



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

BCAWA DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 1997

Place-BEST WESTERN-TSAWASSEN INN
1665- 56 Street,
Tsawassen, B.C.

Time; 11:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE= Jack, Tony, Jerry, Leo, Rory, Jack, Dawn,
Sonia, & Helmut.

The Agenda for this meeting was approved.

The minutes of the last directors meeting, April 21, 1996 was
accepted as circulated.

CORRESPONDENCE;

Letter- A note from Elise Underhill was received thanking
BCAWA for our contribution towards the purchase of an
"Apollo System" for Cardiac Services at the Greater
Victoria Hospital Foundation in Ted's memory.

Letter- a new President for Hornby Island--
Torben Madsen
3200 Shingle Spit,
Hornby Island, B.C. V0R-1Z0

REPORTS=

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-Jack Ziebart- attached

TREASURER'S REPORT- Jerry Yip- attached
moved accepted by Jerry
second by Jack
CARRIED

NATIONAL DIRECTOR- Tony Pearson- attached
Tony moved to accept the report
Second by Rory Kirby
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DISCUSSION-Re- Beer Making-- More information is needed and possibly changes made regarding "How many Beer Classes and what beer classes we should have, and about judging beer at the AWC Competition.

QUESTION- Should changes be made in the number of classes and the judging of the beers at the B.C. Competition ?

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE- Jack Kouwenhoven---On January 13,1997 made a visit to Bacchus Alumni with a BCAWA report.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE- Rory Kirby- A review was done on the process of awarding the medals at the Provincial Competition.

A form was made "MEDAL \ PLACE REPORT" (copy attached) This form will be used at the 1997 Provincial, hopefully to eliminate the confusion caused when presenting awards.

EDUCATION REPORT- Leo Poirier- The script for the Sulphite Video just has to be finalized. Inquiries are being made to get more information about the filming of the video.

Discussion followed -covering what information BCAWA should have available for the clubs in regards to - help needed in running their clubs and information that they need for making and judging their wines.

Rory Kirby volunteered to join the Education Committee. Leo moved for the addition to the committee. seconded by Jerry. CARRIED

CHIEF STEWARD- Sonia Garlinge- The 1997 Provincial-June 6,7 & 8 Plans are all in order and proceeding on schedule. More information will be available March 2,1997.

A financial report from the 1996 Provincial is needed and will be forwarded to Sonia right away.

OLD BUSINESS

Re- new members package---club application form composed (copy attached)
History of BCAWA is being written and will be included in the new members package.

NEW BUSINESS

Re- Silver Pin Award- The Silver Pin Award Report was received from Joan Collings (Copies attached)

Motion- by Jack Kouwenhoven to accept the report as reviewed.
Second by Rory Kirby- CARRIED

The Silver Pin Award nomination form will be available from one of the Directors and should be returned as soon as possible to the BCAWA secretary- for review by the Directors before this years Provincial Competition.

NOTE- Suggestion -- the nomination form may need minor changes for the 1997-1998 season.

AWC COMPETITION REPORT- Helmut Berner-
DATE- Saturday- July 26,1997

The Barbeque Style Dinner & Presentation Ceremonies will be held at The Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver.

The AWC Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday July 27, 1997

More details will be sent as they become available.

NOTE- THE 1998 PROVINCIAL COMPETITION SHOULD BE MOVED BACK INTO THE MONTH OF MAY.

A HOST IS NEEDED FOR THE 1998 PROVINCIAL COMPETITION

NOTE- RE- NOMINATIONS OR VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED FOR DIRECTORS POSITIONS ON THE B.C.A.W.A EXECUTIVE TO BE ELECTED AT THE JUNE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Meeting adjourned.

THE NEXT DIRECTORS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT JACK ZIEBART'S IN NANNAIMO.

SUNDAY- April 20,1997 at 11:00 A.M.



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

1 February, 1997

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Since the Fall Council Meeting on 27 October 1997 a report was received from Joan Collings on the criteria for awarding the BCAWA Silver Pin. From this report a Nomination form has been produced for consideration at this meeting.

Charles Plant is preparing his History of BCAWA for the "New Member Package." He is inviting contributions from anyone who would like to add something to this document.

Little progress has been made on the educational video production but that project is still underway.

This being the 25th anniversary of BCAWA it is also important to not only look at our history but to look to the future. Don Eastman of AWO has an article published in the AWOnews (Ontario's version to our Grapevine) that raises several important points that are also applicable to BCAWA. Such as: should we continue with the beer and ale class, and how do we attract new members to replace our aging association. I have sent an email request to the AWOnews editor for permission to reproduce the article for BCAWA members.

The BCAWA Internet site is being recognized. Links have been set up with VAWA and KWA. Any other BCAWA member is encouraged to link their site. Our address is: <http://nanaimo.ark.com/~jziebart/index.html>. The email address is: "bcawa@usa.net".

On 31 January 1997 Tony Pearson and I again did a presentation to some winemakers on Protection Island. They are not yet organized into a club but expect to be soon.


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TREASURER'S REPORT by Jerry Yip

AS AT JANUARY 29, 1997

CASH ON HAND, MAY 31, 1996 \$5,631.36

REVENUES, 1996/1997 FISCAL YEAR TO DATE:

CLUB DUES- 1996	\$ 200.00	
- 1997	180.00	380.00

REFUND-A.W.C.		4.00
ADVANCES FROM 1996 COMPETITION		1,800.00

SUB-TOTAL		\$7,815.36

EXPENSES TO JANUARY 29, 1997-Operating:

SECRETARY/PRINTING	\$ 328.72	
PROVINCIAL REGISTRY	50.00	
NATIONAL EXPENSES	139.08	
HANDBOOK EXPENSE	36.08	
COMPETITION , PROVINCIAL '96	34.20	
A.W.C. DUES 1997	32.00	620.08
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CASH ON HAND BEFORE SPECIAL RESERVES,
JANUARY, 29, 1997 \$7,195.28

LESS; SPECIAL RESERVES:

DEFICIT FINANCING	\$2,000.00	
EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS	1,500.00	
MEDAL PURCHASES-1997	500.00	4,000.00
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NET CASH FOR GENERAL USE- 1996/1997 \$3,195.28

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NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

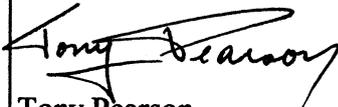
Sunday, February 02, 1997

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Very little activity to report from AWC. I received a letter from Gordon Barnes, the current president requesting a response to various items. I spoke to Charles Plant as he received the same letter. We were of the same opinion regarding clarifying our position and making several corrections. Charles responded and to date nothing further has developed.

A copy of the December 1996 AWOnews Newsletter No.3 was included. I gave Jack a copy for his information. Of interest is an item from Don Eastman on the future of AWO. Don is a Director-at-large on the AWO Executive. His article addresses several issues that I believe are applicable to BCAWA. Particularly, his comments relating to beer judging. Jack will be making reference to this in his Presidents Report.

I will have all the necessary information and instructions to hand out at the Provincial Competition regarding entries to the National Competition.



Tony Pearson
BC National Director

A REVIEW OF THE CRITERIA FOR BCAWA SILVER PIN AWARDS November 1996

Purpose:

To review, update and formulate criteria for the awarding of BCAWA Silver Pins.

History:

The pin was proposed in 1976-1977 by a club member to serve as a unifying symbol for all BCAWA member clubs. The grape cluster with ribbon was adopted during that time. The initial cost was \$4.25 per pin which some member clubs considered outrageous. The first award was made in 1977.

Originally, BCAWA Executive had discussed an award for the "Wineperson of the Year" but this was felt difficult to define. When the pin was proposed there was discussion that the Executive have silver pins to acknowledge their service to BCAWA, with brass pins for regular members. A subsequent Council Meeting determined that this was perhaps somewhat self-serving; that the Silver Pin should be awarded for service to the home-winemaker and the various winemakers organizations as the Executive Committee sees fit. "Service" was defined as an acknowledgement of the efforts of the "invisible" person; the individual who is always there, can be counted, and be counted on consistently, who has contributed on many levels - not for one service performed many times or for one outstanding deed.

Sources:

The recommendations following have been determined through reading of old minutes; from the precedences established by the criteria used to award previous winners; and the combined experiences and memories of this committee, which comprises in total nearly 75 years of BCAWA membership.

Recommendations:

The history of the awards indicates that there are two categories:
Regular and Special.

Regular: An individual who belongs to a member club and qualifies by their service, participation, support not only to their home club but by direct involvement with other home-winemaking organizations. These qualifications are defined as follows:

- Service: To their club - served on the executive, committees
 BCAWA/AWC - Club delegate
 - served on executive, committees

- Participation: Attends club meetings, BCAWA Councils
 Participates in forums or programs (speaker, etc.)

Supports: Home club functions
Other member club functions
BCAWA/AWC functions

by personal attendance, entering wines, judging/stewarding, etc.

(Note: It is expected that while a candidate may not have accomplished all of the above, the range of his/her contribution should be exceptionally well-rounded.)

Special: An individual/organization; who, while not necessarily a club member, has actively supported BCAWA and the activities of the home-winemaker over an extended period of time by providing services, information, hospitality; a "friend".

[Examples of this category would include:
John Parducci - Parducci Wine Cellars, California
The Grapevine - Editor, Tom Robinson
Ron Taylor - Andres Wines, Spagnols
John Armstrong - AWC (Founder), AWO

Nominations:

It is the recommendation of this committee that nominations for the Silver Pin Award be accepted from:

i. BCAWA Executive ii. Member Club Executives iii. Individuals who are members in good standing of member clubs

Nominations should be written and specific as to status (i,ii,iii) of the nominator and, naturally, outline the services of the nominee.

Acceptance/Rejection:

The acceptance or rejection of any nominee(s) is the ultimate responsibility of the BCAWA Executive Committee. However, they may choose to designate a specific sub-committee to review nominations and make recommendations.

Conclusion:

The Committee respectfully submits this report for approval and adoption; with the final recommendation that it be accepted by the Executive Committee and not be debated at a Council Meeting.

Joan Collings
Charles Plant
Tom Robinson



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

BCAWA SPRING COUNCIL MEETING
March 2, 1997

TIME- 11:00 A.M.

PLACE- THE ARMORY
1513 - Forbes Avenue
North Vancouver, B.C.

HOST CLUB- VINOVAN

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Jack Ziebart extended a welcome to all the club delegates and guests attending the meeting.

ROLLCALL-
attendance - 17 members attended, representing 10 clubs

A TOAST was presented by Larry Elliott of Vinovan to open the meeting.

The Agenda was accepted-as circulated-

Minutes of the last council meeting October 27,1996
Was accepted as circulated
moved by Murray Mackie
second by Franz Brunnhofer--- CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS--

-A NEW MEMBERS PACKAGE is being collected- with a new membership form and other information winemakers may need in forming a winemaking club.

-The history of the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association is being compiled by Charles Plant to be added to this package.

CORRESPONDENCE

A report has been received from Joan Collings regarding the Silver Pin Award. A copy of the nomination form is attached.

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REPORTS-

PRESIDENT- Jack Ziebart- attached

TREASURER- Jerry Yip- attached
moved accepted by Jerry -Seconded by Murray Mackie
CARRIED

NATIONAL DIRECTOR- Tony Pearson- attached- Tony moved to accept
the report seconded by Rory Kirby, CARRIED

Discussion followed Tony's report "Question--
Regarding the shortage of money within the Amateur
Winemakers of Canada association.
Suggestions will be made to AWC for fundraising and
BCAWA will offer to help by possibly having a fund-
raising event at the AWC Competition in July.

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE-Rory Kirby-His main focus was on visiting clubs
and creating the questionnaire which is being sent to all the
clubs for their input.

REPLIES ARE NEEDED BY MAY 15,1997 SO THAT THE
RESULTS CAN BE COMPILED BEFORE THE AGM IN JUNE.

A COPY OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS ATTACHED.

Regarding the " Medal Place Report" Rory Moved that this report
"with some revisions made by Rory and Charles Plant"
will be used on a trial basis at the 1997 Provincial
Competition. Second by Larry Elliott, CARRIED

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE- Jack Kouwenhoven-Visited Bacchus Alumni with a
B.C.A.W.A. report and brief history. Encouraged people to
partake in B.C.A.W.A. activities and Provincial
Competition.

CHIEF STEWARD- Sonia Garlinge- Provincial 1997 update-
report attached

NOTE- Tickets for the Saturday evening \$30.00
Sunday morning breakfast \$5.00

Tickets will be moving fast-- Please give your name to
the Chilliwack Committee early for the number of tickets needed.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION.

AWC COMPETITION- July 26,1997- by Helmut Berner
Judging at Italian Cultural Centre
Barbeque and Award Presentation-at the home of Germaine
and Clem Joyce. Cost \$5.00 per person.
Entry deadline July 5,1997
Registrar--Mike Roman.

NEW BUSINESS-

--A request was made for a club to volunteer to host the 1998 Provincial Competition. A suggestion was made that the 1998 competition be moved back into the month of May.

- A request is out for Nominations for the 1997-1998 BCAWA DIRECTORS which will be accepted by Sonia Garlinge (Elections at the June AGM)

-NOTE- Some changes may be made in the type and number of beer classes for the Provincial Competition.(not 1997)
Any suggestions are welcome.

-NOTE- GUILD OF JUDGES-- If you are interested in joining the Guild of Judges on the mainland- Please contact Clem Joyce, ph-277-3376 or Frank Clark, ph-433-2146

CLUB REPORTS - attached-

Jack thanked Vinovan for hosting the meeting and for the fantastic lunch.

The meeting was adjourned.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3 & 4,1997-----Nanaimo Winemakers Competition
and Educational weekend
June 6 & 7 1997----Provincial Competition in Chilliwack
June 8 1997-----BCAWA Annual General Meeting in Chilliwack
July 26, 1997-----AWC Competition
Sept or Oct. 1997---Fall Council Meeting (host needed)
May 1998 --- PROVINCIAL COMPETITION (host needed)



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

2 March, 1997

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of BCAWA. It is a milestone from where we can look back over the years and count our achievements. It is also a time when we look into the future and ask where does BCAWA want to be five or ten years hence. What does BCAWA want to do for its member clubs? What are the benefits of membership? Are we attracting new members? Ontario seems to be in a similar situation and Don Eastman of AWO has written an article that looks at their situation. The article has been sent to The Grapevine for publication in its next issue. It brings forth some very interesting suggestions.

While we are looking at the future we should also consider who we want on the executive. Nominations are needed. If anyone is willing to serve, or knows of someone who is willing, please talk to Sonia Garlinge.

At the Fall Council Meeting on 27 October 1997 Joan Collings was asked to chair a committee to outline the criteria for awarding the BCAWA Silver Pin. That report has been received and a nomination form has been produced. The forms are available from members of the executive committee. A short article has been submitted for publication in The Grapevine asking for nominations.

The BCAWA Internet site is being recognized. Links have been set up with VAWA and KWA. Any other BCAWA member is encouraged to link their site. Our address is: "<http://nanaimo.ark.com/~jziebart/index.html>." The email address is: "bcawa@usa.net".


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NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 1, 1997

I received a letter from Gordon Barnes, who is the current president of AWC requesting a response to various items. The items in question related to AWC trophies, locating them and how to deal with them since they no longer are awarded. Also the question of awarding medals, the Grapevine, AWC membership, discounts on purchases of wine making supplies and the 1997 AWC competition. Charles Plant responded to this survey and nothing further has developed.

A copy of the **December 1996 AWO Newsletter No.3** was also included with this survey. Of interest is an item from Don Eastman on the future of AWO. Don is a Director-at-large on the AWO Executive. His article addresses several issues that I believe are applicable to BCAWA. Particularly, his comments relating to beer judging.

This year is "year two" of the InterVin International Amateur Wine Competition. Submission dates are March 3 - May 2, 1997, judging dates are May 9-12, 1997. An entry fee of \$20.00 per wine entered and two samples are required. For those interested, a copy of the entry form and guidelines are available from the secretary.

I will have all the necessary information and instructions to hand out at the Provincial Competition regarding entries to the National Competition. I don't know who the new National Director will be. Following the AGM, the wine makers eligible to send their winning wines to the AWC competition in Vancouver will be informed on the procedure by the elected National Director.



Tony Pearson
BC National Director



British Columbia Amateur Winemaker's Association

25th Annual Provincial Competition

Chilliwack Zymurgy is pleased to host
The 25th Annual BCABA Provincial Competition.

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 6th - Sonia & Gordon Garlinge's: #5 9921 Quarry Road, Chilliwack
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sonia & Gordon invite all out of town guests to an open house.

Saturday, June 7th - Foresters Hall: 7194 Vedder Road, Chilliwack
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Competition Judging (Judges & Stewards Only)
6:00 p.m. Happy Hour -- Sample the Entries
7:00 p.m. Dinner followed by Awards Presentation and Silent Auction
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. Dancing

Sunday, June 8th - Foresters Lodge (Next to Foresters Hall)
8:30 a.m.-9:30 Full Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Annual General Meeting

Tickets

Tickets are available from Murray Mackie - (604) 792-6375. Please order your tickets early -- Chilliwack Zymurgy's competition was sold-out six weeks in advance.

Dinner & Dance \$30.00 / person
Sunday Breakfast \$5.00 / person

Entries

We encourage all BCABA members to enter wine and beer in the competition. The entry fee is \$2.50 per bottle. The entry form, entry fee and bottles must be in the hands of the registrar or at the designated drop off points by Friday, May 23. See attached entry regulations.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

1997 BCABA Provincial Competition Committee

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Chilliwack Zymurgy supports responsible drinking

Silent Auction

We are looking for donations for the Silent Auction. If each club supports the silent auction with donations, B.C.A.W.A. will benefit. Please drop off your donations at the drop off points and it will be treated with T.L.C. or call Les at (604) 858-6480 or Gordon (604) 702-1032

Stewards

The competition requires many stewards. We would appreciate your help. Please call Sonia at (604) 702-1032

Accommodations

We recommend the following places as they are the closest to the Foresters Hall.

COMFORT INN, 45405 Luckakuck Way (west of Cottonwood Mall). Phone: (604) 858-0636

Rates are \$59.00 per room for one to four people. Please mention B.C.A.W.A. Provincial Competition to get this rate. It would be appreciated if you book as early as possible as the time is coming into the tourist season.

COTTONWOOD MEADOWS R.V. PARK: 44280 Luckakuck Way (east of the tourist information centre). Phone: (604) 824-7275. \$22.00 full hook-up. It is recommended that you book at least 2 weeks in advance.

While you are here take time to enjoy Minter Gardens, Cultus Lake or our many golf courses. Our shopping mall is close to the Comfort Inn. Take a leisurely walk through historical Downtown Chilliwack.

**1997 BCAWA Provincial Competition
ENTRY REGULATIONS**

1. Eligibility

The Competitor must be a member in good standing of a wine club that is affiliated with the B.C.A.W.A.

2. Entry Qualifications

The purpose of the Competition is to judge the wines, beers and ciders produced in the homes of members of B.C.A.W.A. member clubs. Wines and ciders made in commercial establishments are not eligible. Beers made in commercial establishments are not eligible. Commercial establishments include "brew on premise/wine on premise" types of outlets.

3. Entry Fee & Deadline

The Competitor must submit an ENTRY FORM [see your MARCH 1997 copy of *The Grapevine*] along with the bottles. The bottles, completed entry form and entry fee of \$2.50 per bottle must be delivered to the Registrar, member of Chilliwack Zymurgy Club, or any of the following pick-up locations on or before Friday, May 23, 1997. All cheques or money orders should be made payable to Chilliwack Zymurgy Club.

Pick-up Locations:

VICTORIA
Jerry Yip
440 Victoria Ave.
(250)598-6955

NANAIMO
Tony Pearson
2990 Colwood Road,
(250)758-9758

VANCOUVER
Lou Curnick
3706 West 30th, Ave.
(604)228-8543

NORTH VANCOUVER
Keith Kerry
753 Crystal Court,
(604)987-9956

COQUITLAM
Helmut Berner
1744 Windermere Ave.
(604)942-4003

4. Number of Entries

The Competitor may enter only two bottles in each of the classes. Competitors entering two bottles in one class must ensure that the entries are made from different ingredients or, if from grape, of different varieties, vintages or vineyards. Slight adjustments to a blend do not make "different" wines.

5. All entries become the property of the B.C.A.W.A.

PRESENTATION OF ENTRIES

Although the appearance of the wine will be judged in the glass rather than in the bottle, the Competitor should bear in mind that the Judges will see the bottles and may be adversely prejudiced by sloppy presentation. The Stewards will handle the bottles as carefully as possible, but a deposit that is not firm could well stir up, cloud the wine, and detract from its appearance in the glass, thus losing points.

1. Size of Bottle

Wines are to be presented in bottles with a minimum of approximately 375ml capacity. This leaves the type of bottle, its shape, colour and closure to the discretion of the Competitor.

2. Sparkling Wines

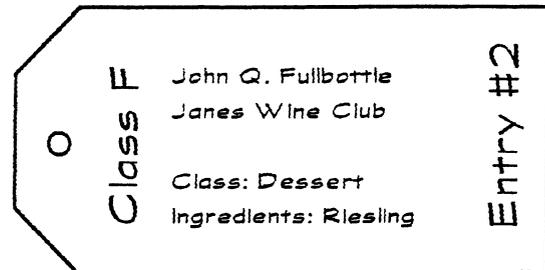
May be entered only in the Sparkling Class, and must be presented in sparkling wine glass pressure bottles for safety. They must not contain sediment.

3. Beers, Ales, Stouts and Ciders

Are to be presented in glass or plastic beer bottles of approximately 350ml capacity with appropriate closures.

4. Identification

The only identification must be in the form of a tag attached to the bottle neck by an elastic band in such a manner that it will not come off accidentally, but may be easily removed. The sketch below indicates the form of the label and the information required: Competitor's name and club, class name and letter, principal ingredient(s). The reverse of the entry tag may be used to provide additional information which will assist the judges in making constructive comments and suggestions. Competitors entering two bottles in one class should label them "Entry 1" and "Entry 2" as shown, so that after the Competition they will know which judges' comments refer to which entry.



5. On the Entry Form, Competitors entering Class J, Country Wine, must identify their entries as to the style of the wine (table, dessert, aperitif, etc.) Please enter Style of beer in Classes M, N & O (British Brown Ale, Bavarian Dark, American Lager, Continental Pilsner, etc.)

1997 BCAWA Competition Entry Form 1997

Name				Club			
Address				Phone			
Class		Entry	Year	Principal Ingredient	←dryer	Sweetness	sweeter →
A	Aperitif Sherry	1			0	1	2
		2			0	1	2
B	Aperitif	1				1	2 3 4
		2				1	2 3 4
C	Red Table	1			0		
		2			0		
D	White Table	1			0	1	
		2			0	1	
E	Rosé	1			0	1	2
		2			0	1	2
F	Dessert	1				2	3 4
		2				2	3 4
G	After Dinner	1				2	3 4
		2				2	3 4
H	Sparkling	1			0	1	2 3
		2			0	1	2 3
I	Social	1				1	2
		2				1	2
J	Country	1		Style:		0	1 2 3 4
		2		Style:	Ingredient:	0	1 2 3 4
K	B. C. Dry Red Grape	1			0		
		2			0		
L	B. C. Dry White Grape	1			0	1	
		2			0	1	
M	Pale Beer and Ale	1		Style:		Type: ale / lager	
		2		Style:		Type: ale / lager	
N	Dark Beer and Ale	1		Style:		Type: ale / lager	
		2		Style:		Type: ale / lager	
O	Stout	1		Style:	0	1	2
		2		Style:	0	1	2
P	Cider	1			0	1	2
		2			0	1	2

Please give information concerning INGREDIENT, SWEETNESS or BEER TYPE. On classes J, M, N, and O see note 5 of presentation of entries on the entry regulations. Extrapolate or interpolate sweetness numbers as you wish. Entry form and bottles MUST be in the hands of Chilliwack Zymurgy or pickup points by Friday, May 23, 1997.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Please duplicate this form as necessary, or see your March GRAPEVINE

First Annual *Nanaimo* Varietal Table Wine Weekend - May 3-4, 1997 (page 2)

'97 NANAIMO VARIETAL COMPETITION		
CLASS NAME & LETTER _____ / _____	ENTRY NO. _____	OF _____ IN THIS CLASS
NAME _____	PHONE _____	FAX _____
ADDRESS _____	CLUB _____	
INGREDIENTS (INCL. % IF BLEND) _____		
REGION _____	VINEYARD _____	VINTAGE _____

The Schedule of Events:

Most of Saturday May 3 will be devoted to the judging, a tasting of the winning wines, and a catered gourmet dinner. On Sunday we'll have our educational event on winegrowing and winemaking - talks, a tasting, and a panel that will provide you with a wealth of useful information. Both days' activities will take place at the RCAF 808 Thunderbird Wing on the Nanaimo Military Base, 5th Street opposite Malaspina University College.

The Cost:

Saturday Tasting and Dinner \$20. Sunday Events \$40 including lunch. For the 2-day Weekend \$50. Some billeting available. Call George at 250-756-4614 for more information and to register.

The Details:

We've established entry deadlines well in advance of May 3 to allow transported wines to settle recover from transit disturbance and so small classes can be judged during the week and their wines preserved under vacuum or frozen for Saturday's tasting. Judging of the major classes will begin at 10:00 AM Saturday and will likely continue through much of the afternoon. A tasting of the entries will take place at 6:00 PM followed by a delicious catered dinner.

The Sunday program will begin at 10:00 AM with our keynote speaker, Dr. Andy Reynolds, viticultural research scientist at the Summerland Research Station, presenting his newest concepts on the Okanagan's cool climate and warm climate zones, grapes, and vineyards, vineyard management for quality, and what our expectations of Okanagan grapes should be in the light of his latest research findings.

At 11:00 AM Bill Collings, Okanagan Falls vineyardist, winning winemaker, and chairman of the Association of Grape Growers of BC will talk on "Making Wine from Okanagan White Grapes".

At 11:30 Loretta Zanatta, graduate of Italy's Piacenza University winemaking program and winemaker at Vancouver Island's Vigneti Zanatta farm winery will encourage us in the making of high quality champagnes from cool climate grapes.

A catered lunch will be served at noon, accompanied by Loretta's excellent méthode champenoise Glenora Fantasia (Cayuga) bubbly. During lunch we'll learn who the competition medal winners are, and medals and prizes will be awarded.

At 1:30 PM, Bill Collings will unveil the secrets of winemaking from the Okanagan's black viniferas - the grapes of the future.

At 2:00 Richard Cmajdalka of Vintage Consultants will treat us to a tasting of selected wines - possibly Italian varietals that may portend coming attractions in the Okanagan.

To wrap up our first varietal weekend, at 2:50, our panel, Andy Reynolds, Bill Collings, Loretta Zanatta, and Tony Pearson will address a problem that confronts all winemakers, "Good Wines, Every Time - What are the Secrets?" Here is a chance to find out whether some of your winemaking techniques have gone off track, how you might do things better, what are the latest approaches and how to apply commonsense to avoid error. There'll be new slants and new information here for even the most experienced home winemaker.

We hope you'll plan now to attend and will reserve May 3-4 for an enjoyable and informative event!

First Annual *Nanaimo* Varietal Table Wine Weekend - May 3-4, 1997 (page 1)

Nanaimo Winemakers invite you to participate in our new wine competition replacing the Zin-In. If your wines perform well in this, the last competition before June, you'll know they are good candidates for the Provincials.

Here are the classes

Dry White Table Wines

- A Auxerrois
- B Chardonnay
- C Gewurztraminer
- D Pinot blanc
- E. Pinot gris
- F Other Varietal Dry White
- G Dry White Blends

Dry Red Table Wines

- H. Cabernet franc
- I. Cabernet Sauvignon
- J. Merlot
- K. Pinot noir
- L. Zinfandel
- M. Other Varietal Dry Red
- N. Dry Red Blends

This event provides a competition opportunity for those of us who specialize in varietal and blended dry table wines - particularly from B.C. grapes. We've downplayed the traditional generic classes because we wanted the primary focus on the grapes we believe we'll rely on more and more - B.C.'s increasingly exciting *viniferas*. We could have listed many more varieties as classes but that would have been very unwieldy - and unnecessary because - *we will actually create classes, on the spot*, to accommodate varietal wines not listed above. So, we really encourage you to submit wines from varieties that are not on this list as well as from those that are. (If too few bottles of an unlisted variety are entered to justify a class those bottles will be judged in "F" or "M".)

Please keep in mind that **this is a medal judging** so every wine will be judged on its own merits, not ranked relative to the other wines in that class. However, In addition to Best of Show (the wine judged the best of the golds), we will award Best of Class to a silver or gold medal wine in classes with a substantial number of entries.

As an added incentive for you to enter this competition Best of Show and Best of Class winners will be awarded great prizes of grapes, juices, or winemaking supplies. (As of March 1 we've had donations of 6 vouchers each for 100 lbs of grapes or juice equivalents, 1000 corks, frozen storage, and more to come.)

Judging will be carried out by members of the B.C. Guild of Wine Judges. Judges' comments should reach you by mail or fax within a week.

There is no limit to the number of entries you may submit but every entry must be unique (in vintage, vineyards, winemaking, or blend, etc.). The entry fee is \$2.00/bottle (cheque to Nanaimo Winemakers).

Labels must contain complete information on vintage and source of grapes or juice. For B.C. wines please state the vineyard if you have the grower's permission to do so; otherwise please state the locality (e.g., 93 Nanaimo, 95 Oliver, 92 Cobble Hill, 96 Naramata, etc.). For non-B.C. wines, general information is appropriate (e.g., 94 Lodi CA, 95 Brehm Edna Valley CA, unknown Spagnol's juice, etc.).

A B.C. wine is one that contains at least 95% of wine from grapes grown in this province. We encourage you to enter your B.C. wines. Along with the judges' comments on your wines we will send you the complete results of the competition so you can see how all the B.C. entries fared.

A varietal wine is one that contains 75% or more from a single variety. It would be useful to the judges (but not essential) to list the principal components in the remaining 25% or less.

Blends contain less than 75% of a single variety. Vintage and principal ingredients of B.C. blends should be listed (e.g., 60% 94 Oliver Cab franc, 20% 95 OK Falls Merlot, 15% 95 Cleave Vyd [Oliver] Cab Sauv.).

Wine Pickup: We will pick up wines from the drop sites the day after the deadline for entries.

Drop Sites:

In Nanaimo - Homespun Brewing Supplies, 3392 Norwell Drive (758-8088) **Deadline: Sat. April 19**

In Victoria - Colin Nicholson, 664 Kenneth Street (479-3355)

Deadline: Sat. April 12

In the Lower Mainland

Deadline: Thursday April 17

California Fresh Products Ltd., 9 - 12191 Bridgeport, Richmond, Contact - Mark Cordick 270-3666.

Glass O' Wine Ent. Ltd., 678 Columbia Street, New Westminster, Contact - Joe Kalawsky 540-6440.

Purple Foot Winemaker Ltd., 6912 Kingsway, Burnaby, Contact - Brent Clark 540-9463

Grapevines Winemaking 96 Ltd., 8373 Granville Street, Vancouver, Contact - Tom Johnston 261-2739.

North Vancouver Wine Art Inc., 1052 Marine Drive, North Vancouver, Contact - Terry Armstrong 986-4622

If you ship by bus, make sure your wines are well protected in a styrofoam wine shipping container in cardboard and send them to "George Gibson, Nanaimo 756-4614".

If you use a courier, send to "Gibson, 184 Nottingham Drive, Nanaimo V9T 1K6".

250 756-4614 for information

**B.C. AMATEUR WINE MAKERS ASSOCIATION
SPRING COUNCIL MEETING
BACCHUS ALUMNI CLUB**

Report prepared by B. Nokleby, President

Membership

At present we have 23 active members with application by two more to join the group. Our club made a decision to stay near our current size and to not expand. The reason for this decision was that we wish to continue to meet in private homes. Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month.

1. **Club Press** - 95 Merlot grapes from Oregon, the product of which was the February 1997 competition. We were pleased with our results. Our club press for the fall of 1996 was cancelled due to the high acidity of the Pinot Blanc grapes that we had chosen for this purpose.
2. **Social Activities** - Bacchus had four traditional social events during the past calendar year. These were a spring dinner, a summer barbecue, a fall corn roast and a Christmas social.
3. **Programs** - we have had a number of interesting programs during the past year. Of particular note is that we had two programs on the theme of wine and food and a third one is scheduled. During the first program we "scientifically" experienced how various foods (apple, lemon, endive, cheese, etc.) affect our taste buds. The second program consisted of having three chefs provide a variety of foods which were cooked in wine. The third meeting on this topic will hopefully be around wine recipes. As well, we had a program on malolactic fermentation given by Jack Kovwenhoven. Another program dealt with the use of the Internet as a source of information on wine making.
4. **Competitions** - our club had a real push on to have a competition at most regular meetings. This year we have had and/or plan to have the following competitions.
 - Merlot (Club Crush)
 - Dessert
 - Country (red or white)
 - White Kit,
 - Red Kit
 - B.C. White Grape
 - B.C. Red Grape
 - Imported White Grape

Programs - Thanks to Jack Kovwenhoven for being guest judge on two occasions.

Our club has purchased a crusher destemmer which was put to good use the past fall and we are looking at possibly purchasing a bladder press.

CAPILANO WINEMAKERS!

We started the New Year with a lecture on Alcohol and Drugs by our very able Ron Ingraham, a Drugist from West Vancouver. He warns people not to drink Alcohol when you are taking drugs. It could have some serious Consequences.

In February we had a visit from Jack and Wilma Kouwenhoven, who gave us a lecture on the History of B.C.A.W., followed by a Question and Answer period on all aspects of wine and beer making. Thank you Jack for a very informative evening.

Next month is our traditional evening of cooking with wine and beer, which is always very much enjoyed by all club members. A draw was held to find out who is bringing what from the planned 4 Appedizers, 4 Main Dishes and 4 Desserts. The members are also urged to bring a complimentary wine with the food.

Last month we also had a new couple joyning our club and this brought us to a full house.

CHILLIWACK ZYMURGY

Chilliwack had a successful competition on February 22. We sold out our tickets by mid January and had to turn away a number of people. We like to keep the crowd to a good manageable 150 or so that ceremonies and presentations are not interrupted. The number of entries were down slightly this year.

As you will hear from Sonia plans are well underway for the hosting of the Provincial Competition. We urge BCAWA members to arrange for tickets as early as possible. We do not intend to turn away any BCAWA members, however, we do need to know how many tickets we can sell locally as we have a good following of interested wine tasters.

Remember this is BCAWA's 25th Anniversary.

Otherwise club matters are normal with good participation from members. We have suffered the loss of 2 mambers in the last 6 months or so, to cancer. Daniel Petey and John Webb will be missed.

GLENMORE WINE CIRCLE

Glenmore tasting group is continuing as usual. Thanks to Edith Filipponi we have complete reports in the grapevine. Sonia and Gordon have from time to time added some additional education, even though they are not members. It is good to have them in our area and we thank them for their efforts.

SAANICH SOMMELIERS

The club is healthy. We have a few vacancies for new members. It shouldn't be a problem as we already had a couple of new members at our February club meeting. Our 1997 Competition was a success with a record of entries and good turnouts for the social in the afternoon. The wines were of very high quality.

V.A.W.A. Club Report

We are currently preparing for our annual competition and banquet, to be held on March the 8th\97 at the Roma Hall in New Westminster.

Other V.A.W.A. activities include our ever-popular Beginner's Sessions. Clem Joyce and Frank Clark are pressing on with their commitment to train new judges.

On July 26,97 we will host the National Competition. The committee's plans are to do the judging at the Italian Cultural Centre, followed by a garden-party style barbecue at the residence of Germaine and Clem Joyce in Richmond. The main-course to be provided by the committee. V.A.W.A. members will be asked to bring side-dishes. Presentation of competition results and awards are planned for later in the evening. A nominal fee of \$5.00 may be expected.

Questions may be directed to Helmut Berner, ph. 942-4003 or Charles Plant, ph. 261-1703.

Committee members are- Mike Roman--Registrar,-
Clem Joyce--Facilities,-- Charles Plant--Chief Steward,-
Helmut Berner- Chair--

Further details will be announced.

B.C.A.W.A. DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

DATE-- APRIL 20, 1997

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

TIME- 11:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE- 7

1. Jack welcomed everyone to the meeting and to his home.
2. The agenda was accepted as circulated
3. The minutes of the previous Directors Meeting on February 2, 1997 was accepted as circulated,
Moved by Sonia Garlinge
second by Tony Pearson CARRIED

4. CORRESPONDENCE

LETTER- John Selford would like to present the B.C. Agriculture Association. Trophy. at the 1997 Provincial.

MOTION- Sonia Moved for BCAWA to pay the cost of the dinner tickets for Mr. & Mrs. Shelford at the Provincial Competition, where he will be presenting the trophy.
Second by Tony --CARRIED

Letter-A request was received for BCAWA to support a motion against the Governments move to TAX the wine and beer made at the U-BREW premises.

The directors agreed that they would not involve BCAWA in any way with this matter.

5. REPORTS

- a. President- Jack Ziebart-- attached
- b. Treasurer -Jerry Yip-attached
- c. National Director- Tony Pearson -is preparing new forms to list all the winning wines at the provincial which will be entered in the National Competition.
- d. Director - at Large- Jack Kouwenhoven-Visited Capilano winemakers in February with a condensed history of BCAWA and a general question and answer period. In March visited Vinovan with a technical program on making beer from Spagnol's Brew Kits- and Sanitation involved with wine and beer Making.
- f. Chief Steward- Sonia Garlinge -Is waiting for Judges to reply to her request for judges for the Provincial. Everything else is right on schedule.

Provincial 1997- June 6-8

NOTE- THE FRIDAY NIGHT GET-TOGETHER WILL BE AT FORESTER'S HALL.

NOTE- THE BREAKFAST BEING SERVED SUNDAY MORNING WILL BE A FULL BREAKFAST.

NOTE- Some trophies need repairs

MOTION- Jack moved that \$100.00 be set aside to pay for repairs for these trophies.

Second by Leo Poirier-- CARRIED

THE SILVER TRAY TROPHY WILL BE REPLACED BECAUSE THERE IS NO SPACES REMAINING FOR NAMES.

- g. AWC National/97- Helmut Berner-For the National Competition on July 26,1997- Arrangements are being made for rooms at the "STAY AND SAVE" on St. Edwards Drive in Richmond. Ph. 604-273-3311

If reserving a room mention GROUP # 343
Regular price \$109.00

Information will be sent out regarding R.V. Parking available.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the "Silver Pin Award"- the nominations for the Silver Pin will be handed over to a committee to make the final selection.

NOTE- Vinovan is showing an interest in hosting the 1998 Provincial Competition.

NOTE- Revelstoke is showing an interest in hosting the 1999 Provincial Competition.

The meeting was adjourned.



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

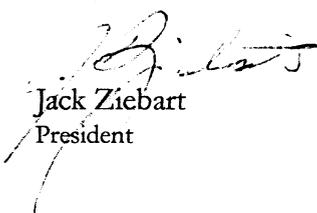
PRESIDENTS REPORT

20 April, 1997

The last edition of the Grapevine printed the two articles that were submitted on behalf of BCAWA.

A short request for nominations for the Silver Pin award resulted in several nominations. The number of nominations is probably the result of the few awards that were made in the past years and that nominations were requested.

The other longer article that was a reprint of a report made about the directions the AWO could be considering resulted in only very few comments. The problems of AWO are not unlike ours. The need to attract members to serve on the BCAWA Executive Committee could be critical to the survival of BCAWA. Most of the present members have served for several years and want to pass their positions to new members with new ideas. At this time the positions of Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and possibly, a director-at-large are open with no members wishing to accept nominations to fill those chairs.


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British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Treasurer's Report As at April 14, 1997

Cash Balance, May 31, 1996 \$5,631.36

Operating Activities 1996/1997 Fiscal Year

Revenues:

Interest revenues		\$21.88
Club Dues - 1996	\$250.00	
Club Dues - 1997	\$757.50	
		<u>\$1,007.50</u>
Refund - AWC		\$4.00
Share of Profit from 1996 Prov. Competition		\$2,046.95
Proceeds from medal use - 1996 Prov. Competition		\$525.00
		<u>\$3,605.33</u>
Sub total		<u>\$9,236.69</u>

Operating Expense to April 14, 1997

Advance - 1997 Provincial Competition	(\$300.00)
Travel/Ferry	(\$212.00)
Donation - re T. Underhill	(\$50.00)
Council Meeting	(\$74.30)
Secretarial / Printing	(\$420.24)
Provincial Registry	(\$50.00)
Grapevine Dues	(\$55.00)
National Expense	(\$139.08)
Handbook Expense	(\$36.08)
AWC Dues - 1997	(\$32.00)
Competition Expense - Provincial 1996	(\$34.20)
	<u>(\$1,402.90)</u>

Cash Balance before Special Reserves, April 14, 1997 \$7,833.79

Special Reserves:

Deficit Financing	\$2,000.00
Education Projects	\$1,500.00
Medal Purchase (On order)	\$1,000.00
	<u>(\$4,500.00)</u>
Net cash for General Operational use	<u>\$3,333.79</u>

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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DATE - SUNDAY - JUNE 8, 1997

PLACE - FORESTERS LODGE (NEXT TO FORESTERS HALL)
7194 Vedder road, Chilliwack, B.C.

TIME--- 10:00 A.M.

HOST CLUB - CHILLIWACK ZYMURGY

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Jack Ziebart welcomed all the delegates and guests to the
25th Anniversary Annual General Meeting.

The Toast was presented by Greg Barber of Chilliwack Zymurgy.

Attendance - We had 15 clubs represented by 15 Delegates and
27 guests.

The agenda was approved as presented
Moved by-Ted Adye
second by-Rod Engman CARRIED

The minutes of the last council meeting on March 2, 1997 were
accepted as circulated
Moved by- Rory Kirby
second by-Murray Mackie CARRIED

REPORTS

President - Jack Ziebart --attached- Jack moved for acceptance
of his report Second by Rod Engman CARRIED

Treasurer - Jerry Yip- attached- Jerry moved for acceptance of
his report- Second by Jack Kouwenhoven CARRIED

Chief Steward- Sonia Garlinge -We had 337 entries in the
Provincial Competition with 68 entrants from 15 clubs.
Financially we were successful.

BEST WINE IN SHOW- Bill Collings
GRAND CHAMPION WINEMAKER- Bill Collings
GRAND CHAMPION BEER MAKER- Jack Kowenhoven
B.C. GRAPEVINE WINNINEST WINEMAKER OF THE
YEAR- Bill Collings

National Director - Tony Pearson- attached- Tony moved for
acceptance of his report- Second by Rory Kirby CARRIED

Director-at-large - Rory Kirby-report on his "Education Needs" survey which was sent to all the clubs. He had replies from 14 clubs. The greatest interest shown was in sharing wine-making expertise and more knowledge wanted in judging wines. A full report will be in the September Grapevine.

Director-at-large - Jack Kouwenhoven- On June 22/96 I judged wine at Langley Fermenters Annual Competition & joined their Garden Party. On Nov.2/96 I Judged wine at Vinovan & took in the banquet. On Jan.13/97 went to Bacchus Alumni with a BCAWA report and encouragement to partake in BCAWA activities. On Feb 10/97 to Bacchus to judge their club crush wines; B.C. Reds and Dessert. On Feb.13/97 went to Capilano Winemakers with a brief history of BCAWA and encouragement to get involved with BCAWA and enter the Provincial Competition. On March 18/97 I conducted a technical program with a Brew Kit from Spagnols and the Sanitation involved in Beermaking. On May 10/97 Judged and participated in social event with Langley Fermenters-Vintners of Coquitlam joint competition. Have attended two Directors meetings and two General Meetings.

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Kowenhoven- Director-at-large.

Handbook committee - Charles Plant-Charles & Sal Robinson are looking into possible changes to the class definition the SOCIAL CLASS.Charles welcomes any opinions on the class definitions.

Archivist- Charles Plant - is working on a "History of BCAWA" package.

A.W.C. 1997 Competition- Helmut Berner-just a reminder of the National Competition on July 26,1997. More information in the June Grapevine.

Caltour-A tour is being planned for 1998 & will start on March 14 and end on March 22 .To reserve a seat send a cheque to Tom Robinson in the amount of \$100 per person. Postdate the cheques to November 30,1997.----2820 West 41st Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V6N-3C6

NEW BUSINESS

The question of separating the Provincial Competition from the same weekend as the Annual General Meeting.

After a short but energetic discussion -It was agreed that we should leave the meeting as it is. (The competition and the AGM on the same weekend)

NOTE--Suggestions were made that training sessions would be worth looking into, to be held on the same day as the Council Meeting.

Fall Council meeting - Italvino volunteered to host the 1997 Fall council meeting.(No date set)

1998 Provincial Competition- Nanaimo has volunteered to be host.

1999 Provincial Competition- Revelstoke has volunteered to be host. (copy of letter attached with club reports) Their offer was accepted by the council with thanks.

ELECTIONS for Directors for 1997-1998 term

PRESIDENT_____LEO POIRIER

VICE PRESIDENT_____HELMUT BERNER

TREASURER_____ABE GAITENS

SECRETARY_____ROB BELANGER

NATIONAL DIRECTOR__CHARLES PLANT

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE-1-___GARY ARMANINI

 _2___MIKE DRAGANI

CHIEF STEWARD_____TONY PEARSON

PAST-PRESIDENT_____JACK ZIEBART

APPOINTED

DIRECTOR-- RORY KIRBY

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE-CHARLES PLANT

ARCHIVES-CHARLES PLANT

CLUB REPORTS - ATTACHED

A THANKYOU TO THE HOST CLUB WAS EXTENDED BY JACK ZIEBART

MEETING ADJOURNED

CALENDAR OF EVENTS-

July 26,1997----A.W.C. NATIONAL COMPETITION

FALL 1997-----COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 1998---SAANICH SOMMELIERS COMPETITION

FEBRUARY 1998---CHILLIWACK ZYMURGY COMPETITION

SPRING 1998-----COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 1998-----VAWA COMPETITION



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

8 June, 1997

President's Report

In this 25th year of BCAWA's existence, and my last meeting as president, the opportunity arises to look at what BCAWA is and where we want it to go. Think for a moment of where amateur winemaking in BC would be without BCAWA. There would be no, or a very limited number of inter-club competitions. Without the Competition Handbook rules for club competitions would be inconsistent. There would be no provincial competitions, no national competition, no California wine tours (CalTour), and no Grapevine. The list goes on and on.

But will BCAWA continue to exist?

Not without active participation by its members. Attendance at the delegates' meeting has been lacking. At times there was barely a quorum. Furthermore, members of the Executive Committee who have served for several years, and think it is time for a change, would like to step down, but the Nominating Committee has found it difficult, if not impossible, to find someone to take the positions. If this apathy continues BCAWA will cease to exist.

Perhaps it is also time to set some goals for the future. What do we want BCAWA to be? For example: could we generate more interest in the AGM by separating it from the Provincial Completion and making it an educational and social event? Do we want to introduce varietals into the Provincial Competition? Should we drop the beer competition? These questions must be addressed.

It has been an honor to serve as your president. The support from the members of the Executive Committee, and other members of BCAWA, has been very much appreciated. Thank you.


Jack Ziebart
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British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Treasurer's Report For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31st, 1997

Cash Balance May 31st, 1996 5,631.66
Operating Activities 1996 / 1997 Fiscal Year

Revenues:

Interest Income	25.16	
Club Dues 1996	250.00	
Club Dues 1997	961.50	
Refunds, AWC	4.00	
Share of profit from 1996 Provincial Comp.	2,046.95	
Proceeds from use of Medals - 1997 Provincial	525.00	3,812.62

Cash Balance before operating expenses 1997 Fiscal Year 9,443.98

Less Operating expenses, 1997

Advance, 1997 Provincial Competition	300.00	
Travel / Ferry	325.00	
Donations	50.00	
Council Meetings	73.30	
Secretarial / Printing	409.79	
Provincial Registry	50.00	
Grapevine	55.00	
National Expenses	139.08	
Hand Book Expenses	36.08	
AWC Dues, 1997	32.00	
Competition Expenses - Provincial 1996	34.20	1,505.45

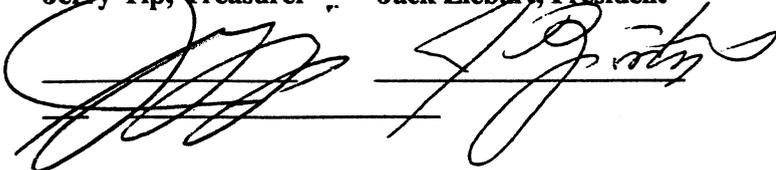
Cash Balance Before Special Reserves 7,938.53

Special Reserves, 1997

Deficit Financing	2,000.00	
Education Projects	1,500.00	
Medal Purchase	1,000.00	4,500.00

Net Cash for General Operating Use 3,438.53

Jerry Yip, Treasurer .. Jack Ziebart, President



Handwritten signatures of Jerry Yip and Jack Ziebart, with horizontal lines underneath each signature.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

JUNE 08, 1997

All the winning entries were announced at the Awards Banquet last night. Congratulations to all the members of our wine clubs who will be sending their entries to the AWC National Competition to be held in Vancouver on July 26th, 1997.

The AWC National host club(VAWA) require the complete entries to be in the hands of the registrar by Saturday, July 5th, 1997. The registrar is *Mike Roman, 4976 Linden Drive, Ladner, B.C. V4K 7A1. Telephone: (604) 946-4975.* Each winner is given an envelop with detailed instructions. It is important to ensure that the entries are complete, meet the deadline and the entry fee of \$3.00 is included. For those paying by cheque, make it payable to Mike Roman.

Details on the AWC National Competition are available and anyone requiring additional information may contact the Chairman, Helmut Berner, telephone number (604) 942-4003. You are encouraged to attend.

No recent correspondence from the AWC chairman and normally we receive a disc from Dan Ostler(AWC Archivist). This disc would be a historical report of all the winners up to and including 1996 in the Wine, Beer and Sparkling Cider classes.

Good luck to all the winners who will be entering in the AWC competition.


Tony Pearson
National Director

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Re: BCAWA 1999 Provincial Competition

Dear Directors;

The Revelstoke Winemakers Guild would like to volunteer to host the 1999 BCAWA Provincial Competition. Revelstoke will be celebrating its' centennial all year long in 1999 and all local clubs and organizations have been asked for ways to promote our city and contribute to the celebration. As a wine club, we can think of no better way to promote our club and beautiful city than to host the B. C. competition here.

We have held an annual local club competition for many years. Recently, we have been fortunate to have wine consultant Gary Strachan of Summerland judge our wines and this year Bill and Joan Collings have kindly offered to judge our competition. Members of our club have participated as entrants and stewards in invitational and provincial competitions around the province for the last few years. We plan to hold an invitational competition in 1998 to give us more experience and we believe we will be ready to successfully host the Provincial in 1999.

We trust that you will consider our offer seriously and provide us with assistance when the time comes.

Yours sincerely;



Jack Leslie

President of Revelstoke Winemakers Guild

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes - SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE MEETING

Date - Sunday September 7, 1997

Place - 3855 Hillcrest Avenue

Time - 11.00 AM

Host - Rob Belanger

Members present:

- Leo Poirier
- Jack Ziebart
- Abe Gaitens
- Mike Dragani (By Speakerphone)
- Rory Kirby
- Rob Belanger

- 1 Minutes from The last executive meeting were read By Jack Ziebart
- 2 Rory motioned to adopt the minutes as read . Jack Ziebart seconded the motion
- 3 The Silver Pin Award was discussed Jack Ziebart agreed to produce something for the next executive meeting
- 4 The executive agreed that the next Chief Steward John Matkovich be officially introduced and acknowledged.
- 5 A note from Vinovan (next Provincial Competition Host) inquired about insurance on the event and the executive agreed that a one time event policy should be purchased by Vinovan and be included in the expense associated with competition.
- 6 Chilliwack sent a cheque for \$ 1985 re the profit on the competition(That is \$1295.00 plus advances).
- 7 Abe Gaitens said Bank balance to date was \$ 8932.05 after deducting reserves of 2932.05
- 8 Rory Kirby reported in the context of the questionnaire he sent out that 14 out of 23 clubs responded. He had managed to corelate the responses and asked to do a furthur distribution of the results to the clubs involved . The executive authorized the next step in the process.
- 9 Jack Ziebart suggested that our current internet site could be with a little effort a universal depository for all our current information. The executive agreed that this avenue deserved furthur investigation.

- 10 Jack Ziebart Agreed to provide an application for the club in Courtney to join
BCAWA
- 11 Some discussion ensued re the classes of wine in Provincial Competitions and the fact
that many Clubs are pursuing Varietal classes. It was felt by many on the executive
that perhaps we could consider an expansion of classes in future competitions.
- 12 Meeting Adjourned.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Date - Sunday October 5, 1997

Place - Roma Hall 940 EWEN, New Westminster B C (Anacis Island over the
Queensborough Bridge)

Time - 11:00 AM

Host Club - Italavino

MINUTES:

Leo Poirer welcomed all the delegates and guests to the meeting.

1. A very eloquent Toast on behalf of the host club was given by Larry Racanello
2. Attendance - Rollcall for delegates (See list Attached)
3. Motion for approval of agenda as presented by Shirley Mackie, 2nd Mike Roman Carried
4. Motion for approval of the minutes of the last council meeting (June 8, 1997) as circulated Murray Mackie
5. Charles Plant noted that in the minutes that Sal Robinsons name should have been included under the Handbook Committee Appointments Motion to amend the minutes by Charles Plant 2nd Larry Racanello Carried
6. Motion to adopt the minutes as amended by Murray Mackie 2nd Mike Roman Carried
7. As a matter of record a motion by Jack Ziebart to withdraw the offer from Naniamo to host the 98 Provincial Competition and to accept the offer of Vinovan Wine Club to host the Event in May of 98. 2nd Rory Kirby. Carried
8. No correspondence of note.
9. Reports
 - President - Leo Poirer . Gave a verbal report on the state of beer judging and the controversy surrounding the ability of the BC Guild of wine judges to provide the calibre of judging and the efforts within the Guild to splinter off a section with a particular interest in Judging Beer . Their evolved into an animated discussion on whether we should amend the beer classes to reflect the more recent moves among the more sophisticated brewers to make thier beer in particular styles ie: Lager , Pilsener , Bavarian, or English Bitter. It was mentioned that a member of VAWA had suggested that we should drop Beer as a category altogether which brought a vociferous response from the delegates present in favor of retaining the beer classes . Charles Plant pointed out the article in the current Grapevine by Tom Robinson who offered an opinion that there really was a substantial support and some very good reasons for retaining these classes.
 - Vice President - was unable to join us as he was touring BC with relatives from abroad
 - Treasurer - Abe Galtens Comment " Good financial shape Report attached "
 - Chief Steward - John Matkovich expressed regrets and will join us next time
 - Ex Chief Steward - Sonia Garlinge Report on the 97 competition and financial report attached

- National Director - Charles Plant has properly done his homework and has provided us with a very thorough report on the Nationals including a financial statement minutes of the AGM Executive contact list and annual report. Well done Charles.
- Director - Garry Armauni - Away
- Director - Mike Dragini - here in spirit we didnt have time to work out a speakerphone for this meeting.
- Education Committee - Rory Kirby: Rory is looking for people to share their expertise on an interclub basis. His written report is attached.
- Handbook Committee - Charles Plant has submitted a very thoughtful response to the expansion of BCAWA Classes. I am sure it will give everyone pause to consider all the implications of adding more classes to the Provincial Competition

8 Old business

Report on National competition (VAWA Delegate) (See Charles Plant Report Above)
98 Competition Vinovan Hosting(See earlier Motion)

9 New Business

- Internet Site to be a repository for reference information held by BCAWA
- INTERNET SITE ADDRESS : bcawa@usa.net
- Host for next general council meeting will be Vancouver Amateur Winemakers at The Italian Cultural Center at Grandview and Slocan in VANCOUVER at 11:00 AM on Sunday January 24, 1998. The next Executive meeting will be hosted by Leo Poirer 6972 Leland Road Lantzville .BC Saturday December 7, 1997 Time will be governed by the ferry schedules available.

10 Club Reports -

Chilliwack Zymurgy-

Chilliwack has commenced meetings for this year following the pattern of years past. We will be Holding our annual competition and dinner dance on the 28th the last Saturday in February 98. This year the club has decided to go to full medal judging . this should acknowledge all the good wines that are sent to the competition.

Murray Mackie

Italavino Wine Club

In January we held our AGM and election of officers . I was appointed President. we have our monthly meetings on the 3rd Friday of every month except June , July and August. In May we held our annual club dinner with our spouses in attendance. We were treated to a great chicken dinner at the Roma Hall , cooked by Elvira Zecemel, Unfortunately we will miss her now that she has retired and gone back to Italy. In April we had the BARA-VINO (Wine Contest), this was open to club members and also members of the Italian Mutual Aid Society members. In July, the club picnic was held in conjunction with the Italian Mutual Aid Society Picnic. A great time was had by all. In September we held our annual Grape Stomp. We had eight teams participating with some 400 onlookers and record amounts of food being sold in the Hall. This years event was broadcasted on Rogers Cablevision, Channel 20 the event was held outdoors in the parking lot. The winning team this year was the " GRAPE CRUSADERS " 2nd was " WINE DOCTORS" and 3rd was the " TWO STEPPERS". Our next major event will be the Christmas Party at the Roma Hall.

Larry Racanello (President)

VINOVAN Wine Club

We started our year with some substantial effort to make technical education a larger part of our meeting structure to help some of our newer members meet the challenges of amateur winemaking. We also placed our Grape order for Okanagan Grapes by February. On member remarked that it was an amazing feat to get thirty winemakers to agree to anything. In July Chris and Stan Butcher returned from their 6 month trek in the Orient and they Hosted a feast fit for a King " Gourmet Dinner " with complimentary wines chosen by Dave Richards. many expressed surprise at the serving of a Tio Pepe Sherry with Vichychoise but found the combination was delightful. Over the summer we have had some good news and some bad news. Unfortunately, Ed Hoddinott one of our members who is widely known in the amateur winemaking community suffered a stroke that paralyzed his left side. He has recently taken up residence in the Evergreen Pavilion (behind Lions Gate Hospital) where he will be undergoing Physio to see if he can regain more movement. Ed was a powerhouse within our club and

we will all miss his efforts on behalf of the club. For the good news, our BCAWA rep and Grapevine Correspondent, Marg Kerry got early retirement vowed to spend more time with her grandchild travelling with Keith and thinking about winemaking. I as well took on some new responsibilities as Secretary of BCAWA as well as Competition Steward for VINOVAN. Vinovan is also trying to contribute to the efforts of Clem Joyce and Frank Morwood-Clark to train Judges for the lower mainland and four of our members have signed up to do the training for the BC Guild of Wine Judges. Our next major Event will probably be a toss up between the arrival of the three tons of grapes we have ordered from the Okanagan and our annual Dinnerdance and Competition on November 1. In speaking to Bill Collings the other night it looks like the grapes might even arrive after November 1.
Rob Belanger

Meeting Adjourned

Next Major Event " Vinovan Competition & Dinner November 1, 1997)

Attendance Record

- Larry Racanello Italavino
- Shirley Mackie Glenmore Wine Circle
- Murray Mackie Chilliwack Zymurgy
- Charles Plant VAWA
- Jack Ziebart Naniamo
- Rory Kirby Holy Cross Winemakers
- Mike Roman VAWA
- Abe Gaitens VAWA
- Leo Poirer BCAWA President(NANIAMO WINEMAKERS)
- Rob Belanger BCAWA Secretary(VINOVAN)

Some Thoughts on The BCAWA Class Structure.

Once upon a time, a feisty little wine club called "EVE" - East Vancouver Enologists started an invitational competition, in which only a single grape variety was permitted. The grape was Zinfandel and the competition was called the "Zin-In".. Sadly, EVE and the Zin-In are no more.

However, there are plenty of strictly varietal classes available to winemakers in the competitions of various clubs, notably VINOVAN and the Nanaimo Amateur Winemakers.

These situations were and are made possible by the fact that Competitors may enter the BCAWA Provincial Competition directly, without having to first (as is the case in Ontario) place in their own club competition.

The BCAWA Provincial Competition, on the other hand, must be more accommodating in its class structure. There must be a place for *every* varietal conceivable. Hence the class structure which is essentially by *purpose* rather than by *ingredient*.

Moreover, for the winners, the Provincial is the stepping stone to the National.

A further word about Ontario. Its club members must place in club competitions before moving on to the AWO Provincial. This undoubtedly puts constraints on those competitions. They could hardly be invitational, such as ours are, and their classes I presume are dictated by the Provincial, which ours need not be.

The AWO Provincial Classes in Red and White Grape are as follows:

Red

Cabernet Family
Pinot / Gamay
Red Hybrid
Other Red
Ontario Red Grape
Red Concentrate

White

Chardonnay
Riesling
White Hybrid
Other White
Ontario White Grape
White Concentrate

If you look at the accompanying list of ingredients entered in the 1997 BCAWA Red Table, Class C; BC Red Grape, Class K; White Table, Class D; and BC White Grape, Class L, you can see this wouldn't work for BC.

Looking at the ingredient lists, I can see no obvious and equitable way of dividing the Red and White Grape classes into *classes by variety*. This was the case when we first looked at the possibility in 1994 and 1995. Things haven't changed.

A suggestion has been made that opening up the Red and White Table classes into Varietal classes would increase the enthusiasm of BCAWA Members. I suggest the numbers show lots of enthusiasm for the *competition* already. I doubt such a move would increase the attendance at Council Meetings for instance, but that's another matter.

Whatever changes we make or don't make to the Provincial Competition Class structure, I feel that the BCAWA Competition must accommodate what member winemakers are actually making now rather than structure classes to fit the ideas of people who think they better know what members *ought* to be making.

Concerning the Red and White Table Classes and the BC Grape Classes, recall that recently there was a proposal that a given wine could be entered in only one class. Under this rule, a wine made from BC grapes could have been entered in the appropriate Table Class or the BC Class, but *not both*. The proposal was soundly defeated. Do we wish to revisit this whole question?

Under the present system, judging all the Red and White Classes uses 16 judging slots. If Judges work a morning and an afternoon class, that makes 8 Judges.

We still have a shortage of competent Judges. Sonia Garlinge will tell you that things were pretty tight at the 1997 Provincial. We cannot open up a whole bunch of new classes, and expect to find Judges for them easily.

Finally, consider that when a club such as Nanaimo sets up a complex system of varietal classes (they even offered, in 1997, to create new varietal classes *on the spot* if numbers warranted) that competition has the same well of expertise to draw from year after year. Next year, the Provincial will be hosted by VINOVAN; the year after that, by Revelstoke. Always a different club with different resources and different amounts of experience. If we make the Provincial Competition excessively complicated to run, we might well run out of volunteer Clubs to host it.

Charles Plant
BCAWA Handbook Committee
October 5 1997

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes - DECEMBER EXECUTIVE MEETING

Date - Sunday December 7, 1997

Place - 6972 Leyland Road, Lantzville, BC

Time - 10.30 AM

Host - Rob Belanger

Members present:

- Leo Poirier
- Jack Ziebart
- Abe Gaitens
- Helmut Berner
- Rory Kirby
- Rob Belanger
- John Matkovich

- 1 Minutes from The last executive meeting were read By Rob Belanger
- 2 John motioned to adopt the minutes as read . Jack Ziebart seconded the motion
- 3 The Silver Pin Award was left to Jack Ziebart to complete
- 4 John Matkovich gave a verbal and written report on what has been accomplished to date on the 98 Provincial Competition. He has a very thorough outline of the functions and the deadlines by which these tasks must be completed.
- 5 Rob Belanger lead a discussion with the executive on the possibility of some judging rule changes for the next competition. An executive committee was struck to reserch and outline the pros and cons of changes so that the member clubs may have a basis for discussion with their membership. The committee members are Rory Kirby Rob Belanger and Jack Ziebart. A written Proposal to be sent to member clubs along with the Agenda for the next general meeting January 25,1998 so that it may be discussed at a club level and the club reps may present a distillation of their members views at the meeting.
- 6 Helmut and Rob led a discussion on liquor licensing and executive liability. It seems club executives under current law are not able to avoid responsibility under the Societies Act. With this In mind a letter has been drafted to the LCB to define our status under the Act. It seems that what we do when we meet in private homes it is

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completely legal under the Act but when we move to a larger venue IE: church hall or other similar location the Liquor Act is unclear or ambivalent on our status. We have since received a letter from the LCB Licensing Administrator Acknowledging our problem and agreeing to respond . In a telephone conversation he seemed to feel that we would get a response very early in the New Year.

- 7 Abe Gaitens said Bank balance to date was Approx \$ 8500 after deducting reserves of 2932.05. Rob was given an advance of \$ 200. to cover expenses for office supplies and printing and Ferry Fares Reciepts to be provided later.
- 8 Rory Kirby reported on the work underway in the Education Committee and the executive agreed that he should move to the next stage.
- 9 Meeting Adjourned 1:45 PM.