

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - JAN. 23, 1977

Present - Joan Collings, Franz Brunnhofer, Robin McNeil, Bob Gibson, Jack Kouwenhoven and Sheila Jerczynski.

The date for the spring council meeting, to be hosted by Langley Fermenters, is not yet definite.

It was moved that Joan investigate the cost and design of BCAMA lapel pins. These pins, if obtained, will be given to BCAMA executive members, past, present, and future and will also be used as service awards for other members. Motion passed. These pins will replace the Wineperson of the Year Award discussed at the last executive meeting.

Capilano Winemakers and Seymour Wine Cellar will be co-hosting in Penticton this year.

Correspondence has been received from Langley Fermenters, Adrian Tulip, Cup and Key, Dept. of Agriculture (Purchase Plan to B. C. Grapes), and the Provincial Guild of Judges. Letters have been sent to Adrian Tulip, Bacchus Alumni, Langley Fermenters, Capilano Winemakers, Seymour Wine Cellar and Vinovan.

President's Report - Joan has visited the Cup and Key Club, and will be attending the Bacchus Alumni meeting next month. The new Competition Handbook is now complete, 2 copies per club, to be distributed at the council meeting Feb. 6th. Joan and Bill had the privilege of meeting Leon Adams, well known wine author and consultant to the wine industry in California and B. C. He was most interested in the Okanagan Riesling.

Treasurer's Report - Present balance is \$1323.23. There are still dues outstanding! Funds have not been put into a term deposit as yet due to the fact that funds will soon be required by the Guild of Judges. However, the present balance will be put into a savings account so as to collect some interest.

Steward's Report - Provincial Competition is May 28, 1977 at the Elks Hall in Chilliwack. The band will be the same as in previous years "Midnight Smoke". No definite reply from Casabelle re chess and wine booth for the Saturday afternoon. Accommodation info to be sent out with entry forms - room rates sound very reasonable!

Guild of Judges - A technical advisor has been retained for a fee of \$1,000.00, hopefully to be lowered to \$750.00. They have requested an \$800.00 advance. The executive felt that this was too large a sum for their approval alone. The matter will be presented and discussed in full at the Feb. 6th council meeting.

California Wine Tour - itinerary is now complete and all clubs have the necessary info.

Franz was appointed to update the list of contestants' points in the Provincial Competitions. Winners are assessed a certain number of points for their prizes. These points are accumulative.

Meeting Adjourned.

FEBRUARY 6, 1977

The meeting was hosted by the Seymour Wine Cellar at the home of Tom and Wendy Byron. There were 74 delegates, observers and executive present.

Margaret Fairholm presented the opening toast - "to committee chairpeople."

All lower mainland and Vancouver Island clubs were present with the exception of Cup & Key, Delta Vintners and South Vancouver Island Winemakers Society.

The resume of the last council meeting minutes was adopted as read.

Correspondence-The Grape Cluster in Penticton has dissolved as they were down to 4 members. However, they are continuing to make wine.

We have received a letter from Casabelle, as will all clubs, requesting information about the types and quantities of wine made by amateur winemakers. Joan will reply to the letter and try to get further details as to why this information is being requested. It was recommended that clubs do not reply to the letter until Joan contacts them.

WVE has notified us that they will host the provincial competition in 1979. Great! They'll also be holding a "Zin-in" on Oct. 3. This is a mini-competition for 1st and 2nd run Zinfandel only. Details to be sent to clubs soon.

President's Report-The Penticton '77 conference is to be hosted by Capilano Winemakers and Seymour Wine Cellar, our two newest clubs.

The idea of BCWA service pins, as mentioned in the meeting minutes of Jan. 23, is still being investigated.

Joan has written to Leon Adams, the California wine author and consultant, telling him about BCWA as he expressed great interest when she met him in December.

Treasurer's Report-Our present balance is \$1320.48, including \$300.00 which has been deposited in a savings account. To date, there are 13 clubs with dues paid.

Steward's Report-basically the same as stated in the executive meeting minutes of Jan. 23. Detailed information concerning the Provincial to be sent to individual clubs soon.

Guild of Judges-Lou began his presentation by telling us that he was the only person to speak against the proposal in Penticton. As a result of this outbreak, he found himself elected chairman, "obviously it's more wise to drink than talk!"

Ron Taylor of Andres has been retained as the technical consultant for a fee of \$1000.00 - \$500.00 now and \$500.00 at the completion of the program. He has already obtained rent-free premises for the lectures at UBC. He will plan the program and obtain the wines, probably for a lower price than they would be available to the general public. He will spend approximately 30 hrs. teaching, 22 1/2 hrs. traveling and 15 hrs. preparation. This averages about \$15.00 per hour.

There will be a textbook provided for each candidate - "Wines - Their Sensory Evaluation". Any candidate who already has this book will be reimbursed for it by BCWA. The course will consist of 15 sessions in all, from 17 Feb. - 9 June, Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:30 (excluding the week of the California Wine Tour). The lectures will be held in the Food Science Bldg. at UBC. The fee is \$100.00 per student, payable in advance. The total cost of the course is budgeted at \$2,000.00 (based on 12 candidates).

Consultant	\$1,000.00
Wines	500.00
Lab tests etc.	100.00
Textbooks	150.00
Postage, printing	150.00
Diplomas, etc.	100.00
	<u>\$2,000.00</u>

Lou asked the council for an advance of \$800.00. Complete accounting will be turned over to BCWA and monthly reports will continue to be given.

At this time, a lengthy discussion ensued, with the main point of argument coming from delegates from the Island and the other out of town areas. Naturally, they were concerned as to when, if ever, a program or seminar could be brought to their areas. Bill Collings and John Russell were also there to answer questions and more or less assured them that the Guild, once formed, would make some arrangements to include the outlying clubs in a future training session. Lou pointed out that he and his committee don't have the power to make any definite commitments, as their job is complete once the Guild is formed. Ben Sleeman moved and Frank Smith seconded the motion that the proposal from the "Committee to form the Guild of Judges" be accepted and the \$800.00 advanced to them. Carried.

Calgary Bus Tour-SVE Club - Everything is settled providing they have 47 passengers. All clubs have the information sheet. Remember to notify Bill Kenyon by March 1 to make our reservation.

Weg Kerry of Vinova has written to the KOA campground in Calgary (the one nearest the parade grounds). They do require reservations (minimum stay is 3 days), with full payment in advance. For further information write: Calgary West KOA, Box 10, Site 12, #1, Calgary, Alta. T2M 4N3.

California Wine Tour-Ted Underhill reported they now have 33 paid deposits, and expect to have 8 or 10 more within the week which will fill the bus.

Presentation of Trophy-Ted Underhill and Robin McNeil presented to Jack Kouwenhoven, our BCWA steward, a beautiful silver trophy in the form of a press. This will be presented to the winner of the Sweet Appetitif Class. It was donated by the Victoria Winemakers' Guild and the Saanich Sommeliers. The class will undoubtedly have more entries this year than ever before! Many thanks for a most attractive and unusual trophy.

Vancouver 178 Hosts-Ted Underhill says southern Vancouver Island clubs will ^{consider} get together and co-host. Anyone for 178?

co-hosting

Seamless Wine Tour-Jim Steele of Seymour Wine Cellar answered questions concerning his planned tour in Sept. '77. All clubs should have the brochures by now.

Other New Business-Please take any Bacchus Alumni (Abbotsford) trophies in your possession, to the council meeting on April 24, in Langley. The Abbotsford competition is April 30.

There was a motion to raise the host clubs' council meeting allowance to \$30.00. Carried.

It was brought to our attention by Cameron McLean, that there has been a gentleman's agreement of sorts, not to enter a winning wine in future Provincial competitions. He felt that if this were indeed the wish of the members, it should be in writing. Quite a discussion followed, indicating it was definitely not the wish of the general membership! It was moved that BCWA recommend ~~not~~ to exclude previous winning wines from future Provincial competitions. Carried.

Program-Seymour Wine Cellar had arranged to have a representative from Argentine Airlines show a film on Argentina and supply us with some Argentinian wines. This did not come to pass. Very frustrating, as he offered, we didn't ask him. However, we did have a case of Italian wine and a film on London. We at Seymour felt this program might be a welcome change, perhaps it would have been, had it actually taken place. It definitely seems that a program of any sort is completely unnecessary, as those present just want to talk to each other after the business is concluded.

Many thanks given to the Byrons, our hosts, for their hospitality. Also to Lou and his committee for their tremendous effort in getting the Guild of Judges program on its way.

BCAWA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 24, 1977

A brief meeting was held by the executive, prior to the council meeting. All in attendance, with the exception of Chas Plant.

Joan showed us a sample of a grape cluster pin, which will have a banner across the top, bearing the initials BCWA. This was accepted by the executive.

It was agreed that sterling silver pins be for executive members and special awards. Gilt pins will be for sale at approximately \$4.00 each. Clubs to be canvassed for tentative orders.

Franz will compile a list of members' provincial competition points to date, in time for the upcoming competition May 28.

Correspondence-The AWC requires a permanent executive. This matter to be discussed during the council meeting.

Burnaby Vinegar Flies, now disbanded, have offered their remaining funds to BCWA. It has not been decided as yet, to what use these funds will be put.

Treasurer's Report-Balance \$603.21. With current expenses of the advance to the Penticton committee etc., money will probably have to be withdrawn from the savings acct. Provincial Competition-A tentative judging schedule has been drawn up, one or two changes to be made.

Penticton Conference-Problems such as contacting wineries for donations, menu planning, program etc. were discussed.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 24, 1977

The meeting was held at the home of Brian and Diane Gilhooly, with 34 in attendance. Those who were not able to attend missed a real treat. The Gilhoolys had the meeting area set up in their beautiful park-like garden, under the evergreens. Temperatures of 20 and a cool breeze added to the delightful setting.

Franz Brunntofer opened the meeting with a toast to a "good harvest and a great Penticton conference".

All lower mainland and Vancouver Island clubs were there with the exception of Cup and Key, IOF of Nanaimo, Southern Vancouver Island and Victoria Winemakers Guild.

Business Arising from Minutes-A grape cluster with a banner at the top, bearing the initials BCWA, has been chosen as the design for the pins. The mold will cost \$50.00, and the price of the pins will be dependent on the number ordered (probably \$4.00). The executive decided to have sterling silver pins for members of the past and present executives and to give as special awards. Gilt pins will be available to any BCWA member for about \$4.00. Clubs are asked to get tentative orders from their membership so that we will have some idea of how many to order.

The Calgary bus tour has been cancelled due to lack of response.

Correspondence-A letter has been received from the Amateur Winemakers of Ontario (AWO), concerning the Amateur Winemakers of Canada (AWC) and its lack of organization. This was dealt with in Chas Plant's report later in the meeting.

Ted Underhill of the Victoria Winemakers Guild has stated that there is a possibility of a wine tour to Seattle and Yakima wineries. Further details at a later date.

Past President's Report-Franz is heading the committee preparing for this year's Penticton Conference. Dates - Sept. 23-25. Banquet - Penticton Inn, Hospitality Room and accomodation - Stardust Hotel. Members must make their own reservations. A newsletter will be sent to clubs in May.

President's Report-The Guild of Judges' program is progressing well and providing the candidates with some interesting experiences.

The VAWA competition was most successful and one of the largest yet. There was great interclub support in entering, judging and stewarding. Joan hopes to see the same marvellous support in the upcoming Bacchus and Provincial competitions.

Joan and Bill went on the California Wine Tour and had a memorable trip with many adventures and misadventures!

In April, Joan had the pleasure of speaking at a meeting of the IOF Amateur Winemakers of Nanaimo.

In between these other events, she's been very busy with correspondence, thank you notes to California hosts, the Casabello questionnaire and with Calgary, concerning the National and the future of the AWC.

Treasurer's Report-Present balance is \$603.81 (including \$300.00 in a savings acct.). All clubs' dues are paid (19).

Steward's Report-Entry forms for the Provincial are to be in by May 15. Tickets are now available, those clubs not present at the council meeting will receive them in the mail. Casabello will be hosts at the afternoon get-together May 28 (2-4pm). Wine may be dropped off at the home of any greater Vancouver executive member by May 24. Accomodation is available at the Country Inn, rates \$18 double or 22 quad. Anyone requiring other info concerning accomodation can write to the Chilliwack Zymurgy Club, 46035 Avalon Ave., Chilliwack, V2P 3P8, and they will send info from the Chamber of Commerce.

Special Reports-

Chas Plant on the National Scene-The AWO feel that the AWC must have a more solid organization in order to survive. In 1971, the first National was held in conjunction with the AWO competition. In 1973, the two separated and AWC began having its own National Competition. Since then, it has been hosted by various provinces. There were tentative plans for the '78 National to be held in Halifax, but Nova Scotia has now withdrawn. Ontario and B. C. are definitely the strongest organizations. Ontario has volunteered Leo Durocher for the position of Secretary. They ask for help and suggestions from other provinces. Chas Plant has volunteered to take the position of Treasurer. At the National in Calgary, BCAMA will present a brief accepting Leo Durocher as secretary and will put forth other suggestions to help strengthen the AWC.

It was moved, and carried unanimously, that BCAMA, as an integral group, sponsor the '78 National. All clubs will be asked to contribute. Cameron McLean volunteered to head the preparatory committee. Other volunteers are Sonia Garlinge, Chas Plant, Bill Collings, Robin McNeil, Tom Robinson, Bob Gibson, Rinky Fowler and Charlie Glushka.

California Wine Tour-Tom Robinson-a great success, 9 clubs were represented and 42 out of 45 seats were occupied. They visited 9 wineries and were blessed with glorious weather. Special thanks to Ted Underhill and Harry O'Reilly, the organizers.

Guild of Judges-Lou was not present, but sent a letter, which was read by Bill Collings. The training program is entering into its 10th session next week. The participants seem to be getting a good deal out of it and most seem very satisfied. The course, according to Ron Taylor, is probably unique. He thinks that there is nothing like it for thoroughness being carried on for amateurs on this continent.

The financial affairs are stable and are going along according to plan.

The tasting sessions were being held in a laboratory which smelt very strongly of Iodine. "I doubt they will ever get this smell out of their olfactory gland so it is perhaps possible that every wine smelt in future competitions by these participants will bear the comment 'has a medicinal smell'. The course has now moved away from the laboratory." The participants have been asked to fill in a questionnaire which will help the committee in the betterment of the program.

Presentation of Trophy-Frank Clark of EVE club presented Jack Kouwenhoven, BCAMA steward, with a trophy for the Dry Aperitif class. It is indeed a work of art, a handmade wooden press! Many thanks EVE, it obviously represents hours of labour.

New Business-Franz Brunnhofer of Capilano Winemakers showed us some 1 1/2" corks (first quality premium) price 7¢ each, the same as the Wine Art cork selling at 12¢. They have to order a minimum of 1 bale - 12,000. Clubs can order a minimum of 1,000 from them. Contact Franz at 545 W. 20 St. North Van. 785-4012.

The judging for EVE's "Zin-In" will be done Oct. 2. Presentations will be made in a hall Oct. 3.

VAVA Beer Night is May 16. Everyone welcome. This is not a competition, but bring your home brew and enjoy. Please notify Ken Sleeman 816 Grover, Coquitlam 936-7816 if you plan to attend.

Vinovan competition is scheduled for Nov. 5.

The 1978 VAVA competition will be the 3rd weekend in March.

Robin McNeil thanked the Gilhoolys and Langley Fermenters for a most delightful afternoon.

Meeting adjourned!

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION - EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES AUG. 28th 77

The meeting was held at Bob Gibson's, all members present, with the exception of Chas Plant.

Business arising from minutes- The BCAMA pins have been purchased, 100 for \$425.00. The cost will be \$4.25 each. The executive felt the council should decide whether or not the sterling silver pins for executive members, past, present and future, will be donated or paid for by the individuals concerned.

The list of Provincial Competition point totals has been compiled and copies will be available at the Penticton Conference.

The funds remaining from the Burnaby Vinegar Flies will be used for a special trophy in the Provincial Competition. The category has not yet been decided.

Correspondence-The executive received a letter from Jim Steele of Steele's Travel World (also of Seymour Wine Cellar), asking for support in his proposed wine tour of Germany, France and Switzerland in Aug. '78. The executive agreed to sanction this tour and give any necessary help (non-financial). More details in Penticton.

Past President's Report-Franz is chairman of this year's Penticton Conference committee and all arrangements are virtually completed. Full support, as always, will come from Casabello and Andres. No response from the B. C. Grape Growers Assoc., so he wrote to Marion Jonn, asking for grapes and cuttings for decorations. John Vielvoy or another representative of the B. C. Dept. of Agriculture, will give a lecture and have a discussion on B. C. grapes and will arrange a tour through the Monashee Vineyards. Souvenir glasses will be available at \$1.80. Newsletters were sent to all clubs in May and August, and the program was also printed in the Grapevine. Registrations prior to Sept. 15 will be \$13 per person and beyond that date, \$14. This includes use of the hospitality room, banquet and dance. The music will be supplied by the "Goodtime Brothers". Bring your own wine and good spirit! Entry forms for the Penticton competition are now available. Entries must be in Penticton by 5:00 pm Thurs. Sept. 22. IS ANYONE GOING TO BE IN PENTICTON AT THAT TIME? If so please phone Joan 228-9186 or Sheila 980-4239.

President's Report-Joan has heard of a wine club in Kimberly, and will investigate to see whether or not they're interested in being affiliated with BCAMA. She has spent the summer months attending wine club garden parties, the National in Calgary and meetings of the '78 National Competition committee.

Tomorrow, she and Bill will be attending a meeting of the American Ecological Society in Seattle. This includes a seminar on Washington and Oregon wines. We can look forward to hearing all the details in Penticton.

Treasurer's Report-Present balance in chequing account \$149.04, savings account \$104.68. The executive passed a motion granting a \$100.00 advance to the '78 National committee.

Steward's Report-A written report has been received from Jack, on the '77 Provincial. This report will be read at the conference, complete with a financial statement.

NEW BUSINESS-A resolution to be presented in Penticton, has been received from Bacchus Alumni. It will be circulated to all clubs with these minutes.

AWC Elections-A temporary executive is required until the annual meeting during the '78 National. Further details from Chas Plant in Penticton.

'78 National Competition-Bob Gibson, chairman of the committee says they have had very productive meetings to date, with an extremely enthusiastic committee. The program will likely concentrate more on wine cellar tours etc., than seminars or lectures. A tentative program and price will be submitted in Penticton.

Bill Kenyon has heard from Lyle Sproule that the California and Washington Grape Growers are interested in donating trophies (up to \$100.00) for the best wines made from their grapes. Just ^{What} format this type of competition would take was not decided. Perhaps one club would host a mini-competition. Think of suggestions for Penticton.

Franz has received a letter from the organizer of the Penticton Harvest and Grape Fiesta asking for suggestions re re-classifying some of the competition classes. He will reply with a copy of the BCWA handbook and suggestions for clarifying the Tree Fruits classes. It was also suggested that he advise them of the availability of the B. C. Guild of Judges, as many of us have not been too impressed with the calibre of judging in this competition.

Competition Convenor or Coordinator? - Should there be a new position formed to facilitate the delivery of wines to various competitions? Whenever there is an upcoming competition, members are inquiring as to where entries can be deposited for pick-up. Is a new position warranted or should it be up to the individual host clubs to make arrangements? Another topic for discussion in Penticton.

Meeting Adjourned.

P.S. Remember - each club can send two voting delegates to the Penticton Conference.

October 14, 1977

Fellow Winemakers,

I apologise for the delay in getting this information to you. We moved on Oct. 1, and life has been rather hectic and disorderly! Please note our new address-1243 Berkley Rd., North Vancouver, V7H 1Y5, phone 929-2449.

BCAWA MINUTES OF ANNUAL PENTICTON CONFERENCE - STARDUST MOTEL - SEPTEMBER 24, 1977

There were delegates from 14 clubs in attendance, plus numerous observers.

The first motion passed concerned the admittance of the B. C. Guild of Wine Judges to the BCWA. Their two delegates were present and welcomed!

Joan proposed a toast to "the friends of wine".

The minutes of the '76 Penticton Conference were adopted as circulated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Joan Collings

The past year has been not only enjoyable but rather exciting and progressive as well. I have been pleased to have been able to visit many of the member clubs by being asked to speak or to judge or just have a good time at a garden party. A highlight of the year has to have been the National Competition in Calgary which was memorable in many ways but particularly because so many B. C. clubs were present. I was also fortunate in being able to attend a wine festival in Seattle sponsored by the Entomological Society of the Pacific Northwest which was both educational and good fun in spite of the weather.

Wine enthusiasts seem to gravitate together somehow and the number of organized groups continues to grow. I have heard of clubs on Salt Spring Island and in Kimberley and have been trying to make contact with them.

The most notable thing to me this year has been the increased participation of all clubs not only in inter club meetings and competitions but in active assistance to the Association by sponsoring events such as Council Meetings, today's Conference and the October Zin-In. The commendable aspect is that these sponsors are relatively new clubs and feel inexperienced at this level. I think that they have proven it can be done and done well. Special thanks to Seymour Wine Cellar, Langley Fermenters and Capilano Winemakers for taking the initiative and doing a fine job. I am sure that Eve Club will keep up the good work at their Zin-In.

The Provincial Competition was well and ably handled by the Chilliwack Zymurgy Club from whom we will hear a complete report later on. I am sure their experiences will be passed on to the IOF Winemakers of Nanaimo, the 1978 hosts.

And we cannot forget our clubs from Victoria, who again organized a very pleasant week for a number of us with their Wine Tour of California. Rumour has it that it may turn out to be a bi-yearly event - something to look forward to.

We have been fortunate in realizing many of the plans of past years. Tonight will see the induction of the Guild of Judges, plans for which had been discussed for many years and finally realized under the direction of Lou Curnick. I am sure Lou had second thoughts and wondered many times "why me"?

We are for the first time sponsoring an event as an Association rather than asking one or two clubs to act as hosts. This club participation cannot help but make the 1978 National Competition even more successful than that of 1975.

We now have BCWA pins which I hope you will all wear at interclub functions as a symbol of our united interest.

And that covers only some of the things I will remember about the past year in which I have been pleased to serve as your President. In closing I wish to thank the Executive and all of you for providing the enthusiasm and support that has made this year so successful.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Bob Gibson

A complete statement is on file, but briefly -

Total receipts	\$ 692.73
Disbursements	1,745.96
Excess of disbursements over receipts	1,053.23
Savings account balance	104.68
Balance from 1976	1,158.58
Bank balance	210.03

Receivables - Penticton Conference advance	250.00
Payables - 1978 National advance	100.00

STEWARDS REPORT - Jack Kouwenhoven

The secretary has a complete report on file, including financial statement, suggestions for next years hosts, lists of judges, stewards and winners. BCWA's share of the profit was \$107.33.

The competition was held in Chilliwack on May 28, 1977 and sponsored by the Chilliwack Zymurgy Club. There were 291 bottles entered by 69 members. The judging started at 10:30 a.m. and continued until about 3:30 p.m. A lunch was served for the judges and stewards. A get acquainted party was held in the afternoon with wine provided by Casabello and Adres Wineries. Tom Simard from Casabello was present to assist the host club. The wine tasting commenced at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner, presentation of trophies and ribbons and dancing. Approximately 190 people attended the evening's festivities. While certain members of the host club were apparent by their involvement, in fact all members participated in some facet of the event.

SPECIAL REPORTSNATIONAL DIRECTOR - Charles Plant

The '78 National in Calgary was a great success and 30 members of BCWA were present. B. C. received the majority of prizes but it was very exciting to see a first go to Nova Scotia. There was a very productive meeting held on the Sunday morning, chaired most ably by Ron Tyler, president of the Alberta Amateur Winemakers. Briefs and reports were presented by Ontario, Alberta and B. C.

A constitution for the AMC has been drawn up and was read by those present at the Penticton Conference. Jim Steele moved and Franz Brunnhofer seconded the motion that this constitution be accepted. Passed.

Also in Calgary, a committee was formed to study the classes in the National Competition. The members are Chas Plant, Wes Anderson of Manitoba and Gordon Gimbert of Ontario.

1978 NATIONAL - Bob Gibson

To date, the committee has held 4 meetings. Next year's National will follow somewhat the same format as the one in '75. It will be held at the Coach House on the July 1st weekend. The tentative budget is for a weekend price of approximately \$40.00 each. (The '75 price was \$36.00).

B. C. GUILD OF WINE JUDGES - Lou Curnick

The last time I arose to address such a meeting was here last year. I had been nominated Chairman to form a committee to start the Guild of Judges. Those of you who were present will recall I was my usual quiet, contained, unassuming, retiring self. Also, that I was out of order.

Going back through earlier grape vines, and sundry correspondence it becomes apparent that efforts have been made since 1969 by various interested and concerned winemakers to have some organization set up towards the Guild of Judges. At this meeting last year, Bill

Collings submitted a proposal for such a Guild. I questioned a number of items in the proposal, the timing and various other points as I was not sure of the direction and timing of this and its relationship to the clubs. Perhaps, at the back of my mind, I had the thought that if I could have everybody seriously consider the proposal in all its light, that there would not be any necessity for me to stand as Chairman. If this was my thinking, it was but an illusion, for Bill Ferguson decided to give argument against all the points I raised and most professionally shot them all down and dashed any hopes I had of getting out of being Chairman. I have feelings of affection for Bill but also take some satisfaction that when they flood Revelstoke he could be up to his neck in water.

Most of the facts that I have set out for this final report from my committee will already be known to you, but for the record, it is necessary that I set out the events as they occurred.

The following are the events as they took place:

September 1976 Lou Curnick appointed Chairman to form a committee to organize a British Columbia Guild of Judges under the auspices of BCJWA.

30th September 1976 a letter was sent to all clubs asking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

3rd November 1976 Bill Collings and John Russell selected by the Chairman as committee members.

30th November 1976 letter to clubs calling for nominations to the first course.

21st January 1977 progress report to the President of BCJWA and a request for \$800.00 from BCJWA funds to help fund the course.

5th February 1977 personally reported to the BCJWA council meeting the progress made to date.

9th February 1977 letter to participants with details of the course. The course commenced

17th February 1977 and terminated on 9th June 1977. 15 sessions were held. Each participant paid \$100.00 for the course.

Ron Taylor, the wine-master of Andre's Wine was engaged to programme and run the course for a fee of \$1,000.00. His title was Technical Consultant.

10th February 1977 a letter of agreement was signed by Ron Taylor and Lou Curnick.

17th February 1977 hand deliver first \$500.00 payment to Ron Taylor.

24th February 1977 letter to all clubs informing them the course had commenced 17th Feb. and giving details.

23rd April 1977 letter to the President of BCJWA reporting progress of course.

9th June 1977 course completed.

14th June 1977 letter to Ron Taylor thanking him for his services, also cheque for \$500.00 being the final payment.

16th June 1977 called a meeting of the participants for the purpose of electing an executive. The following people were elected:

Bill Collings	Guild-Master
Adrian Tulip	Secretary/Treasurer
Tom Robinson	Club's Steward
Charles Plant	Guild Steward
Cameron McLean	Training Steward

John Russell, Jock Fairholm and myself and occasionally Joanne Marble acted as stewards for each session of the course.

The course was held in facilities at U.B.C. We were not required to pay any rent which concession was arranged by Ron Taylor. Ron Taylor also arranged donations of wine not only from his own firm, but from importers and these were used during the sessions.

We tried to have the course accepted as a U.B.C. extension programme course, but were unsuccessful in this.

I have written a short history in the minute book to record the events that took place up to the 16th June 1977 when the executive took over.

The minute book also contains the minutes of the meetings which were held by the committee. It is my pleasure to hand over this book to Adrian Tulip, the Secretary/Treasurer. I also at this time hand over a cheque for \$716.88 being the balance of the funds after all the bills have been paid. There is only one other pleasant duty for me to perform and that is to hand to the Guild-Master, Bill Collings, the seal for the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Guild. This evening the participants will be presented with their diplomas.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Bert Demonty, VAMA, regarding the decision at the National in Calgary, to remove Cider from the brew class and put it in with the wines. He was very opposed to this decision as he felt a good maker of cider could enter his cider and a bottle of sparkling wine made from cider in the Provincial Competition. He could very likely place in the top three in each class, qualifying for the National and possibly becoming Grand Champion Winemaker of Canada, without ever having made wine. He felt that cider should be in a class of its own and asked that the delegates consider this change.

Chas Plant stated that he felt the decision made in Calgary had been made far too hastily. He suggested that cider be in a class alone in the National and Provincial Competitions. Points won would not go towards either Beer Champion or Wine Champion. Bert also offered to buy the trophy for the new cider class!

Coleen Vowles moved and Jock Fairholm seconded the motion that BCAMA recommend that cider be in a class of its own in the National Competition and that the Provincial Competitions adopt this as a fact. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

AWC ELECTIONS

Nominations: President -----Ron Tyler, A.A.W.
Secretary-----Leo Durocher, Ontario
Treasurer -----Charles Plant BCAMA

A motion was passed to accept and forward these nominations.

RESOLUTIONS

Bacchus Alumni - Jock and Margaret Fairholm resolved that BCAMA executive appoint a committee of three members, one from each of three clubs in May, to bring in a proposed slate of officers by July. This report to be in the hands of member clubs before the end of August. This will allow the clubs to consider the slate, enabling them to present further nominations from the floor if they so desire.

Passed.

resolved that BCAMA executive appoint two scrutineers, one from each of two other clubs to count the ballots.

Passed.

resolved that operating parameters be amended accordingly.

Passed.

OFFERS OF TROPHIES

We have heard from Lyle Sproule of Spagnols, that the Washington and California Grape Growers are interested in donating trophies for wines made from their grapes. The executive recommended that individual clubs hold mini competitions for these classes. The

delegates will discuss the possibilities with their clubs.

COMPETITION COORDINATOR?

The executive had felt that perhaps someone should be appointed to arrange pick up and delivery of wines to the various competitions. The delegates felt it should be done by the individual clubs and recommended that each club appoint an executive member to make the necessary arrangements.

B.C.A.M.A. PINS

The gilt pins are now available to members at \$4.25 each. Cam McLean moved and Marg Fairholm seconded the motion that the sterling pins be held for special awards to be distributed each year as the executive sees fit. Carried.

DATES FOR '77 & '78 COMPETITIONS

Vinovan	Nov. 5	Bacchus	April 29
Chilliwack	end of Feb.	Provincial	May 27
VINA	March 18	National	July 1

EUROPEAN WINE TOUR

Joan and Bill Collings will be hosts for Jim Steele's European Wine Tour Aug. 2-23. Travel and accomodation \$1,595.00 each. For further information, call 987-2214 days, and 228-9186 evenings.

LETTERHEAD

Karl Gustavson, Seymour Wine Cellar, recommended that BCWA design letterhead and envelopes to be used generally by individual clubs, who could insert their own names, etc. The smaller clubs find it very expensive to have their own stationery as they don't require a large order. If BCWA could buy it in large quantities, and sell it to those clubs requiring it, the cost would be much lower. Please discuss this with your clubs if you don't have your own.

CALL FOR HOST CLUBS

Penticton 1978	NONE	Council meetings Jan. & April	NONE
Penticton 1979	NONE		
Provincial 1979	EVE	PLEASE ASK YOUR CLUBS!	APRIL - EVE

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1977-78

President	Robin McNeil	Steward	Dick Weismiller
Vice-President	Marg Kerry	Archivist -	Charles
Secretary	Sheila Jerczynski	National Director	Plant
Treasurer	Bill Kenyon	Past President	Joan Collings

Adjournment.

Robin McNeil thanked Capilano Winemakers and Seymour Wine Cellar, the host clubs, for arranging the weekend.

At the banquet Saturday night, the executive presented Lou Curnick with the first silver pin as a special award for his fine job in organizing the Guild of Judges.

N.B. - BCWA DUES ARE NOW DUE! PLEASE SEND TO BILL KENYON

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION - EXECUTIVE MEETING

MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 1977

The meeting was held at Sheila Jerczynski's. Those present were Joan Collings, Robin McNeil, Marg Kerry, Bill Kenyon and Sheila.

The minutes of the last executive meeting were adopted as read.

Business Arising From Minutes

Cumulative Provincial Competition Points - A list has been compiled, but unfortunately, there are some errors, due to members entering under different first names and initials etc. Our Archivist, Chas Plant, will endeavour to compile another one, including those from '77. This we hope will be available in January.

Funds Remaining from Burnaby Vinegar Flies - The executive is not yet sure as to whether or not these funds will be donated to B.C.A.W.A. We will do some further investigating.

Correspondence

We have heard from Betty Vybiral in White Rock, who is forming a club that will most likely become an affiliate. I have sent her information about B.C.A.W.A.

V.A.W.A. will host the '78 Annual Conference. More details at a later date!

Past President's Report - Joan has been attending meetings of the '78 National committee and the Guild of Judges. She has written an article on the American Enological Society which will appear in a future edition of the Grapevine.

President's Report - Nil.

National Director's Report - Chas has heard from Gordon Gimbert in Ontario who is in favour of cider being in a class of its own. He will write to the other directors concerning this issue.

The classes in the National Competition are undergoing their second revision.

Treasurer's Report - Bill has put the B.C.A.W.A. funds into a Community Service account at the Bank of B. C. This account pays 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest, with no service charges! Congratulations, Bill, on convincing them that our purpose is a great service to the community! The present balance is \$1,202.28.

He has also suggested that committees requesting large advances of money should not be given a lump sum, but be permitted to draw on it at any time, up to the approved amount.

The Spigot & Glee in Richmond has reaffiliated. Welcome back!

Club dues are now overdue! Please see enclosed newsletter for rate structure.

Steward's Report - Nil.

Special Reports

Penticton Conference - There were 130 people in attendance. Despite unexpected problems and expenses, Capilano Winemakers and Seymour Wine Cellar managed to come up with a profit. B.C.A.W.A.'s share was \$34.49. Congratulations!

A complete report is on file and the recommendations will be passed on to next year's hosts.

National '78 - A \$200.00 advance has been given to the committee for immediate expenses. It sounds as if they're planning a great weekend for us. One highlight being the fact that they have already engaged a Steel Band for the Sunday night awards banquet!

New Business

'78 Annual Conference - Penticton? Please see Robin's covering letter. At the council meeting in January, each club will be asked to state its feelings and ideas on this subject.

BCAWA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 6, 1977 [Cont.]

B.C.A.W.A. Stationery - The executive is considering several printing estimates for a new order of envelopes and letterhead.

Operating Parameters - Due to the resolutions passed in Penticton, it is necessary to make some additions. The executive is considering developing these parameters into a formal constitution.

Dates for Council Meetings

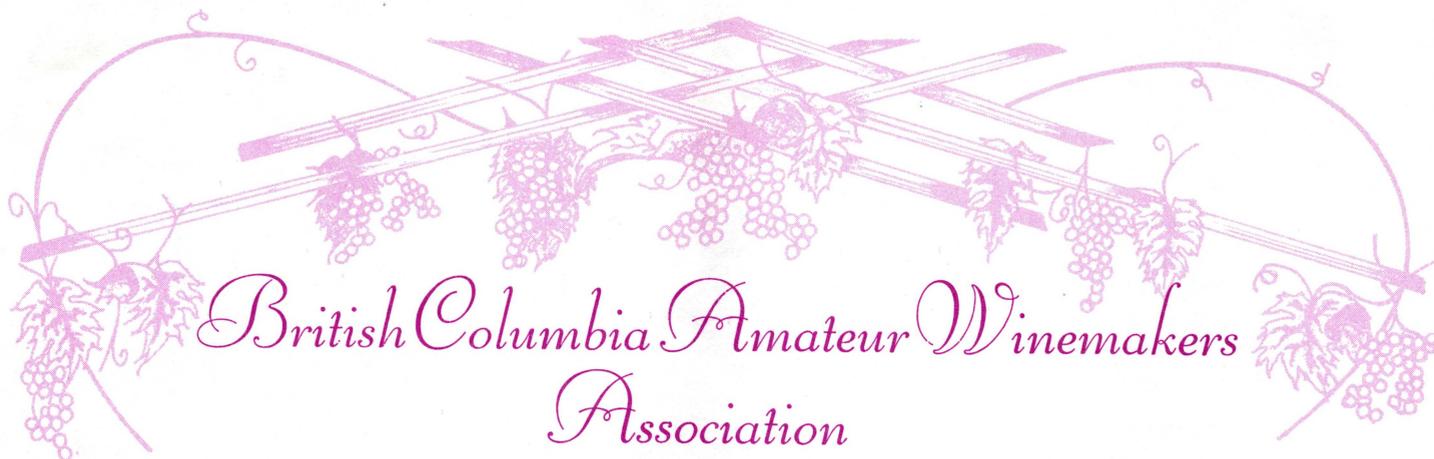
January 29
April 9

Cup and Key
EVE

The months are definite, but dates have yet to be confirmed. The executive meetings will be January 8, and March 19.

Typewriter - The executive authorized the secretary to purchase a suitable second hand typewriter. Let's hope it makes less mistakes than the former one!

Meeting Adjourned.



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November 9, 1977

Fellow Enologists,

How the time flies at this time of year with the cellar competing with all the other fall activities for precious time! However, now that the grape crop is safely ageing there is a little more time to pause and consider before the rush of Christmas festivities is on us.

Despite a few gremlins due to the management of hotels having changed hands, the Penticton weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by the hundred plus people attending. Our thanks to Capilano and Seymour for organizing an excellent weekend. Those of you who were not at the Vinovan annual competition and dance missed a really good evening - a repeat of the format they tried very successfully last year. As a result your executive were a little bleary-eyed when they met the next day, but, as you'll see from the attached minutes, we covered quite a lot of ground. There is one subject that we would ask your club to discuss seriously before the next council meeting to be held in late January. This concerns the timing and location of the Annual General Meeting of the B.C.A.W.A. I realise that this is a topic that has been discussed previously, but it is felt that this may be an appropriate time to re-open the discussion. The following is presented to give clubs some background information and is not intended to influence the outcome of the debate:

Reasons for NOT changing location and/or date:

1. Tradition
2. Gets people out for the weekend - not just the meeting or the dance as would tend to be the case if held near "home".
3. Allows entry of wines into the Harvest and Grape Fiesta Competition.
4. Penticton is in vineyard and winery territory for related tours and/or speakers.
5. Some early grapes may be ready for purchase. Lots of other fruits are.
6. There would be problems in finding a focus for meetings held elsewhere at that time of year.



Reasons for changing location and/or date:

1. There were no representatives of either the Penticton or Revelstoke clubs at this year's AGM in Penticton.
2. We have had trouble finding a single place in Penticton which can provide good accommodation, good recreation facilities and banquet/dancing facilities. As many of you know, we have had to split between the Stardust and the Penticton Inn for the last 2 years. The Pilgrim House is, to all intents and purposes, not practicable.
3. This year the Provincial competition is to be in Nanaimo - an out-of-town visit for the majority of the clubs. The National is in Vancouver which will again be a drain on time and money. A visit to Penticton for those participating would be a third major outlay of the year and would probably result in a lower than normal attendance.
4. Okanagan grapes are not usually ready by the third week of September. Those that want them either have to pay for transport down or make another trip up.
5. The weekend of the AGM often clashes with periods of maximum activity in the wine-room with California grapes.
6. It's a long way from the Island to Penticton!

We will ask each club represented at the meeting to make a general statement on their feelings on this question and then entertain motions as to the future location and date of the B.C.A.W.A. AGM. We are delighted that VAWA have offered to host this year's AGM and believe that they would be amenable to organizing the meeting at another location and/or time if so requested by the Council in January.

It seems very early, but all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year,



Roben McNeil
President