



BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Membership Meeting  
12206 Osprey Drive, Richmond  
Sunday, February 1, 2015 @ 11:30 AM.  
Agenda

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| 1. Welcome by President                 | Sandy Bellows                                    |
| 2. Toast by Host Club                   | Larry McIntyre                                   |
| 3. Approval of Agenda                   | Moved: Axel Kroitzsch; Seconded: Colin Nicholson |
| 4. Approval of October 19, 2014 Minutes | Moved: Doug Brain; Seconded: Doug Ellis          |

Attendees:

*Executive*

President	Sandy Bellows (Saanich Sommeliers)
Vice President	Doug Markin
Secretary	Sharon Bierd (Saanich Sommeliers)
Treasurer	John Matkovich (VinoVan - Absent)
Chief Steward - 2015 Provincial Competition	Jacquelin George (VAWA)
Past President	Rick Homer (Saanich Sommeliers)
National Director	Axel Kroitzsch (Langley Fermenters)
Director at Large	Ron Thorne
Director at Large	John McMaster (VAWA)
Guild Master	Doug Ewen (VAWA)

*Appointed Positions:*

Web Site	John McMaster (VAWA)
Archivist	Robin McNeil (absent)

*Club*

*Representative*

Belcarra Wine Makers	Doug Brain, Robert Martino
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Fran Ayris
Italvino Wine Club	Absent
Kamloops Wine Assoc.	Absent
Langley Fermenters	Axel Kroitzsch
Nanaimo Winemakers	Absent
Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicholson
Sunshine Coast	Jacquelin George
VAWA	Larry McIntyre
Vintners of Coquitlam	Mike Lesperance
Vintners of North Van (VinoVan)	Doug Ellis

# Reports

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## **Treasurer John Matkovich**

- As of February 1, 2015: Total Cash and Inventory : 15,215.69
- Treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes.

### Discussion:

BCAWA is in a good financial position and funds are available to clubs who are interested in hosting events for the benefit of improving wine making knowledge and skill of wine makers within the clubs. It would be desirable that events are open to all BCAWA Clubs and providing billeting would make the events more accessible to all club members. Examples of events are: Concepts when making white wine; flaws and faults ; blending.

### Acceptance of the Treasure's Report

Moved: Axel Kroitzsch; Seconded: Colin Nicholson

## **Provincial Chief Steward Jacquelin George**

Plans are in place for the May competition. Venue is booked and catering is to be arranged. There will be a Meet and Greet on Friday evening. Cost for the Dinner and Dance will be \$60 - \$65.00 per person.

## **National Directors Report – Axel Kroitzsch**

Very little activity at the National Level and there is no new President. Nova Scotia is holding the 2015 Competition.

### Discussion:

As the role of President is a challenge to fill at the National Level, it is proposed that the National Director of the Province Holding the National Competition be the President for that year. The role would rotate which might make it easier to fill. This model would be similar to the BCAWA Chief Steward model.

*Action Item:* Axel Kroitzsch will recommend that the role of the National President and the Chief Steward for the National Competition be amalgamated into one role.

## **Guild Master's Report – Dave Ewen**

The Guild Master is looking for recommendations on ways to encourage people to join the BCGWJ and ways to retain people in the Guild.

### Discussion:

There was discussion about the certification/re-certification of some senior judges and general agreement that there is a need to ensure certification for all judges is current and there a re-certification process for those judges who have not attended training/maintenance sessions or judged at competitions on a frequent basis.

## **WEBMASTER REPORT – John McMaster**

There are about 5000 visits per month to the web site with an average visit time of 95 seconds. Articles attract a lot of traffic.

### Discussion:

There were a number of ideas generated from the discussion, including:

- Is there an option to create an article on how to taste wine with a link to the BCGWJ
- How can the technical content be increased
- Google Ads could generate income for BCAWA. Are there suppliers that might be interested in a Google Ad on the BCAWA web site.

### Action Item(s):

- Club Reps are asked to check with their members to see if there are individuals to help establish advertising on the BCAWA web site with the possibility of realizing discounts for club members.
- Doug Ellis will approach Bosa Wines to discuss discounts for BCAWA club members if BCAWA has a preferred supplier page.

## **Communications Committee Report - Sandy Bellows**

Sandy reported that no one has come forward to lead this committee. While many members have put forward good ideas, no one had come forward to help with the committee. The committee will be put on hold for now.

## **Archivist Report – Submitted by Robin McNeil (via email).**

“I have started into the process of culling the files and have so far reduced the 4 filing boxes to about half a box. When this process is complete I propose to take a sample 100 pages to Staples and have them scan them. This will cost \$5 plus \$15 per 15 minutes of operator time. If it were straightforward, there should be little need for the operator, but with dog-eared originals, a mix of short and long paper and some double sided, I think it will be full time job for someone rather than letter a stack into the scanner. Also I presume that we would want each set of minutes etc. in a separate file.”

# Old New Business.

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## **Terms of BCAWA Executive Members Sandy Bellows**

It was entered into the minutes of the October 19, 2014 meeting that VAWA proposed a change to the Bylaws. Club Representatives are asked to vote.

### VAWA moves to amend the BCAWA Bylaws as follows:

- 1) Amend Part 5 by inserting after section 5.8:  
**5.8.1 No member shall hold the same office for more than two full terms in succession. Serving for part of a term shall, in this regard, not be considered a whole term.**
- 2) Amend Part 5, section 5.9:  
Current wording is:

- 5.9 The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.
- (a) A director so appointed holds office only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting of the Association, but is eligible for re-election at the meeting.

Amend wording to:

- 5.9 The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.
- (a) A director so appointed holds office only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting of the Association, but is eligible for re-election at the meeting.  
**The period served as a replacement Director is not included when determining the maximum term limit for a Director.**

Vote on Amended Bylaw Changes:

Moved: Jaqueline George; Seconded: Mike Lesperance Vote: 100% in favor

### *Wine Judge Training Seminars progress - Axel Kroitzsch/Rick Homer*

Discussion:

The class is full and feedback has been positive with comments that the format is good and everyone enjoyed the session. It is hoped that there will be 6 judges at the end of the session. Costs for the session will be \$200 per club members and \$250 for guests and the funding motion will be amended.

The Motion that was passed May3, 2014 is as follows:

“That BCAWA donate \$2000 to assist with the financing of the Wine Judge Training Program. The BCAWA Treasurer will create a special account for the training program. The funds are to be used for the following: Course materials, travel expenses for the instructors and other miscellaneous expenses. The students to be subsidized in the following manner: If a student is a member of both the BCGWJ and BCAWA, 50% of their registration fee would be paid. If they are only a member of one of the associations then 25% of their registration fee would be paid.”

Motion February 15, 2015:

Amend the funding model for the training to the following:

“That BCAWA donate \$2000 to assist with the financing of the Wine Judge Training Program. The BCAWA Treasurer will create a special account for the training program. The funds are to be used for the following: Course materials, travel expenses for the instructors and other miscellaneous expenses.

Vote on Acceptance of the Amendments to the Funding Model for training

Moved by: Doug Brain Seconded by: Larry McIntyre Vote: 100% in favor

### *BCAWA Annual Competition Host Clubs - Sandy Bellows*

The Proposed Competition List is :

- 2016 – Belcarra/Sunshine Coast
- 2017 – Italvino
- 2018 – Vinovan
- 2019 – Nanaimo Winemakers

- 2020 – Kamloops Wine Association
- 2021 - Chilliwack Zymurgy
- 2022 – Langley Fermenters
- 2023 – Saanich Sommeliers
- 2024 – VAWA
- 2025 - Belcarra/Sunshine Coast
- 2026 – Italvino

Discussion:

Planning has begun for 2016 and Jacqueline George will be Chief Steward.

Smaller Clubs may find it challenging to plan and host events and BCAWA could offer support.

Vintners of Coquitlam will be combined with Italvino to host competitions.

BCGWJ will advise BCAWA if they would like to host a competition.

### ***Amend Name of BCAWA to British Columbia Artisan Winemakers Association - Sandy Bellows***

A motion was entered into the October 19, 2014 minutes to amend the name of BCAWA from the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association to the British Columbia Artisan Winemakers.

Moved: Axel Kroitzsch Seconded: Doug Ewen

Discussion was held.

The motion was amended to:

Amend the name of BCAWA from the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association to the British Columbia Artisan Winemakers. BCAWA will apply for the new name and if successful, then register the new name.

Moved: Doug Ewen Seconded: Axel Kroitzsch

Vote on to proceed with amending the name of BCAWA as per the amended motion.

Vote was called. 8 Voting Members present. For: 5 Against 3 Motion did not pass.

**PRESIDENT'S NOTE:** As a result of the miscommunications surrounding the outcome the vote this resolution will be re-introduced at the AGM so clubs are to be prepared to vote on the change of name.

## **New Business**

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### **BCAWA Web Site – John McMaster**

The BCAWA web site hosts the AWC website and it costs \$33 per year.

Action Item: Recover funds for hosting the AWC website from AWC.

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### **Upcoming Meetings**

Executive Committee – May 11, 2015 7:30 pm conference call

Annual General Meeting – May 23, 2015 Provincial Competition

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

Moved: Jacqueline George Seconded by: Axel Kroitzsch

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association  
Treasurer's Report February 1, 2015

<b>Cash Balance as at May 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 11,215.69</b>
<b>Inventory September 23, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>
<b>Total Cash/Inventory) February 1, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 15,215.69</b>

**Budget Forecast 2014/2015 Fiscal Year**

<b><i>Forecasted Revenues 2014/15</i></b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b><u>Returned Funds</u></b>			
Competition Medals 2014	\$ 650.00	\$ 750.00	-\$ 100.00
Total Returned Funds	<b>\$ 650.00</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b><u>General Revenue</u></b>			
Club dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,575.00	-\$ 75.00
Competition Share 2014	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,897.89	-\$ 897.89
Miscellaneous	\$ 15.00	\$ 3.95	\$ 11.05
Total General Revenue 2014/15	<b>\$ 2,515.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,476.84</b>	<b>-\$ 961.84</b>
<b><u>Total Operating Revenues</u></b>	<b>\$ 3,165.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,226.84</b>	<b>\$ 1,061.84</b>

**Forecasted Expenses 2014/15**

	<b>Expense</b>		<b>Balance</b>
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00	\$ 205.25	-\$ 5.25
Secretarial	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 90.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 200.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 116.00
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00	\$ 443.16	\$ 156.84
Teleconferencing	\$ 400.00	\$ 190.35	\$ 209.65
Filing Fees (2015)	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Provincial Medals (1050)	\$ 3,635.41	\$ 3,635.41	\$ -
AWC Dues	\$ 200.00	\$ 136.00	\$ 64.00
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Wine Judge Training program	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<b><u>Total Operating Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$ 8,410.41</b>	<b>\$ 6,704.17</b>	<b>\$ 1,706.24</b>

<b>Budgeted Operating Revenue 2014/15</b>	<b>-\$ 4,183.57</b>	<b>-\$ 2,477.33</b>
<b>Cash Available May 1, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 11,215.69</b>	
<b>Budgeted Cash Balance April 30 2015</b>	<b>\$ 7,032.12</b>	
<b>Actual cash balance February 1 2015</b>		<b>\$ 8,738.36</b>

Forecast revenue is higher by \$961.84 mostly due to a successful provincial competition.  
\$2000 has been allocated to the Wine judge training program  
All club dues where paid as of 12/31/14