

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Notice of Membership Meeting

Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2nd Ave. North Vancouver

September 14, 2013 @ 2:30 pm

Reports

Treasurer

- Budget Distributed and Reviewed.

Provincial Chief Steward

- Everything is in hand and on track. At this time, it appears that Saanich Sommeliers will not require a loan from BCAWA.
- Questions will be answered at the next meeting
- Report from Chief Steward 2014:
August 28, 2013
Chief Stewards Report for BCAWA Competition 2014

At this point we have created a budget which is attached for comments/approval. The Saanich Sommeliers has a healthy budget so at this point we will not be asking BCAWA for an advance.

We have booked the Prospect Lake hall for the Saturday venue and the Friday Night Meet n Greet will be at Starling Lane Winery which is close to the Hall. There is also a Howard Johnson Hotel close by, which has reasonable rates. We will also be offering billeting for out of town guests, and preference will be given to Judges that will be judging and attending the event. The caterer will be selected and booked soon.

The hall can accommodate seating for 120. We have created a seating plan for both the dinner and judging event.

The Music has been booked and it will be canned music by the same DJ that did the last provincial competition in Victoria.

The various committees have at least the lead person in place and once we start meeting again in September we will be filling the committees with the required support staff.

National Director

- Wine Expert will not be sponsoring medals next year. Several options were discussed. To reduce the cost of the competitions it is suggested that medals are not used and that winners are be presented with certificates and identified as 1, 2, 3 and Honorable Mention. Attendees did not support this method of scoring and want to see the use of Gold, Silver, Bronze standings continue.



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- The position of President for the AWC remains vacant. It would be good if someone from BC would be interested in assuming the role.
- BC always does a professional job hosting the Nationals and if the nationals are to continue there needs to be support.

Action Items:

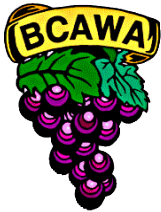
- It was recommended to seek sponsorship from BC Grape Suppliers or possibly some of the chemical suppliers for competitions held in BC. Does anyone have connections?

Guild Master

- It is suggested that the Social Class description be changed to allow for higher alcohol. Most commercial wines are at 12%. The Guild Master will prepare a recommendation for next meeting.
- Recommendations for competitions:
 - Judge whites in the morning and reds in the afternoon
 - The Nationals used the same judges to judge a full flight and this worked very well.
 - Ensure the wines are properly prepared – chill the whites and open the reds at least 30 minutes prior to the judging after confirming with the judges to proceed.
- There will be another joint training session for BCAWA and the Judges Guild. An outline will be prepared and the session will be open to all of BACWA.

Web Steward

- No report
- Discussion about the use of the Competition software was held and it was positive. The software was used for the Nationals and all results would be in the mail by Monday
- Statistics for bcawa.ca website:



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Statistics for bcawa.ca (2013-09) - main

Last Update: 14 Sep 2013 - 05:16

Reported period: Sep 2013 OK

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Statistics for: bcawa.ca

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Summary

Reported period: Month Sep 2013

First visit: 01 Sep 2013 - 00:06

Last visit: 14 Sep 2013 - 05:08

	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Viewed traffic *	4,146	5,014 (1.2 visits/visitor)	7,689 (1.53 Pages/Visit)	19,228 (3.83 Hits/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			5,280	12,834

* Not viewed traffic includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.

Monthly history

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2013	7,763	9,714	19,545	40,706	973.64 MB
Feb 2013	7,413	9,182	17,999	37,673	1.20 GB
Mar 2013	8,458	10,614	17,272	39,994	1.10 GB
Apr 2013	8,016	10,243	19,087	41,548	1.43 GB
May 2013	7,571	9,671	19,688	37,415	1.36 GB
Jun 2013					
Jul 2013					
Aug 2013					
Sep 2013					
Oct 2013					
Nov 2013					
Dec 2013					

Old Business

BCAWA Newsletter

- No one has volunteered to be the editor
- BCAWA President will lead the initial investigation into the use of social media tools.
- Club Reps are asked to:
 - Seek a volunteer to sit on a panel to develop communication tools to meet the needs of the clubs

Notice of Motion

In May 2013, The Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association put forward a motion to amend the BCAWA By-Laws to provide that no person elected or appointed as a director shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself in the office if he or she has served in the office for two consecutive one-year terms.

Specifically:

- Insert paragraph 5.8.1: "No member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive one-year terms. Serving for part of a term shall, in this regard, not be considered a whole term."

Action Items:

- Clubs are asked to:
 - review this motion and be prepared to discuss this at the General Meeting to be held in January.



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Judge Trainees - To fund/partially fund training session for Judge Trainees. 1 session per month for 6 months with a minimum of 10 trainees.

Discussion:

- It is suggested that the training start in January. There would be 6 sessions. 4 Qualified Judges would attend to ensure a standard was achieved. A minimum of 10 trainees would be required with a maximum of 12. Total participant participation would be 16.
- Alternate between Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland.
- Estimated that the cost would be approximately \$2500. Participants would carry their own ferry costs and a nominal cost towards the wine (around \$200.00 per person paid in advance) . There is sufficient money in reserve to cover partial expenses.
- This was done in 2000 – 2001 and a number of people were quickly qualified to become judges.
- The objective is to understand what is a no medal wine, Bronze, Silver, Gold wines as well as a good understand of faults and flaws.

Decision: A budget will be prepared for the end of November for distribution to BCAWA Executive.

New Business

Image of BCAWA

- As a means to improve the visibility and increase interest in amateur wine making, a suggestion was made to consider adopting the name of BC Artisan Wine Making Association. Maybe a tag line could be “The Art of Wine Making”
- This change could be made without changing the name of BCAWA.

Action Items:

- Clubs are asked to:
 - Discuss this within their clubs to determine interest and report back to the next meeting.

Post BCAWA Minutes of Meetings on the Web Site

- This will be done

Club Mentoring

- Is there interest to increase the advertising around the possibility of being mentored by experienced wine makers for new club members.
- Most Clubs do this now – some more formally advertising than others

Action Items:

- Consider this for all social media that goes forward
- Would it be possible to advertise this in the Wine Maker Magazine?

Meeting Adjourned