



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

MINUTES-DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 28, 1996

11:00 A.M.

PLACE- Jack Ziebart
1334 Sherwood Drive
Nanaimo, B.C. ph.758-2561

Welcome by president- Jack Ziebart

ATTENDANCE- Jack Ziebart, Tony Pearson, Leo Poirer and
Dawn Engman.

1. The agenda for this meeting was approved with a few additions.(as included in the minutes)
2. The minutes of the last directors meeting was accepted as circulated.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

- letter sent to David -re- individual membership -no reply received yet.
- letter received from Hornby Island wine club requesting membership into BCWA.
- Reply was sent to Hornby Island by Jack.

4. REPORTS:

President's- Jack Ziebart - attached-
Vice-President's- Leo Poirer - attached
Treasurer's- Jerry Yip - attached
National Director- Tony Pearson -

AWC dues have been paid. B.C. Host club needed for the Amateur Winemakers of Canada Competition in 1997. It is our turn to host this National competition.

Director-at-large- Rory Kirby-

A copy of the draft guidelines (Serve-it-Right) was mailed to the Directors for approval.

Directors 1995 - 1996

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Director-at-large-Jack Kouwenhoven-phone report-

On 8 January 1996 I attended a meeting of the Bacchus Alumni in Abbotsford to promote the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association. The members were urged to support club competitions. The membership was advised that, although each club had one voting member at a Council or General Meeting, any number of club members could attend and would have the opportunity to speak. Bacchus Alumni is an active group and I will be attending another meeting to give a presentation on red wine.

Chief Steward Report- Brian Sproule- attached

5. OLD BUSINESS-

-The draft guidelines (Serve-it-Right) which was presented, was approved as written and a copy will be sent to each club before the next council meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS-

A.- A question was brought forward by Jack Ziebart about BCWA looking into joining the computer "INTERNET" system by having an internet page for BCWA news & information. Is this a feasible project? Any opinions from knowledgeable Internet users is welcome.

B. - SUGGESTION- That we reimburse the judges from the Guild of Judges for FERRY EXPENSES when they travel to and from the mainland to judge at club competition.
suggestion- 1/3 cost from BCWA, 1/3 cost from the Guild of Judges and 1/3 cost from the host club.

This will be put on the agenda for the council meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

President's Report

Exec. Meeting 28 January, 1996

Becoming a registered under the Societies Act has become a learning experience in the administration required to keep our Constitution and By-Laws current. The few changes made at the AGM have resulted in the previous documents being withdrawn and a new set submitted. The replacement document required signatures for at least five directors. That resulted in a considerable delay as the papers were sent among the directors for signature. That has now been done and the documents have been sent to the Registrar for acceptance. The fee for any change to the Constitution or By-Laws is \$50.00 except for the change of directors. That fee is \$10.00.

A letter was sent to the Kamloops Winemakers Association advising them they are welcome to reinstate their membership in the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association. I have received no response.

Another letter stating our dues together with a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws was sent to the Hornby Island Wine Club. I have received no reply to this letter either; however the replies to both above letters may have been sent to the Treasurer.

In December our National Director, Tony Pearson, and I conducted a meeting of winemakers on Protection Island. Considerable enthusiasm and interest was shown in becoming and organized club. More meetings are anticipated before a new club is formed.

Jack Ziebart
(President)

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Leo Poirier

REGARDING GRAPE PURCHASES FROM B.C. INTERIOR AND POSSIBLY LOWER MAINLAND

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British Columbia Amateur Winemakers's Association
Treasurer's Report
As at January 15, 1996

Cash on Hand as at May 31, 1995 \$ 4,443.18

Add:

Revenues, 1995/96 fiscal year		
Club Dues 1995	\$ 463.75	
Medals, 1995 provincial	468.00	
Share of 1995 Provincial profit	1,658.93	
Interest income	<u>11.89</u>	<u>2,602.57</u>
		\$7,045.75

Expenses to Sept 13, 1995:

Secretary and Printing	\$277.14	
Ferry and Travel	289.50	
Grapevine	28.00	
A.W.C. dues	00.00	
Council meetings	110.00	
National Director's Expenses	<u>192.86</u>	<u>897.50</u>

Cash balance as at Sept. 13, 1995 \$6,148.25

Special Reserves:

Reserve for deficit financing	\$1,000.00	
Special Education: Video project	1,000.00	
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Net cash for general use 1995/1996 \$ 3,148.25

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Medals have been ordered for the 1996 Provincial Competition. They should be ready for pick up in due course. Cost will be within the budget amount.

J. Yip, Treasurer

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS' ASSOCIATION

CHIEF STEWARDS REPORT

JANUARY 28, 1996

Preparations for the '96 Provincial are well under way and should prove to be a very memorable one.

We do not propose to change the competition in any way, since last year's format was very successful.

However, everything about the evening awards banquet will say.... *ITALIAN*. Naturally the hall and the band are booked, and once we advertise what is on the menu we're sure to sell 180 tickets (our target).

I have run into a bit of a problem with the computer disks Charles gave me that contains everything from the '95 Provincial Competition. We are unable to access many of the files, but fear not, our club computer whiz John Spagnol is working with Charles to sort out the problem and we should be able to access the data next week.

I realize the importance of making a profit on the event, as it is a major source of revenue for BCAWA and at the same time makes it affordable for the attendees. With that in mind, we continue fine tuning the budget in an effort to try to keep the ticket price the same as last year.

The complete information packages will be distributed at the March 9th council meeting. The President and Secretary from each club will receive a package containing:

- class descriptions and entry regulations
- entry fee amount and entry deadline
- competition entry form
- schedule of events
- accommodation info
- contact names and numbers of committee members
- tickets and map

There will also be a submission to the March Grapevine.

When I receive the current list of judges from Colin we can start recruiting judges and stewards.

Our goal is to have entries from each and every BCAWA club, with total number of entries at 300+.

Please contact me with any suggestions or concerns.

Brian Sproule
Chief Steward



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Association*

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

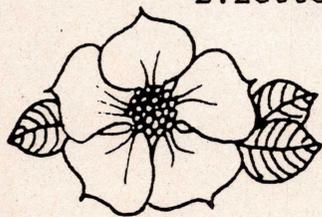
DATE- SUNDAY- MARCH 10, 1996

PLACE- The Armory
1513 - Forbes Ave.
North Vancouver, B.C.

TIME- 11:00 A.M.

HOST- CAPILANO WINEMAKERS

1. Jack Ziebart welcomed all the delegates and guests and thanked them for coming.
2. The TOAST was made by the host club by Franz Brunnhofer.
" To Good Wines"
3. ROLLCALL- There were 19 winemakers present representing 11 clubs.
4. The agenda with a couple of items added was approved.
moved by Leo Poirier--second by Tony Pearson
Carried
5. The minutes of the last Council meeting October 22, 1995, was accepted as circulated.
moved by Murray Mackie-second by Franz Brunnhofer
Carried
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - A. Letter received from Kamloops Winemakers Association with their dues to rejoin BCAWA. Welcome back Kamloops.
 - B. Letter received from Hornby Island Wine Club who has also been welcomed in as our newest member of BCAWA.



7. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT - Jack Ziebart moved to accept his report as attached --second by Leo Poirier -Carried

B. VICE-PRESIDENT - Leo Poirier moved to accept his report as attached --seconded by Rory Kirby - Carried

NOTE- After a discussion on Grape Purchases it was agreed that this matter be taken back to the clubs for their input. For 1996 grape purchases the clubs will continue on their own.

C. TREASURER- report by Jerry Yip- presented and moved for acceptance by Jack Ziebart- seconded by Rod Engman -Carried

D. EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Ted Underhill has sent in his resignation from the Executive positions of Past President and Education Committee Chairman in BCWA, due to ill health. We send our Best Wishes to Ted and hope that his health improves quickly.

NOTE- A request was made to the council for a volunteer for the position of the head of the Education Committee with one of his duties being the preparation of the next Education Video. The position is still open.

C. NATIONAL DIRECTOR - Tony Pearson moved to accept his AWC report as attached- second by Rory Kirby -- Carried

E. DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE - Rory Kirby moved to accept his report as attached. second by Tony Pearson- Carried

NOTE-Helmut Berner and Jack Kouwenhoven thanked Rory for all his work in preparing the report GUIDELINES on EVENT LIABILITY

F. DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE - Jack Kouwenhoven --reported that he is making visits and speaking at wine clubs.

NOTE-Any club that would like a speaker for their program Jack is a very knowledgeable winemaker & beermaker.-phone him at 792-2051.

G. CHIEF STEWARD - Brian Sproule- Provincial 1996 report attached.

NOTE- We need the support of all wine clubs to ensure this years event will be a success. Once again we will be having the silent auction at the banquet, we ask that our member clubs help us to gather an interesting group of items or activities to be auctioned. Company and Corporate sponsorship is encouraged. If you have any contacts please call LYLE SPROULE at 522-5075 with your items, suggestion or activities.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Serve-it-right Guidelines- a copy of this report was sent to each club in February. If you require additional copies please phone Dawn at 534-3472.
- B. Education video report. The script for the video on Sulphite is prepared but volunteers are needed to arrange and film the information.
- C. Caltour- will be leaving on March 16/96 with a full bus.
- D. Liability Insurance-- A motion was needed to bring this matter to rest.

It was MOVED by Rory Kirby that BCAWA would not be buying Liability Insurance. SECONED by Tony Pearson
CARRIED.

We will be following the "GUIDELINES ON EVENT LIABILITY", report.

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It was MOVED by Rory Kirby-- That the judges will not be recompensed by B.C.A.W.A.--SECONDED BY Jack Kouwenhoven. CARRIED

- C. The Minister of Agriculture of British Columbia has donated a TROPHY for the best Red or White wines made from B.C. grapes only.

It was MOVED by Murray Mackie that B.C.A.W.A. accept this trophy and it will be presented at the B.C. Provincial Competition. The Directors will decide how the points will be calculated.
SECONDED by Rory Kirby. CARRIED

- D. Regarding B.C. hosting the AWC National Competition 1997. VAWA is considering being the host for this competition. A definite answer will be given to the council at the AGM in June.
- E. Regarding the 1997 B.C. Provincial. Chilliwack Zymurgy club has volunteered to host this competition.

NOTE - In 1997 BCAWA will be celebrating their 25 th Anniversary.

11. CLUB REPORTS-Reports handed in to the secretary are attached.

We have lost one club from our group. Richmond Spigot & Glee Club have dropped out of the BCAWA.

A THANKYOU WAS EXTENDED TO THE CAPILANO WINEMAKERS FOR HOSTING THIS MEETING AND FOR PROVINDING A VERY GOOD LUNCH, by Rory Kirby.

MEETING ADJOURNED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 16-24,1996- Caltour
- March 30,1996- VAWA Competition
- April 20,1996- Directors meeting
- April 20,1996- Kamloops Winemakers Competition.
- June 7 & 8 1996- Provincial Competition
- June 9, 1996- Annual General Meeting
- Oct. 5, 1996- Italian Canadian Winemakers Competition

- May or June 1997- B.C. Provincial Competition- Host will be Chilliwack Zymurgy

- Summer 1997- AWC National Competition --VAWA is considering hosting this event.



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

President's Report

General Meeting 10 March, 1996

As time passes changes are happening in our association. Some changes move on quickly; others become mired in government bureaucracy. In the latter case I speak of our attempts to register the changes in our By-Laws. Thus far they have not yet been accepted; however with each contact we are slowly learning the required procedures. Hopefully by our second year as a registered society we will be competent in the art of shuffling paper in accordance with the office of the registrar.

I regret to report that I received a letter of resignation from our Past President Ted Underhill. He feels he is medically unable to continue to function in that capacity and as our Education Committee Chairman. He reports that he is now out of hospital, is on the mend, and is walking about. He assures us that his interest in, and support of, BCAWA continues. We wish him a speedy recovery and good health.

There is also good news. We are growing. The Hornby Island Club is now a member and Kamloops have reinstated their membership. A hearty welcome is extended to both.

In December our National Director, Tony Pearson, and I conducted a meeting of winemakers on Protection Island. Considerable enthusiasm and interest was shown in becoming an organized club. More meetings are anticipated before a new club is formed.

Tom Robinson reports the CalTour96 bus is fully booked and will be departing next Saturday, 16 March, for San Francisco and the surrounding wine country. This will be a great opportunity to get an early report on the availability of grapes this year. There are strong rumors that grapes will be in short supply in California, Washington and B.C. Clubs are urged to place their orders early. Vice President Leo will have more to say about grapes.

The Provincial Competition is on the 7 and 8 of June and the AGM on 9 June. Don't miss this exciting event.


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NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT MARCH 10, 1996

Andrew Sharp Chairman - InterVin International made available some information on this organization and included a copy the "InterVin Amateur Wine Entry Affidavit" or form.

InterVin is an international wine competition for commercial wineries. This year they added an "amateur winemaker's division". Entry fees are \$20.00 per wine entered and submission dates are March 4 - May 3, 1996. Judging dates are May 15 - 18, 1996. I will provide copies of the entry form and other details for anyone interested.

The complete 1996 InterVin results will be carried on the Internet for one year and available for downloading free by June 4, 1996.

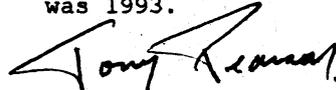
In a recent letter from Gordon Barnes, President of AWC. The question of eligibility in the National Competition of wine and beer made in U-Brew premises was an item for our consideration He

would like to know what the current position of BCAWA is. In The BCAWA Handbook, para 2 of Entry Regulations is very clear about prohibiting entries made in these commercial establishments.

Dan Ostler, AWC Archivist notes there are several discussion groups on the Internet. He would like to hear from anyone active in cyberspace and able to do some promotion of AWC and Local clubs through this medium.

The 1996 Annual Meeting and AWC competition will be held in Calgary. No information available at this time.

A host province is required for the 1997 AWC competition and AGM. The last time BC was the host province was 1993.



Tony Pearson
B.C. Director

Progress Report on Preparation of Guidelines on Event Liability

The members decided at the Fall '95 BCAWA Council meeting that the costs of liability insurance were prohibitive and the fundamental issues that needed to be addressed revolved around the proper conduct of meetings. At an earlier meeting it was also recognized that registration of the society as a non-profit organization would be a further step in limiting liability. Accordingly a sub committee was appointed to prepare a set of guidelines to be modelled on the BC Serving it Right program.

The members appointed were Jack Kouwenhoven, Helmut Berner, and Rory Kirby. They prepared a draft, reviewed it and sent copies for Executive review. The Guidelines were accepted as submitted, with a recommendation to send copies to all member (clubs).

The key intent of the Guidelines is to provide the basis for each club to address the issues of running their meetings in a responsible manner. They are not hard and fast "must-be-followed" rules, but they are based on tried and true methods that are used in the beverage industry. Furthermore they are the basis for granting Special Occasion licenses.

I do not recommend that this meeting spends time now in lengthy discussion, unless some aspects require clarification now. Instead we invite you to send written comments and suggestions to me. I will compile them, the committee will review them and bring back the results to the Annual General Meeting.

In the interim I propose that the current Guidelines on Event Liability be accepted by this Council, and that delegates encourage their local adoption as soon as possible.

J. Rory Kirby
(604)658-2458; Fax 658-2858
March 10, 1996

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PROVINCIAL 96

As June is fast approaching, so are the 96 Provincials, June 7, 8 and 9th. The ITAL-VINO Club members are looking forward to hosting you and what should be a Numero Uno event, one you won't want to miss. We hope that all BCAWA clubs will be represented.

In preparation for this weekend we will need to know how many will be attending, so please contact Larry Racanello at 524-0209 ASAP with your numbers.

The Royal Towers Hotel and Casino (140 Sixth Street, N.W.) has tentatively booked 15 rooms for both Friday & Saturday nights under the BCAWA, but will need confirmation on reservations by May 1st. Rates are \$79.00 Single, \$89.00 Double. To make reservations call 524-3777 or Fax 524-6673.

Entry deadline on or before Fri. May 24th.

Drop-off Locations:

1.	Victoria	Rory Kirby	758-2561
2.	Victoria	Frank Marion	658-2458
3.	Nanaimo	Tony Pearson	758-9758
4.	Chilliwack	Jack Kouwenhoven	792-2051
5.	Pt. Coq.	Helmut Burner	942-4003
6.	Richmond	Pat Ponti	272-0498
7.	Vancouver	Lou Curnick	228-8543
8.	N. Van.	Keith Kerry	987-9956

Class descriptions and entry regulation will be mailed out to clubs for April meetings or see BCAWA Competition Handbook.

Names to Contact:

1.	Tickets	Larry Racanello	524-0209
2.	Registrar	John Spagnol	525-1894
3.	Asst.Registrar	Peter Higgs	526-8113
4.	Silent Auction	Lyle Sproule	522-5075
5.	Trophies	Laura Moretto	526-3502
6.	Chief Steward	Brian Sproule	525-4749

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 7th

6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Reception
 Samson Room
 Royal Towers Hotel
 140 - 6th St.
 New Westminster, B.C.

Bring a bottle of your best!

Saturday, June 8th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Competition - Judging
 (Judges & Steward Only)
 Roma Hall
 940 Ewen Ave.
 New Westminster, B.C.
 521-8320

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6:00 p.m. Sample The Entries at the Roma Hall
7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Italian Style Banquet, Awards Presentation,
Silent Auction, Dance to the music of "Harbour"

Sunday, June 9th

9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast followed by the Annual General
Meeting
Royal Towers

Tickets \$40.00/person covers all events. Please RSVP which events you plan to attend.

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CLUB REPORTS -- MARCH 1996

CAPILANO WINEMAKERS-

We had a busy year with some minor changes in our membership as we lost and gained four members. Our membership presently stands with 25 members. Our club had some very interesting presentations this past year including:

1. Malolactic fermentation in wines presented by Charles Plant.
2. The ins and outs of running a vineyard by Jim Vyse of Burrowing Owl Vineyards.
3. Rhone Valley video tour and tasting by Karl Kupka.
4. Component tasting just to get back to basics
5. B.C. winery tour video and tasting by Karl Kupka

In addition to the presentations, we had our annual events including; white and red wine competition, summer barbecue, Oktoberfest, cooking with wine and a Greek Christmas Party.

Chilliwack Zymurgy

Our club is growing a little with a few new members this year. Unfortunately 2 of our members have serious health problems at this time.

Our competition at the end of February went very well. We had 243 entries & over 150 at the banquet. While final figures are not in, we may have made a profit of about \$800.00.

We meet in a hall except for 2 barbecues & mulled wine at Christmas & cooking with wine in March. Our membership numbers are a small problem for the latter two events & we may have to consider some changes.

In February we welcomed a new (novice) member Sonia & Gordon Garlinge.

Our club passed a motion to host the 1997 Provincial Competition if approved by BCWA.

GLENMORE WINE CIRCLE

Glenmore is going on as usual with 12 members tasting lots of good wine.

ITALIAN CANADIAN WINEMAKERS

Our club to date has approximately 50 active members, with several new ones joining this year. We meet the second Friday each month at 8:00 P.M. in The Italiac Culch. on Grandview H'way. Guests are always welcome especially if we can pick their brain. Our members are very interested & active in learning and applying their new found knowledge to winemaking. They are progressing very well.

A calendar of our program is set up for the year with technical and tasting meetings, etc. Our in-club competition and dinner is being held in May. August we enjoy an Italian style picnic (a little food a lot of wine). The big event is our open competition, Banquet and dance (the best evening out in town) More information will come regarding this later. Last years event was attended by over 500. The wine competition was keen and the food was superb to put it mildly- it was the best that I personally had seen in my 8 years with the club. As we have finally changed from a young/old wine judgment at this competition we encourage all to compete and enjoy this great evening.

Finally in September arrangements are being drawn up for a 3 Day tour of OK Valley Wineries and discussion of a club press is in the works.

report by Reg Campbell

LANGLEY FERMENTERS

Our club continues to be a very active group. We have five new members just in the last year.

Last fall several of our members worked at the Wine Festival held at the Willowbrook Mall in Langley. They earned \$500.00 for the club, which gave our club bank balance a boost.

Our next in-club competition will be in June, combined with our Annual Garden Party.

VANCOUVER AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

For a few years now the annual Vancouver Wine Festival has been a great source of guest speakers for our March meeting. This year Cedar Creek's winemaker Ross Mirka was our prize. His charm and honesty was both enjoyable and sobering.

March is also our traditional month for our competition and banquet. It will be held on the 30th. Preparations are well under way.

Since January '96 our meetings are held at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. We meet the third Wednesday of every month except in July and August. Our fraternal ties with the Italian Canadian Winemakers Assoc. are growing.

submitted by Helmut Berner

VICTORIA WINEMAKERS GUILD

Our club held its annual Christmas Party at the lovely home of Bendt and Val Caspersen, two of our newest members. Regular and associate members had a great time. Two of our members, Barb Nelson and Dorthy Koeslag did a great job in organizing the food and entertainment for this event.

Our monthly competitions are attracting a good number of entries. Also, periodic workshops from label making to acid testing are being well attended.

The Victoria Winemakers' Guild will hold its annual March Wine Festival on March 11, 1996. The theme this year is "Taste of BC" It will be held at a historic local waterfront restaurant with salmon being the food theme. This event is always fun with delicious food and fine wines aplenty.

Ted and Elise Underhill have generously donated a new trophy to the VWG. This award is called the "Making Better Wines Perpetual Trophy". It will be awarded annually to a Victoria Winemakers' Guild member winning the highest aggregate points in wine and beer competitions in other BCWA club competitions and in the Saanich Fall Fair. Winners will have their names engraved on it. The first presentation of this beautiful award will take place at our 1996 July barbecue.

Club member Mary Homer has unfortunately had to resign from the position of secretary. Mary's incredible eye for detail and professionalism will be missed.

Rick Homer and Dave Long of our club are organizing another large wine purchase of Okanagan grapes for the fall of 1996. The grape variety this year will be Pinot Noir. The grapes will be again be transported from the Okanagan by Rick and Dave and will be processed at a central location.

CHEERS!!!

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British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association 1996 Provincial Competition

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 7th

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Reception in the Samson Room
Royal Towers Hotel, 140 - 6th St., New Westminster
*A grape place to meet other vintners and talk about wine and beer.
Light hors d'oeuvres served. Bring a bottle of your best.*

Saturday, June 8th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Competition—Judging (Judges & Steward Only)
Roma Hall, 940 Ewen Ave., (Queensborough) New Westminster
Ph:521-8320 *Lunch provided.*

Evening program:

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Roma Hall
Happy Hour—Sample the Entries
Italian Style Banquet, followed by:
Awards Presentation, Silent Auction, and Dancing to the music of
"Harbour"

Sunday, June 9th

9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast followed by the Annual General Meeting in the
Samson Room at the Royal Towers

Tickets \$40:00/person covers all events.

**Please RSVP to which events you plan to attend by calling Larry Racanello
@ 524-0209**

**The ROYAL TOWERS HOTEL AND CASINO is offering special
rates if you mention BCAWA.**

**Royal Towers Hotel and Casino
140 Sixth Street, New Westminster, B.C.**

Fifteen rooms for both Friday and Saturday nights are tentatively booked.

Rates: single \$79.00 / Double \$89.00

**To make reservations call Claude Lawrence @ 524-3777 or Fax
524-6673**

Reservations must be confirmed by May 1st.

1996 BCAWA Provincial Competition Committee:

Chief Steward

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Ph:525-4749

Registrar

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Tickets & Social

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Silent Auction

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Asst. Registrar

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Trophies

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Burnaby
V3N 2R6
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NATIONAL DIRECTOR- Tony Pearson- A.W.C. Competition
for 1996 will be in Calgary
(approximate date - July 27 - 28)

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE- Jack Kouwenhoven- attached

CHIEF-STEWARD-Brian Sproule- attached

HANDBOOK AND ARCHIVIST- Charles Plant- The Handbook
will be available on disc for purchase at the
A.G.M. in June.

OLD BUSINESS-

---- 1996 Provincial Competition report - included in the
Chief Stewards report.

---- EDUCATION VIDEO- The Sulphite Video will be prepared
on an amateur basis. Committee- Jack Ziebart-
Leo Poirier-Tony Pearson-& Charles Plant.

NEW BUSINESS-

---- EDUCATION COMMITTEE-will consist of the Directors-at
Large with the Vice President as coordinator
Leo Poirier was appointed the Education Committee
chairman.

---- Regarding the "point system" for winning the trophy
from the B.C. Minister of Agriculture.
Charles Plant suggested that the Barrel be
awarded to the winners of the B.C. White and
the B.C.Red JOINTLY,--all agreed --

---- A suggestion was brought forward to buy new
B.C.A.W.A. Pins.This was tabled for now.

---- The Silver Pin Grape Cluster Award list will be
updated.

NOTE- Nanaimo Amateur Winemakers Club has changed their
club name to NANAIMO WINEMAKERS GUILD

---- A package with B.C.A.W.A information will be put
together for new club members.

---- Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association will be
hosting the 1997 A.W.C. Competition.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

President's Report

Directors Meeting 21 April, 1996

This is the last Directors Meeting before our two major annual events: the Provincial Competition and the AGM. The Provincial promises to be an event to be remembered for those who attend and to be regretted by those who do not.

As mentioned in my previous report, Past President Ted Underhill has resigned for health reasons. I have not yet been in contact with Sonia Garlinge to ask if she will fill that position. Sonia has moved and her phone number is not available through BCTEL information.

Tom and Bert again conducted a very successful CalTour96. It was both educational and entertaining and very much appreciated by winemakers from BC and Alberta.


Jack Ziebart
(President)

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT as at April 21,1996

CASH ON HAND as at May31,1995		\$4,443.18
ADD:		
REVENUES, 1995/96 FISCAL YEAR		
Club dues 1995	\$ 541.25	
Club dues 1996	754.25	
Medals, 1995 provincial	468.00	
Share of 1995 provincial profit	1,658.93	
Interest income	18.00	
		<u>3,440.43</u>
		\$7,883.61
EXPENSES to April 21,1996		
Medal purchase	\$ 900.00	
Secretary and Printing	608.76	
Ferry and Travel	380.50	
Grapevine	83.00	
A.W.C. dues	30.00	
Council meetings	220.00	
National Director's expenses	192.86	
		<u>2,415.72</u>
CASH BALANCE as at April 21,1996		\$5,467.89
SPECIAL RESERVES:		
Reserve for deficit financing	\$1,000.00	
Special Education: Video project	1,000.00	
Medal Purchase	500.00	
		<u>2,500.00</u>
NET CASH FOR GENERAL USE 1996/1997		<u>\$2,967.89</u>

NOTE 1- Special Education Reserve: Represents funds set aside in 1995 and 1996 at \$500.00 per year. The 1995 funds were not used, therefore, it has \$1,000.00 to spend in 1996. Current financial condition does not support any educational programs which cost exceeds \$1,000.00 in the current fiscal year. Therefore, your treasurer cannot recommend any educational program which will cost more than \$1,000.00 in this year.

NOTE 2- The club purchased medals for \$900.00 in January,1996. A reserve of \$500.00 is set up for 1997 medal purchase.

BCAWA has 20 clubs. Our newest club is the Hornby Winemakers(?). Kamloops has paid its 1996 dues. Spigot has dropped out of BCAWA. Another Victoria club has joined BCAWA. It is called RED,WHITE AND BREW- headed by Ernie Sargent of the Saanich Sommeliers.

This is my financial report. I Move acceptance of this treasurer's report.

Jerry Yip

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Chief Steward's Report

Executive Meeting 21 April, 1996

Last month I sent out 40 *Judges Packages*, inviting them to judge at the Provincial. To date I have received 22 replies; 16 will judge; 8 unable to judge. There remains 16 judges yet to reply and with time becoming a factor, I will commence phoning those judges to get their responses.

When I learned that the Micro Brewers Festival, being held in Vancouver, was the same weekend as the Provincial I became very concerned. Because, the Royal Canadian Malted Patrol was running the home-brew competition side of the festival and since Duncan Ainslie and his band of merry maltstirs had often judged at our competitions, I thought beer judges may be hard to get for the Provincial. It appears my fears were unfounded, as I now have enough judges for our beer classes.

Something that has been brought to my attention is that the same judges seem to judge the same classes at each competition time after time. I have discussed this with a number of past chief stewards who all agree that we give others a crack at these classes that have seen the same judges so often. Looking at the responses I hold presently from the judges indicating which classes they would like to judge it should not be difficult to slot some different faces in those classes. I will be seeking further input on this matter to ensure the objective is going to achieve the desired results.

The response from the steward sign-up sheet I sent to all the clubs has been great, lots of eager stewards to choose from, unfortunately I may not be able to use them all.

Larry Racanello reports we have 190 tickets out, but can not confirm the number actually sold at this time. Larry has also attended 3 other clubs meetings to promote the provincial weekend and he intends to visit all the lower mainland clubs by mid-May.

The count-down continues, only 7 weeks to go! Now the fun starts.....right?!!

Brian Sproule
Chief Steward

1996 BCAWA Provincial Competition Committee:

<u>Chief Steward</u>	<u>Registrar</u>	<u>Tickets & Social</u>	<u>Silent Auction</u>	<u>Asst. Registrar</u>	<u>Trophies</u>
Brian Sproule	John Spagnol	Larry Racanello	Lyle Sproule	Peter Higgs	Laura Moretto
922-5th Street	1840 Edinburgh St.	930- 5th Street	1808 Edinburgh St.	13- 190 Ginger Pl.	7175- 10th Ave.
New Westminster	New Westminster	New Westminster	New Westminster	New Westminster	Burnaby
V3L 2Y4	V3M 2X3	V3L 2Y4	V3M 2X3	V3L 5O4	V3N 2R6
Ph-525-4749	Ph-525-1894	Ph-524-0209	Ph-522-5075	Ph-526-8113	Ph-526-3502



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Director-at-large Report

Director's Meeting 21 April, 1996

- 11 March 1996: Attended a meeting of the Bacchus Alumni. Promoted the Provincial Competition and gave a presentation on malolactic fermentation.
- 19 March 1996: Attended a meeting of the Vinovan club. Promoted the Provincial Competition and gave a presentation on malolactic fermentation.
- Vinovan is very enthusiastic about implementing BCAWA Guidelines on Event Liability.
- 21 April 1996 Judging at Kamloops Winemakers Association Competition.
- May 1996 I will be giving an educational presentation to the Kamloops Winemakers Association.

Jack Kouwenhoven

(Director-at-large)

(Report received by telephone by Jack Ziebart)

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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DATE- June 9,1996

PLACE - Royal Towers Hotel
140 Sixth Street
New Westminster, B.C.

TIME 9:00 A.M. A continental breakfast was served before the meeting.

HOST CLUB- Italvino Club

The meeting was called to order by Jack Ziebart and a welcome was extended to all the delegates and guests.

The TOAST was made by Brian Sproule
"Salute to good wines and good winemakers"

ATTENDANCE- 32 delegates and guests attended representing 15 clubs

1. The agenda was accepted with a few items added to it
MOVED BY Rory Kirby SECOND BY Rod Engman CARRIED
2. The minutes of the last council meeting , on March 10,1996 was accepted as circulated MOVED BY Murray Mackie SECOND BY Tony Pearson CARRIED
3. CORRESPONDENCE

-----A request was made from Gordon Barnes from AWC, for information regarding the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association and regarding the B.C. Provincial Competition. A reply was written by Charles Plant answering his questions.

-----letter to Nimpo Lake regarding the Wine Club joining the B.C.A.W.A.

-----letter received from Ted and Elise Underhill regarding -Ted and Elise have graciously donated a Trophy to BCWA- titled "MAKING BETTER WINES"-to be awarded annually to the winemaker who earns the most points in the "Dry Red Classes", total from all the BCWA sanctioned Competitions.

-----letter introducing another new club "CHATEAU "B" TEAM"
President- Robert Herzer--313 Queens Avenue,
New Westminster, B.C. V3L-1K1

4--REPORTS-

PRESIDENT-Jack Ziebart- attached- Moved accepted by Jack -
Second by Rory Kirby, CARRIED

VICE-PRESIDENT- Leo Poirier-attached-

TREASURER-Jerry Yip- attached- Moved accepted by Rory Kirby
Second by Keith Kerry CARRIED

NATIONAL DIRECTOR- Tony Pearson- AWC Competition July 27/96
in Calgary.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE--Rory Kirby- attached- report accepted--
moved by Dan Jones, Second by Murray Mackie
CARRIED

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE---Jack Kouwenhoven-attached- Moved accepted
by Jack- Second by Brian Sproule-CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE-Leo Poirier-Suggestion that B.C.A.W.A. will
produce the sulphite video if they can find
somebody with a better quality video camera.
-They will still approach Malispino College to
see if they can get assistance there.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE- Charles Plant-MOTION that BCAWA pay for one
copy of the disc on HANDBOOK & BYLAWS for each
club. SECOND BY Murray Mackie CARRIED

-MOTION BY Marg Fairholm - Second
by Jock Fairholm that the BCAWA HANDBOOK--
DUTIES OF THE CHIEF STEWARD, be revised to
include the REQUIREMENT that the judges be
provided with information about the
ingredients and or styles for each entry
in the wine classes and styles in the beer
classes. CARRIED

CHIEF STEWARD- Brian Sproule- attached-
moved accepted by Rod Engman- Second by
Murray Mackie--CARRIED

A VOTE OF THANKS WAS EXTENDED BY JACK ZIEBART TO BRIAN AND
ALL HIS CREW FOR THE GREAT WORK THAT THEY DID FOR THE
PROVINCIAL COMPETITION.

GRAPEVINE TROPHY- presented by Tom Robinson

Congratulations to the winner- CHARLES PLANT who has
accumulated the most points in B.C. Invitational Competitions
1995 / 1996 season.

NOTE - GRAPEVINE FAX # 266-4640

CAL TOUR report by Tom Robinson - attached

1997 Cal Tour March 15 - 23 1997

NEW BUSINESS

B.C. PROVINCIAL COMPETITION 1997 will be hosted by Chilliwack
Zymurgy Club.

DATES--- June 6 - 8 1997

CHIEF STEWARD - Sonia Garlinge

AMATEUR WINEMAKERS OF CANADA COMPETITION 1997 will be in B.C.
hosted by V.A.W.A. next summer.

ELECTIONS FOR DIRECTORS FOR 1996 -1997 term

PRESIDENT- Jack Ziebart VICE-PRESIDENT- Leo Poirier
SECRETARY- Dawn Engman TREASURER- Jerry Yip
DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE-Jack Kouwenhoven & Rory Kirby
NATIONAL DIRECTOR- Tony Pearson
PAST PRESIDENT- Sonia Garlinge
CHIEF STEWARD- Sonia Garlinge
ARCHIVIST- Charles Plant

THANKYOU WAS EXTENDED TO THE ITALVINO CLUB FOR HOSTING THE
1996 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL COUNCIL MEETING - hosted by Italian Canadian Winemakers
October 5, 1996 - Italian Canadian Winemakers Competition
November Nanaimo Amateur Winemakers Competition
November 9,1996- Vinovan Competition
January 18,1997- Saanich Sommeliers Competition
February 22,1997- Chilliwack Zymurgy Competition
SPRING COUNCIL MEETING hosted by Vinovan
March V.A.W.A. Competition
June 6-8 1997 B.C. Provincial



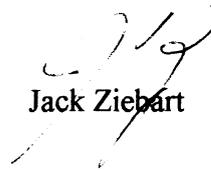
British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

6 June, 1996

President's Report

The past year has had several events worth mentioning. We have, at least for the present, put to rest the question of liability insurance. BCAWA has gained three new member clubs and is in contact with two more who have made inquiries about our association. Hornby Island, Red, White and Brew of Victoria, and Chateau "B" Team of New Westminster are the new clubs and Kamloops Winemakers Association has reinstated its membership.

Some of the events we can expect in the coming year are: the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of BCAWA, Chilliwack Zymurgy Club hosting the Provincial Competition and VAWA hosting next years National Competition. That leaves us with only one major concern. Where do we get our grapes from this fall?


Jack Ziebart

Directors 1995 - 1996

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BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

JUNE 9, 1996

By now all the winning entries have been announced at the Awards Banquet held last night. Congratulations to all the members of our wine clubs who will be sending entries to the AWC Competition to be held in Calgary, Alberta on July 27, 1995.

The National host club, Alberta Amateur Winemakers require all the entries to be in their possession by June 29th. In order to comply, taking into consideration the possibility of replacing any breakage's in transit, it is necessary to have our entries ready for shipment to Calgary by June 15th. All the winners have been provided with detailed instructions.

Normally at this time we have the agenda for the AWC Annual General Meeting. For some reason this did not happen. When this information arrives, I will contact our President to determine what course of action is required relating to the correspondence.

Something that may be of interest pertaining to the total AWC membership in 1995. There were about 1,100 members in 7 provinces with club breakdowns as follows:

Ontario	42	Manitoba	2	Quebec	1
B.C.	19	Sask	2	Nova Scotia	1
Alberta	7				

The following were elected as AWC Directors at the 1995 AGM:

President	Gordon Barnes	(Ont)
Secretary	Betty Gamblin	(AB)
Treasurer	Charles Plant	(BC)
Past President	Bill Spier	(AB)

Appointed Archivist Dan Ostler (Ont)

Best wishes to all the members submitting entries to the AWC National Competition.

Tony Pearson
BC National Director

**British Columbia Amateur Winemakers's Association
Treasurer's Report
As at May 31, 1996**

Cash on Hand as at May 31, 1995 \$ 4,443.18

Add:

Revenues, 1995/96 fiscal year

Club Dues 1995	\$	541.25	
Club Dues 1996		1,074.25	
Medals, 1995 provincial		468.00	
Share of 1995 Provincial profit		1,658.93	
Books/Pin Sales		55.00	
Interest income		20.26	
		<u>3,817.69</u>	

Total Cash for use **\$8,260.87**

Expenses to May 31, 1996:

Medal purchase	\$	900.60	
Secretary and Printing		672.55	
Ferry and Travel		530.50	
Grapevine		83.00	
A.W.C. dues		30.00	
Council meetings		220.00	
National Director's Expenses		192.86	
		<u>2,629.51</u>	

Cash balance from fiscal year May 31, 1996 **\$5,631.36**

Add: Advance from 1996 Provincial Competition 400.00

Net Cash Balance: As at May 31, 1996 **\$6,031.36**

Special Reserves: for new fiscal year

Reserve for deficit financing	\$	1,000.00	
Special Education: Video project		1,500.00	
Medal purchase		500.00	
		<u>3,000.00</u>	

Net cash for general use 1996/1997 **\$ 3,031.36**

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Medal Inventory: Gold: 49 Silver: 77 Bronze: 142

Membership: Approximately 500: Clubs: 22

Newest Clubs: Hornby, Red, White and Brew, Chateau "B".

J. Ziebart, President


J. Yip, Treasurer

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association 1996 Provincial Competition

<p>A APERITIF SHERRY (9) Silver *Charles Plant VAWA Bronze Charles Plant Bronze Colin Nicholson Saan Bronze Colin Nicholson Bronze Tony Pearson Nan Bronze Brent Gifford Cup&Key</p> <p>B APERITIF (11) Gold *Tony Pearson Nan Gold Charles Plant VAWA Silver Brent Gifford Cup&Key Bronze Tom J. Robinson VAWA</p> <p>C RED TABLE (83) Gold *Ted & Tim Ellan ItalCdn Silver Tom J. Robinson VAWA Bronze Tom J. Robinson Silver Robert Hirzer ChB Team Silver D & K Jones Coq Bronze D & K Jones Bronze Don Wand Saan Bronze Don Wand Bronze Ronald Smith Cup&Key Bronze Kenneth Payne VicWG Bronze Duncan Ainslie VAWA Bronze Tony Pearson Nan Bronze Don McKinnon ChB Team Bronze Maurice Hamilton Coq Bronze John Daniels ChB Team Bronze Jack Kouwenhoven Chwk</p> <p>D DRY WHITE GRAPE (59) Gold *Ted Ellan ItalCdn Silver Tom Handley VAWA Silver Doug Weir Saan Silver Roger Toren Caplno Bronze Ted Underhill VicWg Bronze Ted Underhill Bronze D & K Jones Bronze George Gibson Nan Bronze S & G Garlinge Chwk Bronze Nth Burnaby Vtners VAWA Bronze N Brodie & K Husband VAWA Bronze Dorothy Koeslag VicWG</p> <p>E ROSE TABLE (13) Bronze *Nth Burn Vtners VAWA Bronze Nth Burn Vtners Bronze Ted Underhill VicWG Bronze Dorothy Koeslag VicWg Bronze Sam Hauk & Roger Ford VAWA</p>	<p>F DESSERT (36) Gold *Mike Johnson & Pat Ponti Gold Mark Underhill HolyCross Bronze S & G Garlinge Chwk Bronze Tony Pearson Nan Bronze Tony Pearson Bronze Nth Burnaby Vtners VAWA Bronze Jack Ziebart Chwk Bronze Jack Ziebart Chwk Bronze Maurice Hamilton Coq Bronze D & K Jones Coq</p> <p>G AFTER DINNER (21) Silver *S & G Garlinge Coq Bronze Bill Collings VAWA Bronze Tom J. Robinson VAWA Bronze Brent Gifford Cup&Key Bronze Brent Gifford Bronze Charles Plant VAWA Bronze Tim Ellan ItalCdn Bronze Tony Pearson Nan Bronze Ken Payne VicWg</p> <p>H SPARKLING (15) Gold *Charles Plant VAWA Silver Charles Plant Bronze Dorothy Koeslag VicWg Bronze Dorothy Koeslag Bronze Tony Pearson Nan Bronze Bill Collings VAWA Bronze Doug Weir Saan</p> <p>I SOCIAL (34) Silver *John Hughes VicWG Silver Maurice Hamilton Coq Bronze Renzo Furlan Italvino Bronze Nth Burnaby Vtners VAWA Bronze Rick Homer VicWG</p> <p>J COUNTRY (35) Bronze *Tom J Robinson VAWA Bronze Tom J Robinson Bronze J & M Fairholm Bacchus Bronze Mary Homer VicWg Bronze Jack Kouwenhoven Chwk Bronze Doug Weir Saan Bronze Harry Borris Saan Bronze Joe & Mary Nemeth VicWg Bronze Rick Homer VicWg</p>	<p>K B.C. RED GRAPE (22) Silver *Mike & Mary Dragani/Jeraj Bronze Mike & Mary Dragani/Jeraj Silver Bill Collings VAWA Bronze Clem Joyce VAWA Bronze Mike Kemple Capilano Bronze Jack Kouwenhoven Chwk Bronze J & M Fairholm Bacchus Bronze Art Hooper Kamloops Bronze S & G Garlinge Coq</p> <p>L B.C. WHITE GRAPE (27) Gold *Rick Homer VicWG Silver J & M Fairholm Bacchus Silver Art Hooper Kamloops Bronze J & M Fairholm Bronze S & G Garlinge Bronze George Gibson Nan Bronze Bill Collings VAWA</p> <p>M PALE BEER (13) Silver *Jack Kouwenhoven Chwk Silver Jack Kouwenhoven Silver Frank Marion Saan Silver Ernie Sargent Saan Bronze Duncan Ainslie VAWA Bronze Duncan Ainslie</p> <p>N DARK BEER (12) Bronze *Dave Gartley RW&Brew Bronze Jack Kouwenhoven Chwk Bronze Duncan Ainslie VAWA</p> <p>O STOUT (6) Bronze *Jack Kouwenhoven Chwk</p> <p>P CIDER (12) Bronze *Ted Underhill VicWG Bronze Jack Kouwenhoven Chwk Bronze Jack Kouwenhoven Bronze Tom P Robinson VAWA</p> <p>X WINE ART WHITE CONCENTRATE (9) 1. Dorothy Koeslag VicWG 2. J & M Fairholm Bacchus 3. Bill Collings VAWA 4. Sandy Kirk Saan</p>
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The following are entitled to represent B.C. in the 1996 A.W.C. National

Aperitif Sherry	Charles Plant, Colin Nicholson, Tony Pearson, Brent Gifford
Aperitif	Tony Pearson, Charles Plant, Brent Gifford, Tom J. Robinson
Red Table	Tim & Ted Ellan, Tom J. Robinson, Robert Hirzer, D & K Jones
White Table	Ted Ellan, Tom Handley, Doug Weir, Roger Toren
Rose	North Burnaby Vintners, Ted Underhill, Dorothy Koeslag, Sam Hauk & Roger Ford
Dessert	Mike Johnson & Pat Ponti, Mark Underhill S & G Garlinge, Tony Pearson
After Dinner	S & G Garlinge, Bill Collings, Brent Gifford, Tom J. Robinson
Sparkling	Charles Plant, Dorothy Koeslag, Tony Pearson, Bill Collings
Social	John Hughes, Maurice Hamilton, Renzo Furlan, North Burnaby Vintners
Country	Tom J. Robinson, J & M Fairholm, Mary Homer, Jack Kouwenhoven
Pale Beer	Jack Kouwenhoven, Frank Marion, Ernie Sargent, Duncan Ainslie
Dark Beer	Dave Gartley, Jack Kouwenhoven, Duncan Ainslie Colin Nicholson
Stout	Jack Kouwenhoven, Margaret Best, Frank Marion, Maurice Hamilton
Cider	Ted Underhill, Jack Kouwenhoven, Tom P. Robinson, Leo Poirier
Wine Art White	Dorothy Koeslag, J & M Fairholm, Bill Collings, Sandy Kirk



NUMBERS IN BRACKETS BESIDE THE CLASS NAME
INDICATE THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES IN THE CLASS

MEDALS.....GOLD 8
SILVER 21
BRONZE 81

BEST WINE IN SHOW.....TONY PEARSON / 19 POINT APERITIF
GRAND CHAMPION WINEMAKER.....CHARLES PLANT
GRAND CHAMPION BEERMAKER.....JACK KOUWENHOVEN
26 JUDGES WERE ASSISTED BY 25 STEWARDS

CLASS	JUDGES	STEWARDS
Aperitif Sherry	Mary Adye, Jerry Yip	Brian Nokleby, Marylyn Sawchuk
Aperitif	Ted Adye, Bill Marble	Rick Homer, Phil Oldershaw
Red Table preliminary	Mary Adye, Jerry Yip	Brian Nokelby, Marylyn Sawchuk
	Gary Armanini, Jack Ziebart	Charlie Glushka, Phil Oldershaw
	Marg Fairholm, Clem Joyce	Riccardo Pellizzari, Frido Profohr
Red Table final	Ted Adye, Bill Marble	Jeff Anderson, Dan Jones
White Table preliminary	Sonia Garlinge, Tony Pearson	Mary Homer, Graham Thompson
	Ted Adye, Bill Marble	Bob Davidson, Rick Homer
White Table final	Colin Nicholson, Jack Ziebart	Romeo Antoniali, Jean Howe
Rose	Sonia Garlinge, Tony Pearson	Charlie Glushka, Graham Thompson
Dessert	Bill Collings, Peter Howe	Tim Ellan, Joan Nicholson
After Dinner	Sal Robinson, Jerry Yip	Claudio Antoniali, Mike Pizzolato
Sparkling	Helmut Berner, Tom P Robinson	Claudio Antoniali, Dan Jones
Social	Sal Robinson, Robin Wiltshire	Rob Belanger, Mike Nightingale
Country	Frank Clark, Leo Poirier	Larry Elliot, John Matkovich
B.C. Dry Red Grape	Mary Adye, Charles Plant	Leroy Green, Mary Homer
B.C. Dry White Grape	Charles Plant, Janine Yip	Mike Pizzolato, Romeo Antoniali
Pale Beer	Colin Nicholson, Armin Prahst	Leroy Green
Dark Beer	Ian Crook, Tim Vandergrift	Ted Ellan
Stout	Ian Crook, Tim Vandergrift	Ted Ellan
Cider	Joan Collings, Clem Joyce	Abe Gaitens, Rick Pellizzari
Wine Art White	Joan Collings, Ted Underhill	Jean Howe, Abe Gaitens

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE REPORT -- Jack Kouwenhoven

- June 95--Attended a social event at Langley Fermenters and judged Red Table Wine & Red Fruit Wine & Beer
- Nov. 95--Attended General Meeting in Victoria where I was appointed to the committee to draw up Event Liability Guidelines with Rory Kirby & Helmut Berner.
- Jan 8/96--Attended Bacchus Alumni's General meeting to introduce the Event Liability Guidelines and promote B.C.A.W.A. & the provincial Competition.
- Mar 11/96 -- Attended Bacchus Alumni to judge B.C. Red Wines and gave an educational program on Malolactic Fermentation.
- Mar 19/96-- Attended Vinovan's monthly meeting and gave a program on Malolactic Fermentation. The Vinovan Club is quite serious about the Event Liability Guidelines. The topic was covered in detail.
- Apr. 20/96--Judged wines at Kamloops Winemakers Competition
- May 22/96--Did an educational program on fruit wines at Kamloops.

BCAWA Director's Report
Submitted to the 1996 AGM, June 9, 1996
By
Director-at-Large Rory Kirby

The major accomplishment of the year has been the preparation, acceptance and distribution of the 'Guidelines on Event Liability'. Last fall, the BCAWA Council Meeting recognized that, after three years, further investigation of Event Liability Insurance would not be fruitful. Not only is liability insurance prohibitively expensive, but there is no guarantee that it would provide certain protection against possible law suits. In fact, it was recognized that having insurance could be an invitation to sue. Consequently, BCAWA took steps to further limit event liability by registering as a non-profit society and by encouraging the conduct of meetings in a responsible manner.

Last Fall, Council asked that guidelines be prepared to encourage clubs to ensure that meetings were held in a manner that demonstrated that all reasonable steps were taken to ensure that those attending meetings were properly aware and guided in their personal conduct. Accordingly the BCAWA executive appointed a committee to prepare guidelines for BCAWA members which would help them to conduct club and BCAWA meetings in a manner that would inform attendees and minimize liability.

The committee appointed consisted of Jack Kouwenhoven, Helmut Berner and Rory Kirby, as Chair. The document they sent to the Executive was based on the BC Liquor Board's 'Serving It Right' Guidelines, which had been prepared for the guidance of those involved in the serving of alcoholic beverages. The Executive approved the submission and presented it to the Spring Council, recommending that delegates encourage local adoption as soon as possible. Members were asked to review the Guidelines and make comments and recommendations to the under-signed for review and presentation to this meeting.

No further input has been received from member clubs, accordingly I, Rory Kirby, on behalf of the aforementioned committee, propose 'That the Guidelines on Event Liability be formally accepted by the delegates of the 1996 BCAWA AGM and the committee appointed for their preparation be dissolved'.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Rory Kirby,
Director-at-Large

CALTOUR 96

Caltour '96 may well have been the best tour we've had. It's pretty difficult to say it was better than some of the previous tours, but for me, the diversity of the locales we visited and the quality of wines that we tasted made it the most satisfying tour that I can remember.

The people on the bus, too, were great. Members of 9 BCAWA clubs made the trip plus members of two clubs in Alberta

The diversity I mentioned included a visit to the CIA in the old Greystone building of Christian Brothers in St. Helena, lunch at a brewpub in Calistoga with an organized tasting of their beers, a seminar on Sonoma at the Sonoma Wine Institute, our traditional lunches at Parducci Wine Cellars in Ukiah and Chateau de Baun in Santa Rosa

Our sparkling wine stop was at Mumm Napa Valley. As well in the valley we stopped at Burgess Cellars, Merryvale, and Chateau Woltner. At Woltner we had a vertical tasting of 5 superb chardonnays, the best white wine I've tasted on any tour.

The best zinfandel I can recall on any tour was in Lodi at Spenker Winery. Also on Lodi we visited the Philips Family Farm Winery and farther east at Manteca we revisited Delicato Vineyards

The Sonoma winery was Iron Horse at Sebastopol and in Hopland we had a protracted visit at Fetzer Vineyards

It's getting harder and harder to take 40 people to the premium wineries but we've managed to do so.

When Bert and I plan a trip we can only go to a limited number of wineries but there always seem to be some good ones that we leave out...ones that we have to leave for another year.

That brings up the question we're always asked...will there be a tour next year.

CalTour 97 March 15- 23

Postdate cheques to November 30 payable to me....1st come 1st served

CLUB REPORTS----

BACCHUS ALUMNI--

Bacchus is alive and well, we have 26 members.

Club crushes were 5 ton last year. Mainly from the Okanagan but also from the canyon and forest slopes from Mt. Lehman area in Abbotsford. This does not include wines made by individual members such as ourselves who got approximately 1 ton off our own vinyard.

The Club has purchased a new Electric Crusher & destemer, our project for next year will be a Bladder Press.

Social activities for the year were the Xmas party, Spring Break Progressive Dinner & our Summer Garden Party.-J. & M. Fairholm

GLENMORE WINE CIRCLE--

We are carrying on as usual with 12 members. Our Grapevine correspondent keeps the information current.

CHILLIWACK ZYMURGY CLUB--

Chilliwack club has had a good year with some new members. Our competition this year was very successful both financially & otherwise. The number of entries were up substantially.

Next year we will be hosting our regular competition on the last saturday in February on the 22nd. As well as the Provincial on June 6-8. We ask the cooperation & participation of all clubs & their members at both events.

B.C. GUILD OF WINE JUDGES

The Guild continues to be centered on the Island.

Our membership consists of 20 judges and 11 trainees. We are continuing with our format of a judge and a trainee conducting the tasting session.

We are pleased to see some renewed interest on the mainland at this time under the leadership of Tom Robinson Jr. and Clem Joyce.
Guildmaster - Colin Nicholson

HOLY CROSS WINEMAKERS

The Holy Cross Winemakers maintained its level of membership and activity during the period June 1, 1995 to May 31 1996. Regular monthly meetings gave an opportunity for members to develop winemaking skills and informal club competitions helped to develop some skill in wine tasting and judging.

Co-operation and joint meetings with Victoria Winemakers Guild and Saanich Sommelier Club gave the members of Holy Cross Winemakers valuable contact and the opportunity to benefit from the depth of knowledge and experience in these clubs. These meetings also helped members by sharing the use of expensive equipment and in the bulk purchase of grapes and supplies.

Some of the highlights of the year were:

- Excellent seminars by Ted Underhill on winemaking techniques;
- A seminar by Lorna Kearney on honey and meads;
- Other seminars on ciders and the wine industry in B.C.
- The use of locally grown grapes from Saanich Peninsula and Mill Bay on Vancouver Island to explore their potential for wines;
- A high level of friendliness between members;
- Enough success in B.C. Competitions to encourage members to achieve the necessary skills to make better wines next year.

HORNBY ISLAND WINE CLUB

Greetings from Hornby Island Winemakers to BCAWA. The club is well and thriving . Had its third annual barbecue this past week.
Ted Underhill- Honorary member

ITALIAN CANADIAN WINEMAKERS CLUB

The ICWC is progressing very favorably with a modest increase in its membership.

A successful dinner and competition was held on May 18 with an excellent meal and a keen competition - with many superb wines.

Possibly one of the most important happenings of the year is the acquiring of a facility where wines can be made on a group or individual basis under the guidance of some of our more experienced winemakers with the use of lab facilities.

A bus tour of OK Wineries combined with our Annual Club Picnic is now being arranged for September.

And lastly our Annual Banquet & Open Competition on Oct.5/96 is by far the best bash in town and we expect you all there.

The executive of the ICWC would be pleased to be the host for the Fall Council Meeting.

My report-Thankyou- Reg Campbell

LANGLEY FERMENTERS

We are an active club with a membership of 20 winemakers. Our Garden party & Competition was successful with entries from most of our membership. Top points for a single wine was a Silver Award for a Peach Wine made by Wayne Card. Our Winemaker of the year is Norman Cloutier.

NANAIMO AMATEUR WINEMAKERS CLUB

Our club crush has increased last 3 years from 3000 lbs. to 9500 lbs.

We have a press on order. We are producing a newsletter for our members with all reports and minutes etc. reducing our time of business at the meetings, giving us more time for education sessions . We are still having Varietal competition every other month for education

Our membership is steadily increasing.

SAANICH SOMMELIERS

Our club meetings on the second Tuesday of each month are well attended by enthusiastic members. The club remains active with a good number of entries into competitions throughout the Province, winning our share of medals and trophies for both wine & beer. We currently have room for six members only, as meetings are held in members homes.

Our open competition for 1997 is tentatively scheduled for January 18, 1997. Further information will be forthcoming, but any questions can be directed to Lawrie Thicke the Competition Co-Ordinator at (604)652-0766.

Generally, our monthly programs are presented by members on various aspects and problems of wine-making, sharing information and methods as well as assisting new members in their endeavors.

Our club is represented on the BCAWA executive and many of our members are either qualified judges or trainees with most of the remainder serving as stewards when the need arises.

President-- Glenda Kirk

VANCOUVER AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Our annual competitions & banquet was held March the 30th at the Engineer's Auditorium in Burnaby. Notably, among the 278 entries was a B.C. wine that won the B.C. white and the regular white table classes.

Our membership is growing and currently stands at 89. Most of those new members are of a young generation of winemakers who are eager to learn.

Our Beginners Series, held 30 minutes prior to our regular meetings, continues to be popular even with some not so new members.

At our May meeting our membership endorsed the clubs executives proposal to host the 1997 National Competition. No details have been worked on at this time.

Helmut Berner

VICTORIA WINEMAKERS' GUILD

Our club held its annual Christmas Party at the lovely home of Bendt and Val Caspersen, two of our newest members. Regular and associates members had a great time. Good food, drink and company as usual.

Our monthly competitions are attracting a good number of entries. Also periodic workshops from label making to acid testing are being well attended.

With a new Co2 tank and regulator the old club sparkler has been resurrected. Many members have already used it and have entered their sparkled wines in competitions.

The Victoria Winemakers' Guild held its annual March Wine Festival on March 11. The theme this year was "Taste of B.C." The club reserved the upper floor of McMorrans, a beautiful waterfront restaurant in Victoria. Salmon was the food theme accompanied by delicious wines. We even had live music at this years event.

Ted and Elise Underhill have generously donated a new trophy to the VWG. This award is called the "Making Better Wines Perpetual Trohpy". It will be awarded annually to a Victoria Winemakers' Guild member winning the highest aggregate points in wine and Beer competitions in other BCWA club competitions and in the Saanich Fall Fair. Winners will have their names engraved on it. The first presentation of this beautiful award will take place at our 1996 July barbecue.

Club member Mary Homer has unfortunately had to resign from the position of club secretary. Mary's incredible eye for detail and professionalism will be missed.

Rick Homer and Dave Long of our club are organizing another large wine purchase of Okanagan grapes for the fall of this year. The grape variety will be Pinot Noir. The grapes will again be transported from the Okanagan by Rick and Dave and will be crushed at a members home.

The Victoria Winemakers Guild should be well represented in terms of members and entries at this years BCWA convention.

Cheers-----Gordon Harris-secretary VWG

VINOVAN

Competition date- November 9,1996. There has been a dramatic increase in brand new winemakers joining our group. Older members are taking the new members one on one for teaching purposes Approx. 35 member/member couples.

We have ordered B.C. Red and White grapes from the Oliver area and new members are excited about the prospect of using "real" grapes for the first time. This event is in addition to our annual club crush of U.S. grapes.

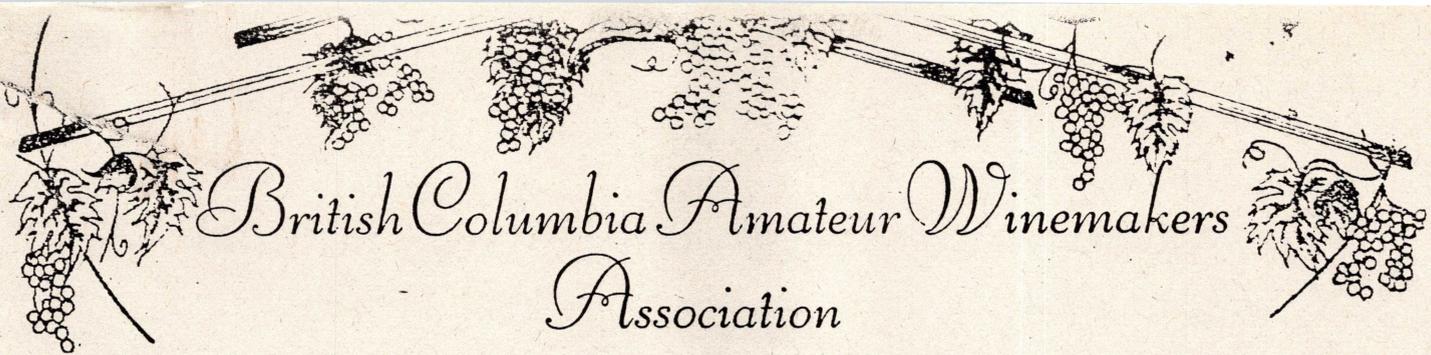
Vinovan has accepted and acted upon the Guidelines provided by B.C.A.W.A. Each member is in the process of signing a pledge of concurrence. Guidelines are displayed at each meeting.

VINTNERS OF COQUITLAM

The Coquitlam Vintners are into a rebuilding mode as we have lost a lot of members in the past year. But with some new key people we are still able to enjoy some of our regular activities. We are currently on a membership drive to hopefully bring in some new people and new ideas to help rejuvenate our club. We are planning our club Barbeque on June 15 at Jeff & Nancy Anderson. We will be having our club crush at the Jone's at grape time which always turns out to be a good time.

We also have some good programs planned for the fall , a Guild Tasting, and everything you want to know about filtering with Tim from Spagnols, should prove to be informative for new and old members. We look forward to this years harvest, and wish all other clubs good wine making this year. We also made Sonia & Gordon Garlinge Life Members and wish them well in Chilliwack.

Dan Jones President



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers
Association

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS
ASSOCIATION

Council Meeting Minutes
October 22, 1995

Place- Victoria Language Institute
4680 Elk Lake Drive
Victoria, B.C.

Host club- B.C. Guild of Wine Judges

Time- Meeting called to order at 11:15 A.M.

1. Jack Ziebart welcomed the delegates and members attending commenting that the lower attendance was probably due to the change in the Constitution where we now have one voting delegate from each Club. This should not deter members from coming to the council meetings.
2. The toast was proposed by Colin Nicholson.
3. Attendance--There were 11 out of 20 clubs represented.
4. The agenda for this meeting was approved as circulated.
5. The minutes of the Council meeting on June 4, 1995- was approved as circulated. Moved by Franz Brunnhofer and Second by Brian Sproule. Carried.
6. CORRESPONDENCE-

Jack received a telephone call- a verbal application from an individual requesting a Membership at Large in BCAWA. There was considerable discussion on the pros and cons of such a step. It was agreed that a carefully worded letter be sent to him, not to discourage him but to offer him some guidance.

MOTION- It was moved by Jean Howe and Seconded by Rory Kirby- that a letter should be forwarded- we cannot accept an application for an individual membership but we could offer him some ideas as to how he could join an existing club or form his own club. CARRIED

7. REPORTS

PRESIDENT- Jack Ziebart

TREASURER - Jerry Yip-attached-Motion to accept the report by Jerry- Second by Jack Kouwenhoven. Carried

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR- Ted Underhill- attached

NATIONAL DIRECTOR- Tony Pearson- attached

CHIEF STEWARD- Brian Sproule- attached

1995 PROVINCIAL REPORT- Helmut Berner- Number of entries in the competition-- 310 - Attendance at Banquet-136- note--Charles concept of judging wines was acceptable to the judges and recommended for future competitions.
note-- the auction was a success

8-OLD BUSINESS

Liability Insurance- Reference was made to a letter from Ted Underhill. The discussion that followed was that BCAWA would not purchase Liability Insurance and the Directors would keep informing those concerned that they have a responsibility of care relating to the consumption of alcohol at meetings.

MOTION--- Propose that BCAWA ,(recognizing that full liability insurance cannot realistically be afforded), therefore requires that the presiding members of all BCAWA sanctioned meetings shall ensure that the Serve it Right Guidelines are followed in a prudent and diligent manner. Moved by Rory Kirby Second by Jack Kouwenhoven
CARRIED-

A committee was appointed to develop guidelines, Rory Kirby Jack Kouwenhoven and Helmut Berner.

9. NEW BUSINESS

-1996 PROVINCIAL COMPETITION AND AGM report- attached

-Regarding the application for Membership in BCAWA by Kamloops Winemakers Association.

MOTION- It was moved by Rory Kirby and Seconded by Colin Nicholson that KWA membership be approved and and that they be advised that BCAWA will not purchase Liability Insurance.
CARRIED.

-CALTOUR 1996- The bus is filled but standby applications will accepted.

-Capilano Winemakers will host the Spring Council Meeting-
March 9, 1995

Re---Item 19 in the Bylaws---" All General meetings shall be OPEN to members of member clubs, and they MAY SPEAK, but only NAMED DELEGATES WILL VOTE. Directors do not have a vote at general meetings UNLESS they are a NAMED DELEGATE."

-We must encourage members to attend the council meeting, Their knowledge and input is important in conducting the business of the B.C.A.W.A.

CLUB REPORTS- attached-

Rory Kirby thanked the B.C. Guild of Wine Judges for Hosting todays meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

Jan. 13,1996	Saanich Sommeliers Competition
Jan. 28,1996	Directors Meeting
Feb. 24,1996	Chilliwack Zymurgy Competition
March 9,1996	Council Meeting- Host- Capilano Winemakers
Mar. 16 - 24	Caltour
March 20,1996	VAWA Competition
April 20.1996	Directors Meeting
June 7 & 8 1996	Provincial Competition
June 9,1996	Annual General Meeting.



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

President's Report

22 October, 1995

This year's grapes have been picked and are fermenting in our cellars but your directors are still spending more time talking about liability insurance than wines. Over the past several years some of the members of the member clubs have spent many hours researching and inquiring into the need for liability insurance. Some questions have been answered and some changes have been made. It is now time to look and where we are and decide where we want to go.

During the past year a Constitution and a set of By-Laws have been drawn up, approved by our membership, accepted by the Register of Companies and the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association is now incorporated. One effect of incorporation, as stated in Chapter 390, Part 1 paragraph 5 of the Societies Act, is that, "A member of a society is not, in his individual capacity, liable for a debt or liability of the society." Therefore there does not seem to be a need for insurance for member clubs to protect them from any liability of this society.

The Act goes on to say in Part 3 paragraph 25. (1) under "Duties of directors" that:

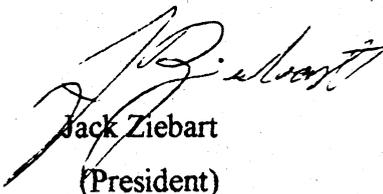
25. 1. A director of a society shall
 - (a) act honestly and in good faith and in the best interests of the society, and
 - (b) exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person, in exercising his powers and performing his functions as a director.

Under the heading of "Security and indemnity of officers and directors" it says in part in paragraph 30::

- (2) A society may, with the approval of the court, indemnify ad director or former director of the society or a director or former director of a subsidiary of the society, and his heir and personal representatives, against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action of satisfy a judgment, actually and reasonably incurred by him, in a civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which he is made a party by reason of being or having been a director, including and action brought by the society or subsidiary...
 - (5) A society may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of a director against personal liability incurred by him as a director...
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Also to be considered is the letter from our Past President dated 5 October 1995 stating some of the opinions of people with whom he has spoken.

I am sure we have all heard more than we would like to know about liability insurance and would like to put this matter to rest. Your directors are working toward this end.


Jack Ziebart
(President)

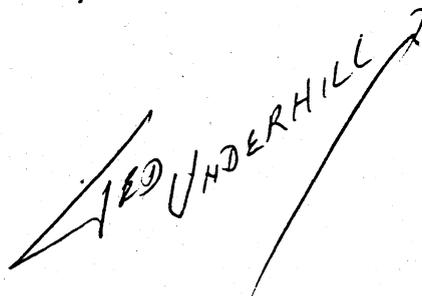
REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE:
OCT 1995

At the recent September Executive meeting, Brian Sproule introduced the suggestion that his firm, Spagnol's Wine and Beer-Making Supplies might be interested in some kind of a joint venture with BCAWA in producing our "Sulphite" video.

This, of course, is Spagnol's busy season, and we have not as yet managed to get together to come up with a specific plan to put to this Council. I have had telephone discussions with Brian and with Ms. Lee Overton, who is his Director of Marketing, and who has produced some video for Spagnols.

In November or January I hope to meet with Brian and Lee and to have a proposal to put before our Executive.

Respectfully submitted



Ted Underhill
Chair, Educational Committee

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers's Association
Budget of BCAWA - Fiscal Year 1995/1996

Projected Revenue:

Club dues	980.00	
Provincial '95 Medal Use	400.00	
Share of Net Profit from 1995Prov	1,500.00	
Interest income	20.00	
Net Projected revenue, 1995-1996		\$2,900.00

Projected General Expenditures: 1995-1996

Secretarial Expenses	\$ 750.00	
AWA Dues	30.00	
Advance - 1995 Provincial	200.00	
National Director's Expenses	250.00	
Council Meeting	330.00	
Ferry Expenses	500.00	
Grapevine subscription	55.00	
President's Expenses	100.00	
		2,215.00

Excess of Projected Revenue over Projected Expenses
General Account \$ 685.00

Projected Special Expenditures:

Special Educational Project	\$1,000.00	
Medal purchase	1,000.00	2,000.00

Projected Current Deficit, 1995/1996 fiscal year **\$1,315.00**
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The projected deficit will be absorbed with the additional cash on hand from the previous fiscal year. The cash on hand is calculated as follow:

Total cash on hand, end of fiscal year ended		
May 31, 1995		\$ 4,332.00
Less: Reserve for future deficits	\$1,000.00	
Yearly educational projects	500.00	
Yearly medal purchase	500.00	2,000.00
Cash available for use to offset current deficit		\$2,332.00
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As indicated above, there is sufficient funds to cover the projected deficit for this fiscal year.

**British Columbia Amateur Winemakers's Association
Treasurer's Report
As at Sept13,1995**

Cash on Hand as at May 31,1995 \$ 4,443.18
Add:

Revenues, 1995/96 fiscal year		
Club Dues 1995	\$ 221.25	
Medals, 1995 provincial	000.00	
Share of 1995 Provincial profit	000.00	
Interest income	<u>5.42</u>	226.67
		\$4,669.85

Expenses to Sept 13, 1995:

Secretary and Printing (note 1)	\$ 18.83	
Ferry and Travel	175.50	
Grapevine	28.00	
A.W.C. dues	000.00	
Council meetings	110.00	
National Director's Expenses	<u>000.00</u>	332.33
		<u>332.33</u>

Cash balance as at Sept. 13, 1995 \$4,337.52

Special Reserves:

Reserve for deficit financing	\$1,000.00	
Special Education: Video project	500.00	
Medal purchase	<u>500.00</u>	2,000.00

Net cash for general use 1995/1996 \$2,337.52

Note 1: Secretarial Expenses

Secretarial/printing expenses included expenses from the previous fiscal period and expenses incurred by other executive members. In addition, cost of printing and mailing have gone up during the past year.

We will be purchasing medals in this fiscal period. The order is projected to be approximately \$1,000.00. Medals are purchased every two(2) fiscal years. We get a better price by ordering a larger order.

J. Yip, Treasurer

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

OCTOBER 22, 1995

The final and complete results of the 1995 National Competition were recently sent to me. The information includes:

1. Certificates for the winners.
- 2.. A complete list of entries showing name of entrant, class, points place etc. for each club.
3. A list of the Judges and the classes judged, also the judging procedure..
4. For each class:
 - Lists the names of each entrant
 - Ingredients used
 - Competition Marking Sheet showing the judges comments, points and place.

It is noted that entrants from the Vintners of Coquitlam and the Victoria Winemakers Guild are reversed. That is, Victoria is shown as Coquitlam and Coquitlam is shown as Victoria. Only one certificate is affected and I will attempt to get a replacement certificate and the points allocated credited to the entrant for the official record.

The information received is very detailed. Contact me if you have any questions and I will hopefully be able to provide you with answers.



Tony Pearson
BC National Director.

CLUB REPORTS

CAPILANO WINEMAKERS

Our season started in September with a red wine competition which was won by Ron Ingraham, followed by Karl Heinz Kupka and third was Bert Kooi.

In October we had our traditional Oktoberfest with homemade and commercial beer. A 5 - foot long sub sandwich and different hors d'oeuvres were appreciated by all and an apple strudel by Elspeth Kupka gave a nice finish.

We have a membership of 10 couples and have an opening for 2 more couples.

Next year we celebrate our 20 th anniversary and have a few special events planned for this occasion.

The club is making a late harvest wine from Bosa Brothers frozen juice. Everyone is looking forward to this club project and we hope to get a good result.

Our club offers to host the March 9,1996 Council Meeting and the place will be announced.

CHILLIWACK ZYMURGY

Our fiscal year has started out with renewed interest in our club. One new member signed up and two others are interested.

With the club crush out of the way, the worry of grape acquisition has become irrelevant, the musts have been pressed and the carboys are making their usual sounds.

Our invitational Competition is slated for February 24.1996.

GLENMORE WINE CIRCLE

Active members 12. Basically a tasting group. We recently added two new members. Our grapevine correspondent gives a complete account of our activities in the club pressings column of the Grapevine. We meet 6 times a year in private homes October to May.

B.C. GUILD OF WINE JUDGES

After a summer break we are back into our schedule of tasting.

We have an Identification / Club Badge Competition. The winner will receive a years free membership.

We are still in the process of trying to set up a system where small group tastings would qualify for rankings. Under the present system trainees from the mainland will have to travel to the island for tastings.

ITALVINO CLUB

Now that our demijohns and barrels are filled with the 95 Vintage, it's time for the club to turn our energies towards preparing for the 96 B.C.A.W.A. Provincial Competition and A.G.M. which we are hosting in June of 96. Enthusiasm is running very high amongst our members as shown by the turn out at our Friday Oct.20th meeting, where 32 members and guests showed up, which made for a lively session.

Topics covered included a review of the Grapestomp we put on at the Roma Hall in conjunction with the Urban Farmers Fall Fair.

Twelve teams of four participated in costume, for an audience of approx. 400. Prizes were awarded for Best Costume, Most Juice, Best Performance & Best Overall.

We also discussed this years harvest and listened to a technical presentation given by Armin Prahst, Spagnols Quality Assurance Manager, on "Wine Diamonds".

The club meets the 3rd Friday of each month at the Roma Hall.

Plans for the Provincial are being worked on regularly by the Competition Committee, who have assured an event done in the Italian tradition--Lots of Good food--Good wine--and Good friends.

SAANICH SOMMELIERS

Our club remains active with full membership.

Our annual Competition will be held January 13, 1996. Details will be forwarded to individual clubs and will be published in the Grapevine.

Please feel free to contact Larry Cole, Competition Coordinator, at 479-0312 for further information.

V.A.W.A. CLUB

As of August '95 the Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association is a registered non profit society. As a result, many members now feel that Liability Insurance is no longer of importance. To renew our policy would cost \$1,000.00 - up from \$500.00 the previous year. Our policy has now lapsed and we carry no insurance at this time.

V.A.W.A. is thinking of moving from our Kitsilano location. We are currently making arrangements, subject to approval, with the Italian Cultural Centre to hold our monthly meetings in their facilities.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

FALL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE- October 27, 1996

TIME- 11:00 A.M.

PLACE- - Italian Cultural Centre
3075 Slocan Street
Vancouver, B.C.

HOST- Italian Canadian Winemakers

1. The meeting was opened by Jack Ziebart and a welcome was extended to all the delegates.
2. The toast was made by the host club
A 1995 Australian Chardonnay
3. ATTENDANCE- 19 winemakers with 7 clubs being represented-
(Italian Canadian Winemakers / Capilano Winemakers/
V.A.W.A./ Chilliwack Zymurgy/ Glenmore Wine Circle/
Nanaimo Amateur Winemakers/ Langley Fermenters)
4. The agenda was approved- Moved by Murray Mackie-Second
by Michael Roman-- CARRIED
5. The Minutes of the A.G.M. on June 9, 1996 was approved
Moved by Murray Mackie - Second by Franz Brunnhofer
CARRIED
6. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Leo Poirier regarding the B.C. Grapes Wine Class in the B.C. Competition.

7. REPORTS

- a. President - Jack Ziebart-ATTACHED-Jack moved to accept the report second by George Gibson CARRIED
- b. Vice-President-Leo Poirier- In regards to purchasing interior B.C. grapes in groups of clubs;---At present only one club has stated they did not wish to join in this venture at this time, and six clubs have stated they were in favor. I will be contacting these clubs thru the winter season, to get their preference from a supplier list and work thru the problems of picking up and distribution. A local drop area will have to be found for the mainland and Vancouver Island, and growth can be worked in as others decide to join in this venture.
- c. National Director- Tony Pearson- ATTACHED-
NOTE- the AWC National Competition 1997 will be held in Vancouver on July 26 & 27.

- d. Director-at-large- Jack Kouwenhoven-
-Visited Kamloops Winemakers Association May 20/96
Did a technical program on Country Wine, Judged
for their mini-competition.
-Visited Langley Fermenters June Competition /96
Judged wine and beer and participated in their
social event.
- e. Education Committee-Is looking at the script for making the
video tape on acid. For the next meeting we will have
demo available.
- f. Handbook Committee- Charles Plant- Page 4 of Handbook has
been reviewed - copy attached
Moved accepted by Shirley Mackie and second by Murray
Mackie--CARRIED
- g. National Competition -hosted by V.A.W.A.- July 26 1997
Publicity will be out early in the New Year.
- h. Chief Steward- Provincial Competition - June 7 & 8 1997
The first committee meeting was held September 23
1996. At this meeting the dates were set, the facilities being
booked for June 7 & 8. The caterer has been engaged.
We will have a budget, entry fee and ticket prices
set for the council to consider by the next council meeting in
January or February.

Bottle collection and registration was discussed at
length and the committee recognized problems encountered last year
arising from late entries, and the need to sort the bottles of
large classes into variety and styles. The problem was discussed at
length and the best solution to us seemed to be that there should
be no late entries. While there has always been late entries
allowed in the past, the committee can't see why the competitors
should not have their entries in by the closing date. In order to
promote discussion on this point at this meeting, I wish to offer
the following motion.

Respectfully submitted
Sonia Garlinge-Chief Steward BCAWA Provincial

MOTION--It was moved by Murray Mackie--That all entries must be in
by the closing date of May 23, 1997 and that NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE
ACCEPTED. Second by Shirley Mackie
Discussion followed and the motion was CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Regarding the preparation of a "New Member Package"
A form has been prepared which will be sent to new clubs to fill in
the needed information for BCAWA. Other information will be
included in the package. It was suggested that a History of BCAWA
be included. Charles Plant will draw up a draft. Information about
the Grapevine will also be included.

b. The Silver Grape Cluster Award --Some direction is needed for choosing recipients.

eg. Criteria-- What have they done for Winemaking in B.C?
& What have they done for BCAWA?

What information is required? and how the decision will be made will be reviewed.

NOTE- It was suggested that -- Better recognition for "BEST IN CLASS" is needed at the provincial, when it is tied in with a medal for another wine, for THE WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR.

This will be referred to the executive.

NOTE-Re- correspondence from Nanaimo Winemakers After a discussion-- It was suggested that we encourage people to use B.C. Grapes and to support the B.C. Wines Classes.

Murray Mackie moved that the B.C. Wine classes will remain in the Provincial. Second by Michael Roman- CARRIED

George Gibson moved to have the Nanaimo Winemakers competition a sanctioned competition. Second by Murray Mackie CARRIED

NOTE--A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES is being planned by VAWA.

Starting January 4 Sessions for training for red wines will be held.

For further information about training sessions contact Frank Clark or Clem Joyce

Murray Mackie commended VAWA on their efforts to train new judges.

A THANKYOU WAS EXTENDED TO THE HOST CLUB.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Calendar of events-

Jan. 18,1997	Saanich Sommeliers Competition
Feb. 2,1997	Directors Meeting
Feb. 22, 1997	Chilliwack Zymurgy Competition
March 2, 1997	Council Meeting
Mar. 15-22/97	Caltour
March 8,1997	VAWA Competition
April 1997	Directors meeting
June 6 & 7 1997	Provincial Competition
June 8, 1997	Annual General Meeting

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

One of the perks of being the president of BCAWA is learning that each club in this organization has its own uniqueness; yet they come up with some common ideas. We all know all grapes are not created equal and some clubs are recognizing this by having vertical competitions. Is this something BCAWA should be giving some thought?

One the down side of being the president is listening to complaints. The most common one is the delay in receiving the results of club competitions. BCAWA can not interfere with the internal club matters. We can only encourage clubs to include in the competition plans, an arrangement to mail the results quickly. (CWA not excepted.)

BCAWA may have another first. We are now on the Internet. A homepage has been produced and any suggestions for additions and changes are encouraged. This is a great to post competition results.

THE ADDRESS IS-

<http://nanaimo.ark.com/~jziebart/index.html>

Jack Ziebart

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

OCTOBER 27, 1996

All the information and certificates received from Bill Spier, Chief Steward of the AWC National Competition held in Calgary has been forwarded to the Winemakers and Clubs concerned. In addition, the Grapevine has a comprehensive article relating to the results and analysis of the competition.

There is one change to the list of winners confirmed by Bill Spier. Dorothy Koeslag placed first in the Rose Class not 20 as indicated in the results. Once again the Judges Comments proved to be an important source of information as all the comments were positive and specifically stated that this entry was number one in this class.

I attended the National Competition in Calgary. Although the social event was scaled down, the host clubs are to be complimented on conducting an excellent competition in terms of location and procedure very similar to ours.

If there are any questions regarding the 1995 National, please direct them to me.



Tony Pearson
BC National Director

DUTIES OF THE CHIEF STEWARD

The Steward of the B.C.A.W.A. will serve as Chief Steward for the Competition and should be chosen from the club hosting the Competition each successive year if at all possible.

BEFORE THE COMPETITION THE CHIEF STEWARD WILL:

1. Select the COMPETITION COMMITTEE, convene and act as Chairman at all meetings.
2. Convene the first meeting of the Competition Committee enough in advance of the Competition date to allow all members of all clubs to have entry forms, class descriptions and notice of all Competition details at least 12 weeks in advance of the Competition. The deadline for entries may be set as much as two weeks in advance of the Competition to allow for replacement of any bottles broken in transit and to facilitate assignment of Judges.
3. Appoint the Registrar of Entries.
4. Ensure that all relevant Competition correspondence, such as advance information re Competition, entry forms, class descriptions, etc., will be sent to at least two elected representatives (e.g. President and Secretary) of all affiliated clubs.
5. See that copies of minutes of Committee meetings, with comments, be sent to all members of the B.C.A.W.A. Executive for their constructive criticism. The B.C.A.W.A. Executive may decide that verbal reports are sufficient.
- 6 a. Assign Judges to classes, giving consideration to their qualifications and preferences (see JUDGING SYSTEM, p. 16). In advance, inform the Judges of the classes they will be judging and provide them with copies of NOTES TO JUDGES, SCORING SYSTEM, and appropriate CLASS DESCRIPTIONS, so that they will know the criteria used by the competitors.
- 6 b. *Prepare a list for each class which shows, for wine classes, the ingredients and/or style and the sweetness level of each entry or, for beer classes, the beer style. These lists are to be given to the Judges to assist them during the judging process.*
7. Issue all Stewards with a copy of DUTIES OF STEWARDS and a list of equipment they should bring to the Judging Room (see EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES). These should be provided at least one week in advance of the Competition.
8. Plan the arrangement of the tables so that the Judges do not interfere with each other, and so that the Registrar may work undisturbed.
9. Provide the Social Committee with a list of the courtesy banquet tickets if any are to be given.
10. Be responsible for the B.C.A.W.A. sparkling wine glasses during the year.

Paragraph 6 b. and a sample table in the Appendix, added October 1996

CLUB REPORTS -- OCTOBER 1996

CAPILANO WINEMAKERS

For the month of October we had a Winetasting of South African Wines, presented by our guest, Lance Berelowitz. He is a member of the Capetown Wine Society. We tasted 2 Chardonnays, 2 Pinotage and 2 Cabernet Sauvignon. The price range was from \$15.10 to \$34.95. The wines were from exceptional quality.

In November we have a Beerfest with Homebrew and Commercial Beers. The members were asked to bring some snacks which goes along with the beer.

The membership stays at 23 members and there is an opening for 2 couples.

F. Brunnhofer

CHILLIWACK ZYMURGY

We are presently working toward two competitions this year. The regular Zymurgy Competition on February 22, 1997 and the Provincial Competition June 7 & 8. Sonia as Chief Steward will be informing you more in her report.

Our club continues as before with some new members and prospects. We were saddened by the loss of Daniel Petey who passed away about two weeks ago.

We have had a club crush and a club picking of local grapes.

GLENMORE WINE CIRCLE

Meeting as usual about 5 times a year. We had a meeting at Sonia's home where she conducted a program, demonstrating how food and wine interact with each other. It was very interesting.

ITALIAN CANADIAN WINEMAKERS

We have a modest increase in membership and at this time are about 65 active members. As usual club activities during the summer were on hold as everyone enjoyed the sunshine, barbecues and wines.

Our fall season started with a three day bus tour of Okanagan Wineries, six in all, tasting good wines, fine food and ending with a club picnic in the south Okanagan sunshine which was enjoyed by all.

The next event was our annual competition and banquet- A howling success- with great Italian food, many fine wines, music and dancing enjoyed by over 600 in attendance.

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The most important happening for our club was the completion of our facilities for winemaking, where wines will be made for club functions, along with space for members to make a demi of their own with hands on supervision and the use of Lab facilities.

A BOUQUET OF ROSES to the Vancouver Club for their seminars on judging wines. While some of our members took part I was able to attend only one but all found it well arranged and most informative. We hope they will continue with more in the future.

Lastly all our members look forward to January when our club hold its election of officers and as you are all aware the candidates make no promises or budget freezes.

Thanks - my report
Reg Campbell.

VANCOUVER AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Our club will host the A.W.C. National Competition. Date set- 26th July 1997

comp. committee- Charles Plant- Chief Steward
Helmut Berner - Chairman
Mike Roman- Registrar
Clem Joyce- Host-B.B.Q./Awards
announcements

Germaine and Clem will host the awards announcements at our home in Richmond in a summer B.B.Q. venue.

Details will follow.

Annual VAWA Club Competition & Banquet is set for March 8, 1997 at Roma Hall, Queensborough, New Westminster.

The VAWA has attempted to revive interest in Judges Training. Tom Robinson Jr., Frank Clark and myself set up the initial strategy last June 4. Proto type with table sessions were held in July, Aug., and Sept. Two basic component sessions are planned for October & November. Starting in January four sessions are planned for red table. We have communicated with the island guild and discussions continue as to how to carry on. It has been mainly an in-club affair so far. If members from other clubs are interested in being involved or re-establishing the B,C, Guild on the mainland please contact myself or Frank Clark.

Clem Joyce