

**COLORADO ASSOCIATION FOR  
VITICULTURE & ENOLOGY (CAVE)  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
3:00pm-3:30pm**

**I. Call to Order**

The special meeting was called to order at 3:00pm. Board members present were, Ulla Merz, Laura Black, Phil Patton, Scott Smith, Charles Talbott and Kevin Webber. Staff present was Cassidee Shull.

**II. VinCO Covid Protocols**

Cassidee updated the board of the VinCO Committee meeting held regarding a VinCO speaker and vendor no longer able to attend the upcoming conference due to the lack of Covid-protocols in place. There is a concern of losing additional speakers and vendors without putting protocols in place for attendees, speakers, and vendors.

The board discussed the benefits of requiring proof of vaccine or negative tests rather than requiring masks as VinCO includes so many tasting events, luncheons, and happy hours. The board also noted it would be beneficial to have both the CAVE board and the WCHS board on the same page in terms of protocols as the conference is held in the same location, including lunches and happy hours.

*Charles motioned to require a negative Covid-19 test or proof of vaccine and to encourage mask wearing for the 2022 VinCO Conference. Kevin seconded the motion. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.*

A full refund will be offered to any VinCO attendee who no longer wishes to attend after the new protocol is sent out. A list of testing facilities will also be made available to those attending VinCO.

Cassidee will write up the new Covid-19 protocol language to be sent to current VinCO attendees, speakers, and vendors. She will also send this new language to the WCHS board.

**III. Adjourn**

The special meeting was adjourned at 3:26pm.