



## BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Agenda General Meeting February 26, 2017  
940 Ewen Avenue New Westminster, British Columbia V3M 5C8  
11:00 am estimated (when Vancouver Island members arrive)

### Agenda

1. Welcome to Serve it Right Meeting and Call to Order Mike Leeper
2. Toast by Host Club - Italvino Mike Roman
3. Approval of Agenda Moved: Ricardo Pellizzari Second: Colin Nicholson
4. Approval of October 16, 2016 Minutes Moved: Doug Markin Second: Kevin Bramhoff

#### Attendees:

##### *Executive*

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Chief Steward - 2017 Provincial Competition  
Past President  
National Director  
Director at Large  
Director at Large  
Guild Master

Mike Leeper – Vinovan  
John McMaster - VAWA  
Sharon Bied - Saanich Sommeliers  
John Matkovich - Vinovan  
Mike Roman – Italvino  
Axel Kroitzsch – Langley – Absent  
Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers  
Robert Martino  
Johnathan Klink – Absent  
Dave Ewen – VAWA Absent

##### *Appointed Positions:*

Web Site  
Archivist

John McMaster- VAWA  
Robin McNeil Saanich Sommeliers Absent

##### *Club*

##### *Representative*

Belcarra Wine Makers  
Chilliwack Zymurgy  
Italvino Wine Club  
Kamloops Wine Assoc.  
Langley Fermenters  
Nanaimo Winemakers  
Saanich Sommeliers  
Sunshine Coast  
VAWA  
Vintners of Coquitlam  
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)  
Number of Voting Members

Voting Attendee  
Doug Brain  
Kevin Bramhoff  
Riccardo Pellizzari Gary Pardin, Mike Roman  
Absent  
Absent  
Doug Markin Cathy Markin  
Colin Nicholson  
Absent  
Larry McIntyre  
Mike Lesperance  
John Matkovich

# Reports:

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## Presidents Report – Mike Leeper

Some competitions were having very good participation with entries from other clubs while some clubs need encouragement to enter wines in other competitions. There is excitement for the upcoming fall wine making season with acceptance of a new Provincial Crush (2017 Zinfandel from Jessie's Grove, Lodi CA).

## Treasurer - John Matkovich

As a result of a good 2016 competition, BCAWA revenue has increased. Bank statements were made available for review. Provided encouragement to clubs to seek funding for educational events held by their clubs. Treasurer's report is appended.

## Provincial Chief Steward 2017- Mike Roman

Planning is well underway and the location and details are posted on the web site. There will be a raffle held instead of a silent auction. A budget needs to be established. The BCAWA Secretary should issue a request for Stewards closer to the competition. The BCGWJ attending will receive a complementary ticket to the banquet. It was recommended to add the role of Scanner of Results to the Registrar's team. Italvino will seek approval for campers/motorhomes to park in the venue parking lot overnight.

## National Directors Report – Doug Markin

It is Ontario's turn to hold the National Wine Competition and the AWC is awaiting confirmation that they will host it (now confirmed ... yes). Alberta's role in the AWC is unknown at this time and there continues to be discussion at the AWC level of Rank vs Medal for judging at the AWC. Ontario is considering withdrawing from the AWC. BC hosts in 2020.

Moved Accepted: Kevin Bramhoff Seconded: Riccardo Pellizzari

## Guild Master's Report – Dave Ewen (absent but report submitted)

The awareness and reputation of the Guild is gaining a lot of ground. This is Italvino being tempered by issues of staffing events. Recently this became evident with Chilliwack and competitions being on the same day. What the Guild is proposing to address this issue is to send a committee to every Mainland BCAWA member club meeting with our message and recruit some possible new trainees.

Another issue we are having is around expenses for judges to attend competitions. Specifically ferry costs for Island judges. Covering these by member clubs would be prohibitive but at the same time unfair for those doing the travelling. Currently we see no problem having fuel expenses covered by these clubs.

For discussion and a motion, would BCAWA create a yearly, Ferry Expense Grant, to the Guild in order to mitigate ferry travel costs? The Guild would have to create guidelines on the use of this, such as how many vehicles per competition from Victoria and Nanaimo would be allowed etc. On the basis of how many competitions there are I am sure a reasonable allowance could be reached.

In other business we are still forging ahead on multiple fronts. Sam and I have spent a lot of time at commercial events lobbying the brand of the Guild of Judges. I can say this is working, our recognition and status with BC Wineries has them embracing us as a credible and desirable body. We have plans

formed to get the first fruit wine competition off the ground as soon as early summer. The premise is wines would be judged over a period of 30 days so the judges could work through them. This low impact style without an event side to it is the most workable for our current organization. With entry fees up front it creates the financing we need for the medals.

We have had discussions and some proposals for the website and this is ongoing.

Report read into Minutes by Mike Leeper

Report Accepted: Riccardo Pellizzari Seconded by: Larry McIntyre

*Action Item:*

Motion: The BCGWJ should prepare guidelines with example of compensation for Club and Provincial competitions for inclusion in the BCAWA Competition Handbook. Moved: Kevin Bramhoff Seconded: Riccardo Pellizzari

## Unfinished Business

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### Review changes required to BCAWA under the new Societies Act

John McMaster reported that BCAWA has until November 2018 to Transition to the New Societies Act. BCAWA is a member funded vs publicly funded society. BCAWA Constitution is in good form as there are no operating procedures in the Constitution. By-Law changes made in 2010 and 2015 are not in current by-laws that are on file with the Government, so they will need to be voted on again and filed.

*Action Item:* Notification of voting and the special resolution must go to the membership 30 days prior to the AGM so that the Vote can be held at the AGM.

### Publish the rules for entries into the AWC from BCAWA.

The guidelines for selecting entries to the AWC were presented by Doug Markin and the general rules will be sent to John McMaster for publishing on the Web.

### Competition Manual—Updates from Feb Meeting (Class F does not appear to be updated)

*Action Item:* The competition manual will be updated prior to the Annual General Meeting by Sharon Bierd.

### Competition Club Rotation

There will be no change to the Club Rotation for hosting Provincial Competitions.

### BCAWA Club Crush

The response to the Club Crush has been positive with preliminary orders for 34 drums. Grapes will come crushed, destemmed, and cooled. FOB Vancouver.

Discussion: Considerable discussion about the cost of freight being distributed over the number of barrels.

*Motion:* The Cost of Transportation for the 2017 Club Crush should be distributed equally over the number of drums ordered and added to the cost of the drums. Moved: Colin Nicholson Seconded: Mike Roman Vote:3 For and 5 Against. Motion: Defeated

*Action Item:* The 2017 “Grape Guy”, Rob Martino will prepare a message to be sent to all Clubs advising of the final costs and logistics and the deadline for final orders from each club.

*Motion:* BCAWA will host an Education Seminar in North Vancouver (Gloria Dei Church – September 16<sup>th</sup>) for the 2017 Provincial Crush at no cost for BCAWA members in good standing. Moved: Kevin Bramhoff  
Seconded: Larry McIntyre Carried. Larry McIntyre agreed to co-ordinate the seminar.

### Road Bus Trip

General discussion about the bus trip. This item will be removed from the Agenda until a proposal has been received by BCAWA Executive.

### BCAWA Education Fund

On an annual basis BCAWA allocates \$1000.00 for Club Education. This fund can be accessed by clubs who do training within that club that can be shared by other clubs.

### BCAWA Executives Visiting Club Functions

Clubs were advised at the February 2017 General Meeting that if a Club wanted a BCAWA or BCGWJ Executive to attend their meeting, they should send an invitation to the appropriate group and a representative would attend their meeting. This item will be removed from the Agenda.

## New Business

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### BCAWA Silver Pin

The Silver Pin award is to recognize those who have made substantial contributions in furthering home winemaking through service, participation, and support. More information on this award can be found on the BCAWA web site. Clubs are asked to encourage members to submit nominations for individuals who would qualify for this award.

### Wine Label Competition

VAWA started a competition for wine labels that is open to all BCAWA Clubs every two years. VAWA collects the wine labels which are judged by UBC Graphic Arts staff. VAWA will be inviting Clubs to participate in this that will be held during their upcoming competition. The next label competition will be held in conjunction with the 2018 VAWA Competition.

### Charles Plant

Charles Plant, was a very influential wine maker who wrote many wine making articles and the BCAWA Handbook, and was very active in the AWC. He passed away in 2016. VAWA is going to organize a ceremony to recognize the contributions of Charles Plant at the upcoming Provincial completion on the Friday evening.

*Action Item:* Any club members who have a Charles Plant story that they are willing to share at this ceremony are asked to send the information to Larry McIntyre -VAWA.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2017 following the afternoon judging for the 2017 Provincial Competition: 940 Ewen Avenue New Westminster, British Columbia

Adjournment Moved: Larry McIntyre Seconded: Doug Markin

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association  
Treasurers Report February 26, 2017

<b>Cash Balance as at May 1, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 9,047.21</b>		
<b>Inventory May 1,, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 2,282.00</b>		
<b>Total Cash/Inventory May 1,, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 11,329.21</b>		
<b>Budget Forecast 2016/2017 Fiscal Year</b>			
<b>Forecasted Revenues 2016/17</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<i>Returned Funds</i>			
Competition Medals 2016	\$ 618.00	\$ 618.00	\$ -
Total Returned Funds	\$ 618.00	\$ 618.00	\$ -
<i>General Revenue</i>			
Club dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 65.00
Competition Share 2016	\$ 1,436.76	\$ 1,436.76	\$ -
AWC Competition share	\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.71	\$ 14.29
Total General Revenue 2016/17	\$ 3,431.76	\$ 3,352.47	\$ 79.29
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 4,049.76</b>	<b>\$ 3,970.47</b>	<b>-\$ 79.29</b>
<b>Forecasted Expenses 2016/17</b>			
	<i>Expense</i>		<i>Balance</i>
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 110.00
Secretarial	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 390.00
Teleconferencing	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Filing Fees (2016)	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00	-\$ 15.00
AWC Entries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AWC Dues	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,775.00</b>	<b>\$ 390.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,385.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Operating Revenue 2016/17</b>	<b>\$ 1,274.76</b>	<b>\$ 3,580.47</b>	
<b>Cash Available May 1, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 9,047.21</b>		
<b>Budgeted Cash Balance May 1 2017</b>	<b>\$ 10,321.97</b>		
<b>Actual Cash Balance January 31 2017</b>		<b>\$ 12,627.68</b>	