



**British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association**  
**2015 Fall General Meeting**  
**Agenda**

**Date:** November 21, 2015  
**Time:** 11:00 AM  
**Host Club:** Vinovan  
**Location:** Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
1110 Gladwin Dr, North Vancouver

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. TOAST BY HOST CLUB**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4. MINUTES**

4.1. BCAWA General Meeting Dated Feb 1, 2015 for adoption

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1. President – Axel Kroitzsch**

**6.2. Treasurer – John Matkovich**

**6.3. 2016 Chief Steward – Ron Thorne**

**6.4. National Director – Doug Markin**

**6.5. Guild Master – Dave Ewen**

**7. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8.1. Pending Motions**

**8.1.1. Motion to Change the name of BCAWA**

“to amend the name British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association to British Columbia Artisan Winemakers Association”

This motion was originally made at the BCAWA General Meeting on October 14, 2014 but voting on the motion was postponed until the February 1, 2015 General Meeting to give the Club Reps an opportunity to discuss the motion with their clubs. The motion was defeated at the February 1

meeting, but as there was some miscommunication of the results it was decided to reintroduce the motion at the AGM in May 2015. During the discussion of the motion some new information was disclosed (primarily that the name change would not have any effect on BCAWA or member clubs status with any government agency) but further discussion and voting was deferred until the Fall General meeting to again give the Club Reps sufficient time to confer with their clubs.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **9.1. Communications with clubs** – for discussion.

Ideas that have been suggested include:

- 9.1.1. BCAWA might host an event for all club executives and BCAWA executives. A relatively informal meeting with a short agenda – objective would be to get to know each other, identify any issues and figure out how we might jointly address them.
- 9.1.2. Have individual members of the BCAWA executive routinely attend club meetings and assist the Club Reps with any BCAWA related items.
- 9.1.3. Road (Bus) Trips. Reintroduce the concept which seemed to work well a few years ago. Some clubs (e.g. Langley) continue the tradition.

### **9.2. Support for clubs** – for discussion

What can BCAWA do to better support the member clubs?

### **9.3. Support for Educational sessions** – for discussion

Ideas that have been suggested include:

- 9.3.1. A series of relatively short mid-week evening sessions rather than all day weekend sessions,
  - 9.3.1.1. Industry (external, non-club) speakers,
  - 9.3.1.2. Include time to socialize
- 9.3.2. Wine Tasting / Appreciation sessions:
  - 9.3.2.1. Led by a panel of industry and club specialists
  - 9.3.2.2. Wines would include a combination of commercial and hand crafted product.

### **9.4. Support for membership drives** – for discussion

### **9.5. New BC Societies Act** – for discussion.

- 9.5.1. BCAWA will need to file a new version of its by-laws that conforms to the new act and its regulations. It has been recommended that any desired by-law changes be incorporated into the club by-laws at the same time. The suggested time frame would be to circulate drafts from January through March with a goal of adopting the new by-laws at the AGM in May 2016. (A motion directing the Secretary to draft and circulate the revised by-laws to the clubs might be a

possible outcome of this discussion.)

#### **9.6. Provincial Competition Entry Class Changes – for discussion**

9.6.1. It has been proposed that:

- 9.6.1.1. class A (Aperitif Sherry) and class B (Aperitif) be removed from the competition due to lack of entries,
- 9.6.1.2. class P (Sparkling Cider) be removed from the competition (due to lack of entries) and that the description of class H (Sparkling) be modified to explicitly allow Sparkling Cider,
- 9.6.1.3. class S1 (Dry Red Grape Kit) and class S2 (Dry White Grape kit) be removed from the competition due to lack of entries. Kit winemakers should be encouraged to enter their wines in any other appropriate entry class,
- 9.6.1.4. class C3 (Non-Vinifera White Grape) be added to the competition due to the increased supply of non-vinifera white grapes and the increased interest in making wine with them.

#### **9.7. Provincial Competition Entry Class Description Review – for discussion**

9.7.1. It has been suggested that the Entry Class Descriptions need to be reviewed to ensure that they conform to current standards. (A motion to request that the BC Guild of Judges undertake this review is a possible outcome of this discussion.)

#### **9.8. Provincial Competition Statistics – for discussion**

9.8.1. It has been suggested that statistics be produced after each Provincial Competition such as the number of winemakers and number of entries by club, the number of entries in each class by club and medals won by club. A sample from the 2015 competition is included with in the agenda package posted on the web. (A motion to direct the Handbook Committee to include this requirement in the Competition Handbook might be a possible outcome of this discussion.)

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**