

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Executive meeting

January 19, 1975, 2:00 pm

The meeting was held at the home of Franz Brunnhofer.

Present were Tom Robinson, Margaret Fairholm, Franz Brunnhofer, Allan Engdahl, Frank Hancock, Joan Collings and Bob Gibson.

Minutes of the Executive meeting of November 3, 1974 were adopted as circulated. It was noted that the February council meeting is to be hosted by Abbotsford and the May meeting by Nanaimo.

Reading of correspondence followed. The Committee Chairman for the National Winemakers Competition requested assistance in raising funds and suggested that all B.C. Clubs could assist by holding a raffle. This was felt to be a reasonable suggestion and will be followed up by the Secretary.

The Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association wrote requesting sanction for their competition as the date was changed from April 5th to April 19th to avoid conflict with the forthcoming California Wine Tour. This was given.

President's Report

Tom has been busy visiting various clubs including Richmond and Nanaimo. He has also been talking with Tom Underhill from Victoria concerning the California Wine Tour. The Tour starts on Good Friday and returns April 6. Price per person including accomodation transportation and winery tours with three days in San Francisco is \$200 double accomodation. A deposit of \$50 is required and should be sent directly to Budget Travel, 641 Johnson St., Victoria by February 15th. After that date the tour will be publicly advertised and seats may not be available for Wine Club members.

Treasurers Report

The Association has been provided with banking facilities in the form of a Current Chequing Account by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Wahlley, B.C.

The accompanying statement of the account position to December 31, 1974 indicates a balance of \$394.08.

This arises from - Balance transferred from Gordon Garlinge's account	\$ 365.08
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Less Bank service charge	1.00
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Total cash in bank of January 19, 1975 424.08

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October 10, 1975 \$ 6.60
December 10, 1974 7.50 14.10

Balance of cash available \$ 409.98

The Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented. Forms were completed authorizing the Treasurer or President to sign alone. Frank requested that all clubs be reminded that membership fees are now past due.

Steward's Report

Allan advised that all arrangements are well in hand and is very pleased with the enthusiasm displayed by the Abbotsford club. Keeper trophies have been received. The category list is being prepared and will be mailed shortly. Stewards are still needed. Bacchus Alumni Club will arrange hotel accomodation for any one requiring it. A Tastevin has been purchased to be awarded to The B.C. Winemaker of the year.

Special Report

Bob Gibson reported on perpetual trophies. At present the Association has three with three more definitely offered and several others quite possible. The President and Secretary to follow up with letters to the contacts as provided by Bob. Much time and energy has been spent by both Bob and Sonia Garlinge on seeking out trophies and the Executive is most appreciative. Bob has offered to continue this job.

Club Assistance

Franz Brubaker has been very diligent and has come up with an exciting list of speakers for club meetings. This is not quite complete as yet but will be ready for circulation very soon.

Council Meeting

The first council meeting of 1975 will be held in Abbotsford on Sunday, February 16th at 1:30 pm at the home of Allan Engdahl, 2061 Primrose, Abbotsford. Clubs are to send two delegates or alternatives, and of course, observers are welcome.

New Business

The date of the May council meeting was set tentatively for May 4th in Nanaimo under the auspices of the I.O.F Winemakers.

With a vote of thanks to Franz for his hospitality the meeting was adjourned.

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B. C. S. W. A. - Meeting of the Executive

Report from the Treasurer

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February 16, 1975 2:00 p.m.

The first council meeting of the 1974-1975 season was held at the home of Allan Engdahl under the sponsorship of Bacchus Alumni of Abbotsford and was called to order by President, Tom Robinson.

Bill Collings, VAWA, was asked to give the toast, which was very apt. A toast to SUCCESS...success for the aims of BCAWA, success for the Provincial and National competitions and most important of all, to the 1974 vintage.

The Executive was introduced..Margaret Fairholm, Past President was unable to attend at the last moment..Tom Robinson, President..Franz Brunnhofer, Vice President, unable to attend due to active participation in a possible new club (he was judging wine and running a acompetition)..Joan Collings, Secretary..Frank Hancock, Treasurer..Allan Engdahl, Steward.

This was followed by by roll call of those member clubs represented.

Bacchus Alumni, Abbotsford....Anna and Martin Thomas
Rikki and Charlin Jones
Al and Jean Engdahl
Burnaby Vinegar Flies.....Sonia Garlinge, President
Gordon Garlinge
Chilliwack Zymurgy Club.....Gunter Klein
Roy Stoner
Richmond Spigget Club.....Rein Vasara
Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Assn..Bill Collings
Lou Curnick, representing Ntl Committee
Victoria Winemakers Guild.....Ed Beck
Harry O'Reilly
Vintners of Coquitlam.....Frank Hancock
Joye Gibson

Minutes of the last council meeting of May 26, 1974 were adopted as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The executive have held two successful meetings, one in November and one in February. We have formally established archives under the guidance of appointee Charles Plant. The sanctioning of various competitions seems to be flowing smoothly and with the exception of the Vancouver competition, all are going ahead as scheduled originally. (Vancouver changed to April 19th). We have two committees, the legal committee under the chairmanship of Margaret Fairholm and the club assistance committee under the guidance of Franz Brunhoffer. Two new clubs are in the early stages of being created, the Seymour Wine Cellar and the East Vancouver Enologists. We wish them all the best and hope to see them soon as fellow Association members. Tom is continuing with his program of visiting various clubs. He has, so far, attended meetings in Nanaimo, Abbotsford, Richmond and North Vancouver, with Chilliwack to come on the 22nd and Tacoma next month.

The President's report was adopted.

STEWARD'S REPORT

The Provincial Competition Committee is continuing to function smoothly and everything is well in hand. The "keeper" trophies have all been received, entry sheets and instructions are to be handed out at conclusion of the meeting and/or mailed. The figures for the cost of entertainment are not yet ready but are expected shortly. We anticipate an excellent competition.

Adopted as given.

TREASURER'S REPORT

At present only seven out of our eighteen member clubs have paid their 1975 dues. Please get your cheques in now.

Financial Statement: Receipts and disbursements from January 1, 1975

<u>Receipts</u>			
	Vintners of Coquitlam	10.00	
	Penticton Grape Cluster	5.00	
	Jewelstoke	15.00	
	Bacchus Alumni	30.00	
	Vinegar Flies	5.00	
	Van. Winemakers Assn	25.00	
	Penticton Winemakers Guild	<u>15.00</u>	105.00
<u>Disbursements</u>			
	Envelopes and postage	18.18	
	Stationery	80.00	
	Bank service charge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>99.18</u>
Net receipts			5.82
Balance forward from 1974			<u>365.08</u>
			<u>370.90</u>

The Treasurer's report was adopted as read.

A reminder to the Treasurer from Sonia Garlinge that \$16 of the above balance is for the 2 free dinners for the 1975 Penticton Convention awarded last year. Secretary to check on names of winners.

NATIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT..Lou Curnick

Excluding the \$750 received from the Attorney General's Department by the efforts of Charles Plant and set aside for the expenses of National judges, the committee has to date received from various sources approximately \$1000. Deposits have been made for the Saturday evening boat cruise and all publicity and postage have been paid to date, leaving \$800.

Andres and Casabello Wines have promised a booth for the hospitality room. Not too much response has been received to the request that clubs hold raff-les, etc., to aid in reducing prices for all events...Vancouver AWA and Vin-ovan being the main contributors, so far. \$200 has been received from the John Bull Co. (beer) who were in attendance at the Winnipeg convention. Their president, who resides in England, will most likely be in attendance. & Mr Baldwin who owns a vineyard in the Similkimeen valley has offered 200 lbs of grapes which will be turned over to the BCWA, if possible, for the Penticton convention.

The Coach House has been visited and all facilities found excellent with the

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exception of the judging room which has now been changed for one without cigar smoke scented drapes!

Early registration has been slight and is posing a problem. Please make your commitment now and register. If fees are reduced because of an increased source of financing, you will get a refund.

The program has been confirmed. Steward, Charles Plant has received the gold plated goblets and pewter mugs for the first place winners. And, remember, you must win, place or show in the BCWA competition in order to enter the National.

For further information on any aspect contact Lou at 3706 West 30th Ave, Vancouver, phone 228-9543.

Report was adopted.

Harry O'Reilly stated and was supported by Bill Collings, that the Provincial Government will provide funding for banquets under, of course, specific conditions. Worth checking.

CALIFORNIA WINE TOUR... Harry O'Reilly

A very complete report was given on the tour which leaves March 28th and returns April 6th. So far 30 people have signed and there is still room; so phone or write as soon as possible, Budget Travel, Victoria. Harry promises all amenities on board the bus including a bar and wash room! He will also be happy to visit any club requiring further information. Wineries to be visited include Wente Bros., Paul Masson, Robert Mondavi, Sterling Winery, Hans Kornell champagne, with others such as Asti and a new Oregon winery possible. There are also unusual trips such as Davis College, (the home of Amorine, for one, and the site of experimental enology); a visit to Justin Miller who has patented a new system for sparkling wines; a visit to the Jesuit Catholic Novitiate Winery. Three free nights in San Francisco including one free day which could be spent shopping, visiting the new Wine Museum or one of the many superlative wine shops. Some special dinners are already planned, but tickets do not include meals. Cost, including transportation and accomodation, approximately \$200 per person, more people..less money!

Adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Trophies...the Association has at present three perpetual trophies with promises of at least three more. Letters concerning perpetuals and "keepers" have been sent to various bodies by the secretary.

Chilliwack...Roy Stoner advised the Chilliwack competition was pretty well sold out, so hurry to get tickets.

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Vancouver... Bill Collings spoke on this year's competition to be held April 19th. Vancouver is still looking for the ideal in judging and will have three judges to each class this year.

Delivery of wine for BCWA competition... Tom is still hoping to visit Revelstoke and other interior points and will be happy to bring back wine (and see that it is looked after!). And, of course, for Vancouver Islanders, bring it to the Council meeting in Nanaimo and the mainlanders can carry it over for you.

Couquitlam... reminded us that they have donated a perpetual trophy and would really like to know what class it is designated for so they can have engraving done.

Chilliwack... Roy Stoner reminded us that their club, together with Tacoma, has offered to host the 1976 Kenticton Convention and would like further information and direction.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a vote of thanks offered by Ed Beck to our host and hostess, Allan and Jean Engdahl and to the Bacchus Alumni for their sponsorship.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1975

Place: the home of Tom Robinson, President

Present: Margaret Fairholm, Tom Robinson, Franz Brunnhofer, Frank Hancock, Joan Collings, and observer Jock Fairholm

Minutes of the executive meeting of January 19, 1975 were adopted as read.

Correspondence pertaining to trophies and the Nanaimo Council meeting were noted and reported on later in the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tom reported briefly on his recent tour to California, which several other members of your executive also enjoyed, as being informative, great fun, and an excellent opportunity to cement friendships with members of other clubs.

He has also been in contact with Wilma Sjoding of Revelstoke and plans on visiting that club on May 13th; one purpose being to bring back wine for the Provincial Competition. Hopefully, a stop will also be made in Penticton, for, of course, the same reason. We need your wines!

The next issue of the Grapevine will be published immediately following the Provincial Competition, May 24th, to bring you all the latest results.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Frank Hancock reported the present Bank balance as being \$497.68 and immediately issued cheques to your Secretary for postage and to the Bacchus Alumni for prepaid donations on keeper trophies. We now have roughly \$450; a real improvement from the formative days of the Assocn.

STEWARD'S REPORT

Margaret Fairholm reported on behalf of Allan Engdahl, who had other commitments. Everything appears to be well in hand and our Steward and his hardworking committee are to be congratulated.

Sofar 10 judges have indicated acceptance..John Bremner, Jeff Robinson, Michael Jeffery, Stan Anderson, Dr Hoeter, Ian Ogden, John Harper, Rick Darling, BillFranchetto and .

Stewards are still a bit scarce but are coming from Victoria, Nanaimo, Burnaby, Coquitlam and Vancouver, If you would like to help pleasecontact Allan who will be happy to hear from you.

May 10th is the deadline for early registration and also for dinner reservations. Dinner and dancing for \$10 per person, tickets available form Allan, at the Nanaimo Conclil meeting or at the VAWA Competition, April 19.

Prize ribbons are to be ordered immediately and will be presented by the judges. And we're going to try to keep the winners secret, almost impossible but we're going to try!

Tom Robinson has been asked to welcome the judges, assist with assigning Stewards and generally keeping things running smoothly. Lunch for the judges has been arranged. Tom will attend the next committee meeting to pick up and clarify any details.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I had been asked to look over old records and find out who specifically had donated perpetual trophies for what category, and after spending several interesting hours reading old letters came up with:

Vancouver Amateur Wiremakers Assn: Red Table }
Bacchus Alumni: B.C. Dry Red Table } in hand
Vancouver; no record but will contact present keeper }

Nanaimo: White Table)
Nick Verano: to be contacted and suggested Apperitif or Dessert) promised
Coquitlam: After dinner)
Royal Bank: Sparkling)

Promises of assistance have been received from Winearts, Andres Wines.

Others who have expressed interest will be contacted: Spagnolls, Desmond Bundy of the Fermentouse, and general follow up on previous letters.

CLUB ASSISTANCE: Franz Brunnhoffer

Franz has come up with an interesting list of speakers available to all clubs which will be circulated shortly (hopefully with these minutes)

He has recently assisted the Austrian Club in running their first ever competition which had 52 entries with 5 classes; has addressed the Seymour Wine Cellar on P Grapes; and has been in correspondence with the Edelweiss Club of Victoria who are interested in wine making and the possibilities of competitions at clubs.

Several members of the Executive and members of VAWA and Bacchus recently assisted the Uget Sound Winemakers in judging their annual competition..the 2nd, I believe.

NATIONAL COMPETITION REPORT

The latest minutes of the committee were read and tabled for further discussion at the Nanaimo Council Meeting. The general program appears to be well in hand, although the number of actually paid up early registrants is slight.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next council meeting will take place at Nanaimo under the auspices of the BC Winemakers. We expect approximately 20 people from the mainland, and 0 or so from Victoria. No cars will go over from Vancouver but we are all prepared to carry back entries..on our backs if necessary. An agenda will be circulated at the meeting. Plan to attend.

At the meeting was thus adjourned.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Council Meeting

May 4, 1975 1:30 pm

The second council meeting of the 1974-1975 season was held at Bowen Park Complex, Nanaimo, B.C. on May 4, 1975 under the auspices of the I.O.F. Winemakers of Nanaimo, and was called to order by President Tom Robinson.

Maryalice Pearson, on behalf of the host club, gave the welcoming toast.... That the Association would continue to bubble along on the effervescence of its dedicated members....

INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE:

Present were Margaret Fairholm, Past President; Tom Robinson, President; Franz Brunnhoffer, Vice President; Joan Collings, Secretary; Allan Engdahl, Steward. Frank Hancock, Treasurer, was unable to attend due to a previous commitment to Pan Gold!

ROLL CALL OF MEMBER CLUBS:

Bacchus Alumni.....	Margaret Fairholm	Allan Engdahl
I.O.F. Winemakers of Nanaimo...	Tony Pearson	Maryalice Pearson
	Earl Robinson	Norm Rolfsen
	Agnes Robinson	Gwen Weismiller
	Dick Weismiller	Norma Beardmore
	Jackie Scott	Elsie Rolfsen
	Marie Poirier	
Saanich Sommeliers.....	Alfay McNeil	Robin McNeil
	Lin Pollok	
Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association..	Cameron McLean	Bert Demonty
Victoria Winemakers Guild...	Dr. W.E. Beck	Harry J. O'Reilly
Vinegar Flies.....	Dick Pedersen	Betty Pedersen
	Sonia Garlinge	Gordon Garline
Vinovan.....	Franz Brunnhoffer	Keith Kerry
Vintners of Coquitlam.....	Dody Bodaly	Bob Gibson

Tom gave a brief explanation of the purpose of council meetings and the relative readings of minutes. The Executive feel that the minutes of Executive meetings should be read at Executive meetings; Council meeting minutes at Council meetings; Penticton Conference minutes at Penticton. The minutes of the last Council meeting were adopted as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Robinson

The Executive have held 3 successful meetings, in November, February and April. Various members of the Executive have attended competitions as judges and/or stewards..the Second Annual Puget Sound Winemakers, Tacoma..the Chilliwack Zymurgy Club..and the Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association. All Competitions have been remarkably better than those of previous years.

Tom, and other Executive members, also took part in the recent California Winemake Tour. Thank you Victoria for your initiative and the opportunity to cement previous excellent relationships.

Tom has also attended meetings of the Vinegar Flies, the Abbotsford Provincial Competition Committee, and has plans to visit Chilliwack and a joint meeting of the Revelstoke clubs.

There is also a new club in our Association..the Cup and Key of Crescent Beach..who have 14 members and are meeting twice a month to catch up with the rest of us. Welcome!

The President's Report was adopted as given.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dorothy Bodaly on behalf of Frank Hancock
The complete report is somewhat lengthy and is open to Association members on request. A summary follows:

Forward from previous year	\$365.08	
Dues received	235.00	
Donations for competition	40.00	
Disbursements; stationery, postage, etc.	147.40	
Balance at April 30, 1975		\$492.68

Summary for 1974-1975 season:
Dues received 235.00
Less expenses 119.64
Excess of receipts over disbursements..\$115.36..for the year 1975

Treasurers Report adopted as presented.

STEWARD'S REPORT: Allan Engdahl

The Annual provincial competition being held on May 24th this year under the sponsorship of Bacchus Alumni of Abbotsford is well in hand. Margaret Fairholm is handling reservations at the Davey Crockett Motel for out-of-towners. Deadlines were again repeated..entries by May 10th accompanied by cheques payable to Bacchus Alumni..Banquet tickets by May 15th..wines by May 23rd.

A recent report has been received that 200 entries have been received.

The Steward's report was adopted as given.

NATIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT: Cameron McLean

The committee has, to date, held 19 meetings, and is a very hard-working group composed of members of Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association and Vinovan of North Vancouver.

Cam gave a very complete report on the treasures in store for those who attend the competition as full delegates..total cost \$36.00 per person... who should be registered by May 15th, but it's never too late..phone now.

The competition will be based at the Coach House Inn, North Vancouver and will include such items as..Hospitality room with free wine "day and night" ..babysitting services, costs to be arranged..greetings from Captain Vancouver ...opening ceremonies with Angelo Pelegrini noted writer of Wine and the Good Life..seminars under the leadership of John Vielvoye (Okanagan Grapes).... Cooking with Wine, Elmo Berlinghoff..tours of wine cellars...Dinner Dance Cruise with salmon barbecue and Jamaica steel band...Talks with Peter Duncan, author of Progressive Winemaking...John Harper, Grapes in the Lower Mainland complete with bus tour...Awards Banquet with Smorgasbord dinner and dancing ...a fabulous brunch including champagne and eggs Benedict and perhaps crepes Suzette.

The judging will be completely private with 3 judges per class. Three National judges will attend, with 2 from Ontario being financed by a contribution from the B.C. Liquor Control Board. Prizes will be awarded on a total points basis.

Sonia Garlinge and Keith Kerry both had comments on the hospitality room which were resolved. Each club is requested to donate 1 bottle of wine per member, deliver said wines to Bill Marble. The clubs hosting the hospitality room are not to be responsible for the purveying of wines, but only for their serving.

Last date to fully register...May 15th..after that tickets for the Dinner Cruise and the Awards Banquet are open to the general public.

The Chairman's report was adopted.

CALIFORNIA WINERIES TOUR: Harry O'Reilly and Ed Beck

Harry gave us some of the highlights of the tour (followed later on by a showing of slides) including our tour of Davis College and its wine cellars. There is so much to comment on that you all really should have been there. We all escaped reality for 10 days and had a ball; and, in the end, it was the people on board the bus who really made the trip.

Ed gave us a brief demonstration of the Justin Miller method of making sparkling wines, only 12 hours to acquiescently charge wine with CO2. Complete details are available to each club and are well worth investigating.

With thanks from the Association for a good time and a job well done the report was adopted.

PENTICTON CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 19th to 21st: Sonia Garlinge

Sonia, on behalf of the Vinegar Flies, is acting as Liason "officer" and is accepting reservations for the Pilgrim House...\$20 deposit payable to S. Garlinge, 1242 Glenayre Drive, Port Moody, V3H 1J9, phone 936-8975. A fee for the conference will be payable on registration and is necessary to cover a few of the extra expenses..hospitality room, etc..this will be very low. Complete information will be published in the Grape Vine edition of May 30th or is available by contacting Sonia direct.

Clubs are reminded to choose their delegates..2 voting members per club.

Any resolutions to be presented at the Conference should be delivered in writing to the Secretary, J.E. Collings, 38 25 West 19th Ave, Vancouver

as soon as possible, but not later than midnight, Friday September 19th.

Elections of officers for the 1975-1976 season will be held. Please send in nominations for YOUR candidate.

The Conference report was adopted.

TROPHIES:

Presentation of I.O.F. Winemakers of Nansimo Trophy...Tony Pearson
Tony presented the Association with a beautiful perpetual trophy to be awarded for the White Wine Table Class.

Chopaka Vineyard Provincial Winemakers Trophy...Joan Collings
Joan offered on behalf of Chopaka Vineyard, to present the Association (hopefully in time for this year's competition) with a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the champion winemaker at the provincial competition.

Both trophies were accepted with a round of applause.

NEW BUSINESS:

1976 Provincial Competition and Penticton Conference Hosts...

All clubs are requested to discuss these essential items at their club meetings and report by the Penticton conference. Harry O'Reilly indicated he would approach his club on the possibilities of hosting the Competition in Victoria next year.

Now...who will hosp Penticton..the best time of the year..YOU ALL KNOW THAT!....

CORRESPONDENCE:

A reply to a letter Charles Plant received from Mrs Gertrude Mirlach., R.R. 1, Peachland was read. Mrs Mirlach has grapes available for sale to amateur winemakers and will be contacted to see what varieties are available, price, and directions to the vineyard.

ADJOURNMENT:

On behalf of the Association Keith Kerry offered our sincere thanks to the I.O.F. Winemakers for a most enjoyable afternoon and a good council meeting.

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Correspondence was read from--

--Gerry Warren of the Western Washington Amateur Winemakers Association. This organization has sources for obtaining Washington state grapes f.o.b. Seattle. Unfortunately orders should have been received by August 7th, making it too late for this year. The letter showing grapes available will be posted in the Hospitality Room for anyone interested in making arrangements for next year.

--Bill Collings, Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association. Bill has investigated the possibilities of obtaining crested souvenir wine glasses for clubs and for this year's conference if desired by the Executive. It was decided to have Bill obtain the minimum order of 10 doz. glasses and to sell them in the Hospitality Room at a cost of \$1.75 each. The Association will guarantee out of pocket expenses and Bill will make a report on the reaction of club members to the glasses and on the "profit or loss" involved. A suggestion was discussed as to the desirability of including free glasses as part of the registration or banquet fees for next year. A printed report showing costs, etc. will be available for members to take to their home clubs.

--Gordon Kerr, Penticton Grape Cluster, and co-host of the 1974 Penticton Conference has written the Revelstoke Winemakers Guild with a copy to the BCWA protesting the application of a registration fee this year. The letter created some concern as it was noted that Gordon was one of the signers of the Resolution desiring such a levy.

--Tom Robinson, BCWA President, has written to member clubs hosting invitational competitions and has requested they be prepared to discuss possible dates for next year during the Conference.

President's Report--

Tom did not have much to report on at this time except to express concern as to whether or not the Spiggott and Glee Club wishes to retain affiliation.

Treasurer's Report--

Frank has prepared a complete report to present at the Conference and advises the present bank balance as \$516.58. A discussion followed on the advisability of financially assisting out-of-town Executive members to attend meetings. Tabled for the present.

Steward's Report--

Allan has already circulated his report which showed a very successful competition both socially and financially. The Bacchus Alumni ended with a profit of \$315.08, half of which will be paid to BCWA at Penticton.

New Business--

Tom presented the possibility of obtaining for the BCWA copies of all tapes from the National Competition seminars. After much discussion it was felt that this would mean establishing or intending to establish a BCWA library which could present some problems. The question was also raised as to how useful these tapes would be to individual clubs. Tabled, to be brought up at Penticton if time permits.

Resolutions for the Penticton Conference

To date only one resolution (Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association) has been received. The resolution concerns a perpetual problem, competition bottles. Other than in this area, we must be doing everything right!

Convention Business--

All aspects of the Conference appear to be well in hand with a good turn-out expected. Copies of the Assn. parameters will be available.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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New Business--

Tom presented the possibility of obtaining for the BCWA copies of all tapes from the National Competition seminars. After much discussion it was felt that this would mean establishing or intending to establish a BCWA library which could present some problems. The question was also raised as to how useful these tapes would be to individual clubs. Tabled, to be brought up at Penticton if time permits.

Resolutions for the Penticton Conference

To date only one resolution (Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association) has been received. The resolution concerns a perpetual problem, competition bottles. Other than in this area, we must be doing everything right!

Convention Business--

All aspects of the Conference appear to be well in hand with a good turn-out expected. Copies of the Assn. parameters will be available.

MEETING ADJOURNED

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION...MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, PILGRIM HOUSE MOTEL, PENTICTON

SEPTEMBER 20, 1975 10:30 AM

The President, Tom Robinson, gave greetings, and called for a roll of the Delegates. They were as follows:

Alpine Grape Stompers
-no delegate

Bacchus Alumni of Abbotsford
-Margaret Fairholm
-Allan Engdahl

Chilliwack Zymurgy Club
-Janet and Roy Stoner

Cup and Key
-Coleen Vowles

East Vancouver Enologists
-Bill Kenyon
-Doug Fry

Grape Cluster
-Jack Mertz
-Harvey Edwards

I.O.F. Winemakers of Nanaimo
-Tony Pearson
-Norm Rolfsen

Penticton Winemakers Guild
-no delegates

Puget Sound Winemakers of Tacoma
-no delegates

Revelstoke Winemakers Guild
-Bill Ferguson
-Wilma Sjodin

Saanich Sommeliers
-Robin McNeil
-Alan Harris

Seymour Wine Cellar
-Sheila and Joe Jerczynski

South Vancouver Island Winemakers
Society
-no delegates

Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Assn.
-Cameron McLean
-Lou Curnick

Victoria Winemakers Guild
-no delegates

Vinegar Fly Club
-Susan Tack

Vinovan
-Adrian Tulip
-Margaret Kerry

Vintners of Coquitlam
-Deirdree and Gordon Roth

A number of observers from various clubs were also in attendance.

Allan Engdahl, Steward, gave the Toast...to the success of BCWA past, present and future and to the success of all our functions.

The minutes of the 1974 Annual General meeting were adopted as circulated.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT..Tom Robinson

Today we are completing the third year of our association and like the first two, it has been a year of further expansion. Our membership now stands at seventeen affiliated clubs. The Spigot and Glee Club of Richmond has resigned, but on the positive side we have added the Seymour Wine Cellar, the East Vancouver Enologists and the Cup and Key of Crescent Beach.

The Executive has held regular meetings and we have maintained our policy of holding two Council meetings between the annual conventions. In February, Bacchus Alumni hosted the Council in Abbotsford, and in May the Council travelled to Nanaimo as guest of the I.O.F. Winemakers.

I am pleased to report that all of the resolutions and directives passed at last year's convention have been put into effect. Invitational competitions staged by Vinovan, Chilliwack Zymurgy Club and the Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association provided the means for us to get together socially and to put our wines to the test before entering the best we had in the Provincial Competition. Bacchus Alumni staged a most successful Provincial in Abbotsford to qualify our winemakers for the Amateur Winemakers of Canada National Competition held in North Vancouver at the end of June. This had to be the finest winemaking event ever held in Canada. It was staged by the Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association with the close co-operation of Vinovan and had the backing of all our member clubs.

I am pleased that my fellow B.C. winemakers accumulated enough points to give our province the national championship again and that the provincial champion, Bert Demonty, brought honours to our Association when he was declared National Champion for 1975.

We are a young organization, just three years old. Most of our member clubs have been established much longer. One of our oldest clubs is the Victoria Winemakers Guild but they were young in heart when they envisaged a tour of amateur winemakers to California. It was a daring venture for BCAWA but we brought it off - a highlight in my winemaking life and in that of forty other members of our Association. We must thank the Victoria Winemakers Guild.

Next I would like to report on some of my own activities as your President. I judged in the competitions in Vinovan, Chilliwack, Tacoma, Vancouver and here yesterday and Thursday at the Harvest and Grape Fiesta, in Penticton. I attended meetings of the Vinegar Flies, the Chilliwack Zymurgy Club, Richmond Spigot and Glee Club, Bacchus Alumni and the Revelstoke Winemakers Guild. My wife and I drove to Revelstoke in May to meet our old friends and discuss the arrangements made here this weekend with the Winemakers Guild and the Alpine Grape Stompers. I also shared beefsteaks and wine with Vinovan in June at their barbecue.

I have been proud to have been President of the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association for this past year. It was a time of personal enjoyment for me. I liked being President during this year at the National and I am thankful to last September's Convention for electing me and giving me the opportunity to serve.

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TREASURER'S REPORT, circulated to all members and followed by
The Treasurer is Frank Reynolds' Treasurer.

Balance Forward from 1974	1365.00	
Total receipts	258.50	
		1623.50
Less disbursements:		121.50
Left on hand August 31, 1975		<u>1502.00</u>

MEMBER'S REPORT. After hospital

A complete report including the winners list of the 1975 contest has been circulated to all member club. The contest was a most successful event, both financially and socially, resulting in a profit of \$315.00.

In accordance with last year's resolution, all the proceeds from the contest were used for the benefit of the club. The amount of \$315.00 was added to the regular club, account stated.

1975 FINANCIAL REPORT. by a Treasurer

The year, 1975-76, was a very busy one for the organization and the big step forward was taken in modification of the financial application. The big success of the Medical Society in 1975 was the big step of the financial organization. The big step of the financial organization was the big step of the financial organization.

Attending 3 branches of clubs, and an all-around meeting for all national membership committee in 1975 gave us a very good idea of what different clubs.

In Branch 1 I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with all the members with 1 year and the first time in 1975. The first time in 1975 was a very good one. The first time in 1975 was a very good one. The first time in 1975 was a very good one.

The 1975-76 year was a very busy one for the organization and the big step forward was taken in modification of the financial application. The big success of the Medical Society in 1975 was the big step of the financial organization.

Members who are quite interested in the club should contact the club secretary for more information. The club secretary is the best person to contact for more information.

By the way, the club is very active and we are looking for more members.

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SPECIAL REPORTS:

1975 AWC NATIONAL COMPETITION..Cameron McLean

Copies of the AWC Competition Committee minutes of the meeting of September 16th were given to all delegates. These included a financial report as well as a report on the first AWC Directors' meeting ever held.

Report Distribution..a package will be sent to each Provincial Director containing judges' sheets, this report and the official program and report..the latter in sufficient numbers to be distributed to clubs. Reports will also go to advertisers, to Wine-Art stores in B.C., to the Pump and Press, to Jarvis Whitney, and to all local papers including the Citizen.

The financial report, still subject to a few last minutes debits and credits, shows a net profit of \$607.37. These profits will be divided equally between the AWC, BCWA and the sponsoring club, VAWA.

ARCHIVISTS REPORT..Charles Plant

At the present time, the Archives consist of a partial set of minutes of meetings, starting with the meetings of PIC, copies of the Competition Handbook, and a complete set of copies of the Grapevine.

I have been using my own copies of the Grapevine for the Archives, and request that I be allowed to order a subscription specifically for the Archives.

I would also request that you consider how you would like the Archives handled; what functions they could serve, and let me know. I would try to carry out your wishes.

Finally, if you have in your possession, or know of the existence of, any relics, photographs, minutes of past meetings, etc. etc that you feel ought to be in the Archives, I would be very pleased to receive and look after them. I might add that I would appreciate to continue to receive copies of notices, minutes etc. of the Executive and Council throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted..

CALIFORNIA WINE TOUR REPORT..Tom Robinson in Harry O'Reilly's absence

This report has been given several times at Council meetings and Executive meetings but is one subject never tiring to those of us who travelled along with Harry. A good time was had by all and many interesting things were both seen and learned. Amongst the latter were the possibilities of applying California winemaking methods in our own cellars.

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Special Reports, continued..

PENTICTON CONFERENCE HOST CLUB'S REPORT..Bill Ferguson

128 delegates have registered. There have been many comments on the facilities, specifically the pool, which are not up to their usual standards..It is not possible to give a financial report at this time but one will be submitted as soon as possible. The Registration Fees are essential in paying for such things as this conference room and the band, as the dinner price has been kept as low as possible.

Profits, if any, will be shared with BCAWA.

We have received much assistance and co-operation from you all which is much appreciated.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT..Charles Plant

The AWC is composed of one director from each affiliated province plus the founder, John Armstrong. Its function to date has been the bringing together of people and wines at a National Convention and Competition. The 1976 convention will be hosted by Ontario somewhere in the Toronto area. It looks hopeful that Alberta will host in 1977; we plan to encourage them.

AWC has been criticized for failure to communicate at the club level, perhaps rightly so. I am going to see if this can be corrected.

The 1975 AWC Competition Committee which has members from EVE, Vinovan and VAWA has decided to keep meeting from time to time.

One of the topics we plan to grapple with is that of finding and testing prospective judges. We are not happy with the consistency of judging we are now getting.

Finally, I would ask you to communicate with your own clubs, and provide some feedback to me, as to how you feel AWC might be of better service to its member provinces and their wine clubs.

CORRESPONDENCE has been handled as necessary at the Executive level.

OLD BUSINESS..none

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

--Competition bottle sizes

Moved by Lou Curnick and Cameron McLean, Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association, that the BCAWA ammend the Presentation Rule no. 1 on page 7 of the BCAWA Competition Handbook to permit half bottles to be entered in the annual competition.

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New business, continued..resolutions

--Advisement of Competition winners

Moved by Harvey Edwards and Jack Mertz, Grape Cluster

Be it resolved that all member clubs of the Association holding, sponsoring or operating an open competition, be requested to advise all winning entrants not present at awards presentation time, by mail postmarked within 1 week after awards presentation, of their standing in said competition. Following such adviement arrangements shall be made to ship trophies, ribbons, certificates, entitlements to further judgings, etc. as soon as possible.

Passed.

--Formation of Provincial Guild of Judges

Moved by Franz Brunnhofer, Ed Hoddinott, Margret Kerry, Vinovan

According to article 5B of the Operating Parameters the BCAWA should assist all clubs in training testing and selection of judges.

So far, this has not been done and I propose, therefore, the formation of a committee to form a Provincial Guild of judges "with training and selection" of judges in mind. As chairman of this committee I propose Ray Lipp and he in turn selects members to the committee as he sees fit. The Steward of BCAWA is automatically a member of this committee.

A desirable target date for the formation of a Guild of judges would be 2 to 4 weeks prior to the next Provincial competition. I submit this motion to Council for its consideration and hope for its adoption.

Passed

CLUB WINE GLASSES

Bill Collings, VAWA, had at the last Executive meeting presented the idea of having stencilled souvenir glasses for the Penticton Conference and had been given the go ahead by the Executive. A complete report has been given to delegates as to costs, where to have the work done and so forth. All glasses have been sold at the cost price of \$1.85 with a net profit, or was it loss, of 12%.

1975-1986 COMPETITIONS

The following dates and competitions have been approved subject to availability of facilities:

November 1st..	Vinovan
March 15-20...	Bacchus Alumni
April 10.....	Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Assn.
May (to be announced)	Provincial Competition
September, Labour Day	South Vancouver Island Winemakers
	..open competition
September, late	Grape and Harvest Fiesta, Penticton
	..open competition

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New business, continued...

COSTS

Coleen Vowles, Cup and Key, commented on the increasing cost of attending competitions and the annual conference in particular. It was noted a full financial report would be forthcoming from this year's host club.

NEW CLUB

A new club is being formed in Delta and we look forward to hearing more from and about them. This club apparently has investigated the possibilities of a community arts grant and an LIP grant!

CALL FOR HOST CLUBS

1976 Penticton Conference..Vancouver

1976 Provincial Competition..Victoria Winemakers Guild

1977 Provincial Competition..Chilliwack Zymurgy Club

1978 Provincial Competition..I.O.F. Winemakers of Nanaimo

Thank you and good luck to you all. Approved.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Moved by Cameron McLean and Adrian Tulip that Charles Plant be re-appointed for another term as B.C.'s Director to the AWC.

Passed

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1975-1976

President..Franz Brunnhofer..moved by Adrian Tulip, Margret Kerry
Vice President..Roy Stoner..moved by M. Fairholm, Coleen Vowles
Secretary..Joan Collings..Roy Stoner, M. Kerry
Treasurer..Frank Hancock..moved by Gordon Roth, Robin McNeil
Steward..Jim Lord..moved Adrian Tulip, Robin McNeil

All officers elected by acclamation.

Tom Robinson..Past President

THANK YOU

Bill Ferguson expressed the Council's thanks to last years executive and Gordon Roth thanked the Revelstoke Wine Makers Guild and Alpine Grape Stompers for their excellent job as host club 1975.

ADJOURNEMENT

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ADDENDUM...

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Moved by Robin McNeil and Harvey Edwards that BCAWA financially assist, at the discretion of the Executive as to amount, with the transportation and accomodation expenses of Executive members and the Provincial competition judges.

Passed.

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at the home of Franz Brunnhofer and was attended by Franz, Ray Stoner and Joan Collings.

Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as circulated.

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from J. Mertz of Penticton offering the Association a Gestetner 360 duplicating machine. The offer is to be declined.

Franz circulated copies of a letter to the North Shore Shopper he had written in response to an article by Marna Leiren panning B.C. grapes. Franz has invited her to attend a competition to find out how wrong she is.

Letters from the Pilgrim House, Penticton to Chas. Plant and Joan Collings were circulated to the Executive prior to the meeting. It was decided not to carry on the correspondence but to assist next year's host club in finding more friendly accommodation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Franz' report was based on the forthcoming meeting of the new Judges Committee under the chairmanship of Ray Lipp. Ideas were exchanged as to the necessity of establishing a training program to develop more judges within the club system with particular emphasis to be placed on familiarizing the judges with homewinemakers categories such as fruit wines. The Executive will be looking for suitable guide books on judging such as those published by the British Guild of Judges.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Not available as Tom is attending a meeting in Toronto.

TREASURER'S REPORT

None, although we are in good financial shape.

STEWARD'S REPORT

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT..Joan Collings

Having been asked on numerous occasions just exactly what the BCAWA does and how I see my own role in the Association, I feel that both the job of Secretary and that of the BCAWA is in the field of communication; to act as liason between the various clubs and to keep the members informed as to what is happening and where. Let us hope we're both succeeding.

NEW BUSINESS

The provincial competition to be held in Victoria in May. The secretary to obtain a progress report from the Committee.

New Clubs...a Langley group is holding an organizational meeting.

Council meetings are tentatively proposed for early February in Victoria and North Vancouver in late April. Letters to be written to seek hosts.

Zymurgy Club of Chilliwack competition to be held the last Saturday in February. Complete information to come.

BCAWA Parameters section B (Objectives) clause 4(Be prepared to make representations to Government bodies if required..a..initially list restrictions applicable to amateur winemakers and ..b..make such information available to clubs.) Roy offered to obtain copies of the LAB Act and to advise what, if any, regulations presently apply to home winemakers.

Trophies..the secretary to prepare a list of trophies (perpetual) for circulation to the Executive and the Competition committee including the names and addresses of the present holders.

Executive meetings are planned for late January, March, early May and late August.

Winemakers Calendar..a discussion followed on the possibility of obtaining or designing a wine calendar showing wine events world wide which could be distributed to clubs and serve as a guide to the avid winemaker in planning vacations. For example..planning a trip to Europe? Why not have it coincide with the Moselle Seminars? Also, several small towns in California, such as Lodi, have an annual harvest festival complete with parades, food and wine, in which the whole town participates. A possible source of information, the Wine Advisory Board, 717 Market St., San Francisco 94103. A lot of work to be done on this idea!

The meeting concluded with a discussion on the function (why join one?) of wine clubs. We agreed the purpose should be three fold...educational, social and competitive. How many clubs fulfill all three functions or do you lean more in one direction than another?

With a vote of thanks to Franz for his hospitality the meeting adjourned.