringing in too many other months and creating confusion and potential overspraying. Traps may be a problem.

Chad Vargas notes updates with sprayer technology and Chris suggests LIVE consider incorporating this into the sprayer lecture in April.

Jana McKamey arrives at 11:30 am.

OCSW report

Jana reports that the wine board is taking some time to assess Oregon Certified Sustainable Wine program and determine best course moving forward. Jason Tosh mentions that at a recent meeting for OCSW wineries were concerned about the program and supportive of it continuing. The board discusses original intent of OCSW and its history, and agrees that at this time LIVE does not see a role for helping with its administration

Winery Program Update and LIVE logo use proposal

Winery program has also focused on recruitment of new members. Chris introduces proposal to limit use of LIVE leaf and glass to wines produced in a certified winery from certified fruit, with some mechanism for transition. Potentially considering bottle weight at some later meeting with more research.

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Allen Holstein moves to vote that from 2015 vintage on logo use require certification in the facility and vineyard, with further detail other logo rules taken up at a later board meeting. Ed Fus seconds. Bill Hanson opposes, all others in favor.

CRC Report

Michele presents a program report for CRC. Current enrollment is 19 members. Ongoing research into funding sources with OEC, ODA, and BIER for contacts in other industries.

WAWGG update

Kevin Corliss presents an updated on WAWGG activities. The Vinewise tool is about 50% rewritten. WAWGG is mostly growers and their use of the tool continues.

Salmon-Safe update

Dan Kent updates the board on Salmon-Safe's activities. Salmon-Safe is involved in lots of work in Eastern Washington and crops there. Dan believes this experience will directly inform how Salmon-Safe works with other Washington growers, like vineyards.

Continues to use partnerships to maintain more of a local footprint. Salmon-Safe outreach conducted in Lake Chelan. The program is just trying to get a foothold in BC, which has its own sustainability initiative.

The distributor event with LIVE in Portland was successful, and Salmon-Safe continues to expand to new product categories (vodka and gin are examples).

Board Member Recruitment and Roles

Chris opens the discussion on new board members, with several board members scheduled to go off the board in 2013. The staff seeks comments on process and ideas for new members. See annotated docket for detail.

Stirling motions for Bill Hanson to replace Kevin Corliss as Vice Chair. Ed Fus seconds. Unanimously approved. Bill Hanson accepts.

Meeting Dates

The next LIVE Board meeting will be Jan. 17, 2013 at 10:00am.

The vineyard determination meeting and joint technical committee meetings will take place at the Viticulture Center in Salem on Jan. 10, 2013.

Chad Vargas adjourns the meeting at 2 pm.