



Vineyard Committee

The purpose of the Vineyard Committee is to collaborate around the issues impacting grape growers in Anderson Valley. The volunteer committee is committed to vetting current challenges and anticipating things that may lead to issues downstream in the future. These may include but are not limited to farming practices, pest and disease, sustainability, fire safety, and changes occurring in the microclimate, which may impact farming and economic viability. The committee's goal is to address concerns, build vineyard relations, identify helpful seminars and workshops, and elevate critical issues to the Anderson Valley Winegrowers Association to request support.

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Committee Members & Guest Attendees Present:

X	Andrew Beebe (Chair)	X	Norm Kobler		Tony Bugica	X	Courtney DeGraff
	Travis Foote	X	Justin Jackson		Linda MacElwee		Dee Keith

Agenda & Discussion

1. Open Discussion:

a. Housekeeping

- i. Next Vineyard Email - January -? Topics- ?
- ii. [Sustainability statement](#) drafted
- iii. [North Coast Water Program](#) ([Napa/Sonoma Fact Sheet](#)) coming 2024
- iv. [Previous Committee Topics & Discussion List](#)
- v. Vineyard Committee [Shared Google Account](#) (minutes, documents, etc.).

b. Events

i. January 20th Pruning Contest: 10:30-2:30 PM

- a. [View working document here](#)
- b. To be discussed today:
 - i. Courtney asked thoughts to change the event to White Wine Weekend Friday? Concerns with January date? If moved back, can happen at Roederer property (January date is Boonville property). Norm's guys are fairly open and if moved to February don't anticipate an issue. Good for marketing if there is a station for pruning demonstration - teach them how to do it, critique their work. Travis doesn't anticipate any issues - full crews will be avail either dates.

- ii. Lunch & lunch sponsor- Courtney to follow up with Bahco
- iii. Involve little sponsors to give people an opportunity for visibility - smaller amounts
 - 1. Breakfast/coffee sponsor
 - 2. Solo Stove (old washer machine campfire firepit - smokeless)
- iv. Judging/rules- 3 judges ideally
 - 1. Andrew drafting the rules; confirm judges
 - a. Bob Gibson on vacation in January
 - b. John @ Casa Cristal is a judge for Alexander Valley
 - c. David at Bacho judge - ?
- v. Emails; printed posters - have you distributed them?
 - 1. AVWA create sign-up sheet for housing areas
- vi. Need insurance liability waiver - Courtney ask Jeremy
- vii. The Company Kitchen gift certificate(s)
- viii. SWAG sponsor -
 - 1. T-shirt sponsor - table until 2024
 - 2. Other ideas:
 - a. VIP- Vineyard Industry Products
 - b. Bellcorp Ag
 - c. JSC - Jim Supply Company - Jeff Miller (in Bakersfield). New office Windsor.
- ix. Press release - ? Is this the 4th annual?
- x. Invite Christian @ UCEE, Devon @ the Farm Bureau
- xi. Rain Day Plan-
 - 1. Pop-up tents for sponsor tables and lunch area
 - 2. Andrew has Commercial B license and can drive passenger van; one other licensed driver. Bob said event can use them

ii. March 29th Vineyard Seminar

- 1. Internally focused event - land owners, managers
- 2. UCEE - Drought-resistant rootstock in warming climates (material selection; site matching rootstock to site) - preliminary grant for AV root stock project in 2024. First farm advisor project. Andrew- how much time does Christian need?
- 3. American Ag Credit - Land appraisal discussion
- 4. Forward-Looking Legal discussion - Courtney ask Jeremy what he thinks is of interest
- 5. - Laurel speak about Coho & Uniqueness of the Navarro; how FFF helps
- 6. North Coast Water & Fish Friendly Farming as solution - this should be a larger dedicated webinar once requirements are issued
- 7. Cold Creek Compost - attend?
- 8. Broader audience, not for this group: BBSI - HR/Healthcare update - HR issues that we run into in the valley
- 9.
- 10. Random updates:

- a. *Limiting the amount you can take as a hunger: Wild pigs deemed pest by CA; laws changing on permitting to remove them to prevent ecological damage*

11. *Can what we do here feed into May Tech?*

iii. **Pinot Fest Vineyard Sub-Committee**

1. What is the Tech Conference Theme this year? Sustainability could be interesting...Cold Creek Compost?
2. What is going to be most compelling that we aren't discussing 3/29?
3. TBD: FFF discussion at Tech Conference? Vineyard technology?
4. 2022 topic was: Future-Proofing: Preparing For Vineyard & Vintage Impacts on Quality.

iv. **Fish-Friendly Farming 11/20- emailed Laurel to begin discussions.**

1. What are the Fish & Game concerns for FFF water permits? What is the screen issue for filling a pond (gravity screen vs. pump).

v. **2024 Water Requirements**

1. Need for a webinar/discussion with members for the water requirements hitting in 2024; Fish & Game, FFF, etc.
2. Irrigated Agriculture Ag. Waiver (micro-sprayers), Mobile Irrigation Labs

vi. **2023 Vineyard Workshops**

1. Redo biochar & healthy soils workshops; lots of interest at the symposium so let's invite them

vii. **Compost program**

1. [Apply — Zero Foodprint](#)
2. [Compost — Zero Foodprint](#)

viii. **Debrief on Environmental Committee**

- c. [North Coast Water Program](#) (see [Napa/Sonoma Fact Sheet](#))

2023 Calendar of Ideas/Events:

January	February	March	April
Vnyd Newsletter: Pruning contest & ?	Vnyd Newsletter: Social: John Leal - ?	Seminar: 3/29 - topics TBD Eco Tour: Social: Norm's	Eco Tour: Social: Brashley - ?
May	June	July	
Pinot Fest Workshop: Tailgate: Vnyd Replanting-?	Tailgate/Eco Tour: Social: Lula Cellars	General Meeting & Social: @ Maggy Hawk- ?	Sparkling Harvest Social: @ Goldeneye
September	October	November	December
Harvest	Eco Tour: AV Brewing Social: @ Foursight - ?	Seminar/Tailgate Vnyd Newsletter: Social: Twomey - ?	General Meeting & Social: @ Handley Cellars - ?