**SAGGA Meeting Minutes**

**Straits Area Grape Growers Association**

**Annual Meeting & Board Meeting - Virtual**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

Attendance: 6 of 7 Board Members and 4 members.

**Previous meeting minutes approved.**

**Treasurers report:** approved. Duplicate dues issue on website will be addressed by Treasurer and Secretary.

**Membership report:** too soon to determine total new membership and membership renewal.

**Guest speaker:** Nathan Kulpa from Wilbur Ellis. Nathan gave a presentation on the 2020 grape season and the Wilbur Ellis capabilities for pesticide and nutrition products used in vineyards.

**Education Committee Report:** Tom Jaenicke will reach out to Christy Lyons, NCMC Corporate and Community Education Director, to try to jumpstart an education relationship with SAGGA.

A on-site grape pruning workshop will be scheduled for March at Petoskey Farms Vineyard. Details to follow.

No pending grants.

**Old Business:** Grape Survey: Need for project manager. Previous project manager has not responded to inquiries about a repeat. Jim Peterson will reach out to her. If there is no positive response, a project manager search will begin.

**New Business:** Three open SAGGA Board positions were filled by incumbents. No other members stepped forward to run for office so no election was held. Four officer positions will be elected from the seven Board members at a special closed meeting of the Board.

The need for a part-time SAGGA staff position was discussed. A job description will be developed as a first step.

Spring grapevine planting plans were discussed.

**Next meeting:** A virtual meeting will be planned in February so that all Board members can be in attendance.

Deborah will follow up with Double A Vineyard for a possible guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.