

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Minutes of General Meeting

February 13th, 2000 at Harewood Activity Centre, Nanaimo

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner called the meeting to order at 10.32am and welcomed those in attendance

2. Toast by the Host Club

George Gibson offered a toast from the Host Club, Nanaimo Winemakers.

3. Attendance

There were 14 in attendance representing 9 clubs.

4. Approval Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the addition of 18a: Host Club for Provincials 2001

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

Murray Mackie/Bill Trory

"To accept the minutes of the September 26th 1999 meeting as circulated."

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes: None

7. Correspondence: None

8. New Business

The position of Education Director is vacant with the resignation of Patti Grand. Helmut Berner suggested that an Education Committee might better handle this. It was noted that at the AGM in 1998, that the number of Directors was changed to a maximum of 12 and that one of these positions was the Education Director. It was recommended that expectations/job description be developed for this position as it has a budget attached to it. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Executive for further action.

9. Handbook Committee

Rob Belanger reported for this committee and distributed a handout showing the proposed revisions to the Handbook. He reviewed the situation re trophies for the new classes, retirement of trophies for the now retired classes and asked for input from the Clubs on these items.

Members then announced that, with the approval of the Executive, the following trophies would be donated for the following new classes:

Class C1, Bordeaux

Devine Winemakers

Class C3, Zinfandel

Vinovan Wine Club

Class D1, Chardonnay

Nanaimo Winemakers

Any club(s) wishing to donate a trophy should contact Helmut Berner for information.

Peter Howe requested, and it was accepted, that the alcohol levels of red table, all classes, be raised to 13 ½%.

10. New Varietal Classes Report

George Gibson gave this report for the committee. It was agreed that alcohol level for Chardonnay also be raised to 13 ½ %. George stressed the need for the new varietal information to be circulated to each club and that they be reviewed at a club meeting so that members understand the new classes. If possible, these should be posted on web site. It is also necessary to have full ingredient labeling this year that will require a new entry form being designed.

11. AWC Report

George Gibson has informed the AWC President that BC wishes to host the 2001 National Competition. Nanaimo Winemakers volunteered to be this host. He has also informed them of the new varietal classes being used in BC. There was considerable discussion re judges judging their own wine at the 1999 Nationals. President Helmut advised all that he has written to AWC expressing our concerns and displeasure that this took place in 1999.

Moved/Seconded

Mike Farkas/Peter Howe

“That no judge should judge their own wine an a BCAWA competition.”

Carried

12. Provincial Steward Report

Peter Howe introduced Colin Nicholson, Chair of the Competition, who reported on the progress with arrangements to date. All committees are in place with most duties accomplished. Full information will be in March Grapevine, on web site and in mail to all clubs shortly.

Peter Howe then reported on entry forms, class definitions, competition regulations, accommodation, and social events and stressed that the symposium was under a different committee totally independent from the competition committee. With the introduction of the new classes, he recommends a full review of the classes at the club level as well as the requirements for full ingredient labeling. Judges will be contacted for availability etc. It was clarified that ½ bottles may be used except for red and white table classes.

13. Guild of Wine Judges Report

Bill Pearson presented this as follows:

Guildmaster's Report to BCAWA

The **BCAWA** executive requested a report from the B.C. Guild of Wine Judges with their suggestions re: a more formal relationship between the two organizations.

The Guild submits the following suggestions to BCAWA for consideration:

1. The B.C. Guild of Wine Judges should be an affiliate of BCAWA with a representative on the BCAWA executive.
2. The main purpose of the guild will continue to be to train and maintain a pool of wine judges for BCAWA competitions.
3. The guild will continue to respond to BCAWA's requests for information/suggestions re: competitions, wine classes, etc.
4. BCAWA should continue to financially assist the Guild with some expenses such as those related to judges' traveling and training.
5. Funds received from BCAWA will be properly accounted for and reported to BCAWA.

6. The B.C. Guild of Wine Judges should not pay dues to B.C.A.W.A.

Support was expressed for this report. Mike Farkas stated that these points would be included in the revisions to the Bylaws being prepared for the AGM.

On behalf of the Guild, Bill thanked BCAWA for the financial assistance for judges training.

14. Operating Manual Report

Mike Farkas gave the reasons for having this manual in that it will allow changes to the Manual being made which will in turn not require changes to the Bylaws and that it brings together in one place information and procedures for running BCAWA.

15. Mainland symposium

Helmut Berner reported that a multi club committee has been formed, a location determined but that the date continues to be a problem. Considerable discussion, without resolution, took place re the merits of planning for November or January. The committee will further review this with a recommendation coming to the next BCAWA Executive meeting.

16. Financial Report

John Matkovich reminded all that our fiscal year is June 1st to May 31st and that he will present notice to all clubs at the AGM regarding this with the intention of receiving payment for dues in September. He will also make it clear that if a couple pays for two memberships at their club, then they must pay for 2 BCAWA dues, i.e. the dues are per member not per couple. To date, 8 clubs are remiss in their dues resulting in an A/R estimated at \$420. An advance of \$1000 will be made to Sannich for the competition. The financial situation is on budget with the exception of one small item.

17. Retiring of Ministry of Agriculture Trophy

Helmut Berner gave the history of this trophy and outlined the reasons for retiring it.

Moved/Seconded

Bill Pearson/Mike Farkas

“That the BC Ministry of Agriculture Trophy be retired.”

Carried

18. Provincial Host for 2001

As there is no host club as yet for the 2001 Provincial, Helmut Berner stated that a host is being sought. Bill Trory offered that Vinovan would host subject to approval by the club members.

19. Next Meeting

Next meeting is the AGM on May 22nd, 2000 hosted by Sannich Sommeliers.

20. Adjournment

President Helmut Berner thanked the Nanaimo Winemakers for hosting the meeting and for an excellent lunch. Chilliwack asked to host the Fall General Meeting.

Moved/Seconded

Murray Mackie/Colin Nicholson

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Carried.

Time of adjournment, 1.07pm.

Moira Jaatteenmaki,

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of Executive Meeting
April 2nd, 2000

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10.24am.

2. Attendance

Executive Members: Helmut Berner, Mike Farkas, Patti Grand, George Gibson, John Matkovich, Rob Belanger, Moira Jaatteenmaki, Leo Poirier, Mike Dragani.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the addition of the following item: Approval of New Classes by Executive.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. The Minutes of the Executive Meeting of January 16th were approved as circulated.
- b. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 13th were received as circulated

5. Business Arising from the Executive Minutes

Items will be covered under Agenda Items.

6. Correspondence

Letter of Resignation from Charles Plant and Sal Robinson. To be covered under New Business

7. Old Business

7.1 Constitution and Bylaws

Mike Farkas reviewed the changes to these. It was decided that the position of Education Director would be filled from one of the Directors-at-large and that the job description would be incorporated into the Operating manual.

Changes have to be presented to the AGM for approval. This requires a special resolution requiring 14 working days notice. All comments/changes are to be communicated to Mike by April 23rd. A hard copy together with Notice of Meeting will then be ready for mailing by May 1st by Moira.

7.2 Presentation to Jack Ziebart

George has purchased 5 bottles of red wine and will personally present them to Jack.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Notice of Motion

Was withdrawn by Mike Farkas.

8.2 Appointment of Handbook Committee

Rob agreed to be on this committee, George declined and Patti and John agreed. These appointments are in effect until AGM.

Moved/Seconded

Patti Grand/ Leo Poirier

"That the resignations of Charles Plant and Sal Robinson be accepted with regret,"

Carried.

Helmut will write a letter expressing our regret over the resignations and appreciation for contributions and past service.

9. Business from February Council Meeting

9.1 Handbook Report

Rob circulated a letter from Shirley Mackie, which included his replies. Patti has also responded.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/ George Gibson

*"That the interim modifications to the BCAWA Handbook for the 2000 Provincials be accepted."
Carried.*

After considerable discussion it was agreed that recommendations regarding caring for the wines during the process of judging will be communicated to Saanich.

9.2 Guild Representative on Executive

Covered under changes to Bylaws.

9.3 Mainland Symposium Report

Helmut reported that 150 people can be accommodated and that startup funds are required.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/ Patti Grand

*"That the Treasurer be permitted to spend up to \$1000 for start-up funds with this coming from Education Fund."
Carried.*

Members were advised of an offer from a member of Nanaimo Winemakers to purchase a significant number of wineglasses and then rent them to, among others, BCAWA, thus ensuring a dependable source for these glasses. It was decided that no commitment will be made at this time but it will be kept in mind.

9.4 Approval of New Trophies

New trophies are subject to approval by the Executive. Photos of these are to be distributed via E-mail and then voted on.

9.5 2001 Host for Provincial

Helmut will have a reply from club asked to host this by time of AGM.

10. Financial Statement

John reviewed the latest statements. All budget items are on track. We have 580 members in 20 clubs with memberships ranging from 3 to 78. The issue of paying for couples or singles is still unresolved.

Considerable discussion then took place re the distribution of the \$2400 to the Guild as to amount per trainee and requirement if any for membership in Guild. It was agreed that each active trainee would receive an amount for expenses with the balance going to the Guild for future programs. This balance will be accounted for.

11. Nominations Committee

Leo polled the members as to their standing for re-election. All agreed to stand again except for Mike Dragani.

12. AWC Report

George asked for assistance with travel to Calgary for the AWC.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/ Mike Farkas

*“That \$200 be allocated for travel expenses for George to attend the AWC in Calgary.”
Carried*

George also expressed his concern that Saanich has not included requirements for full ingredient labeling for entries and that could lead to problems with placing wines in correct classes.

13. Next Executive Meeting

Will be at decided by new Executive.

14. Adjournment

Helmut thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that the teleconference had gone smoothly.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/ Mike Farkas

*“That this meeting be adjourned.”
Carried.*

Time of adjournment was 12.25pm

Moira Jaatteenmaki
Secretary

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

May 22nd, 2000 at Pro Patria Royal Canadian Legion, 411 Gorge Street E, Victoria

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner called the meeting to order at 10.00am and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Toast by the Host Club

Peter Howe from the Host Club, Saanich Sommeliers, offered a toast to deeper thought and greater wisdom.

3. Attendance

There were 13 voting delegates present as follows: Bacchus Alumni, Margaret Fairholm; Chilliwack Zymurgy, Murray Mackie; Devine Winemakers, Patti Grand; Glenmore Wine Circle, Shirley Mackie; Holy Cross Winemakers, Rory Kirby; Italian Canadian Winemakers, Bert Garbuio; Kamloops Wine Association, Art Hooper; Nanaimo Winemakers, Jack Ziebart; Revelstoke Winemakers, Ed Jaatteenmaki; Saanich Sommeliers, Colin Nicholson; Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association, Bill Collings; Victoria Winemakers, Gary Chater; Vinovan Wine Club, Bill Trory. In addition, there were 23 non-voting representatives present for a total attendance of 36.

4. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with one change: Agenda items 8 and 9 to be discussed after Agenda Item 13.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 13th, 2000

There being no objections, the minutes were declared approved as circulated.

6. Business Arising from Minutes: None

7. Correspondence

The Secretary read the letter of resignation from the Handbook Committee from Charles Plant and Sal Robinson. Helmut Berner reported that Patti Grand had resigned from the position of Education Director in January.

8. National Director's Report

George Gibson spoke to his report, which is attached.

Moved/Seconded

George Gibson/Bill Collings

"That the decision of the AWC to increase the entry fee to \$4 for the AWC competition be accepted."

Carried.

George was given the mandate to discuss and propose items 2 and 3 on his report at the AWC meeting. Concerns were expressed by various speakers re full ingredient labeling, uniformity and conformity of judging, numbers of judges available, system used for judging and the situation in Manitoba in 1999 whereby some judges judged classes containing their own entries. George will address those concerns in Calgary on our behalf.

9. Lower Mainland Symposium

Helmut Berner reported that two meetings have been held to date to plan this. Concerns were raised regarding two symposiums being held with possible conflicts with speakers and sponsors. It was suggested that this be referred to as the BCAWA Symposium as opposed to the Lower Mainland Symposium, that in future the location not be restricted to the Lower Mainland and that one symposium per year be held as opposed to two.

Moved/Seconded

Patti Grand/ Sandy Kirk

"That BCAWA and VIAWA meet for the possibility of joining for the purpose of an annual symposium and to establish a date. "

Carried.

10. Financial Statement

John Matkovich gave his report that is attached. In answer to a question, John stated that \$80 had been given to all who attended 5 out of the 6 judge training sessions. i.e. 14 people. Due to variations in year-ends with member clubs, dues notices will be mailed to all clubs September 1st to try to bring consistency to the payment of BCAWA dues.

Moved/Seconded

Rory Kirby/Patti Grand

"That the Financial report be accepted."

Carried.

11. Report of the Chief Steward

Peter Howe reported that 491 entries had been received and that the finances were looking positive. Compliments received re the events of the whole weekend are appreciated. He will have a complete report that will cover difficulties experienced and offer solutions that should provide good advice for the Handbook. The calculations have been completed for the Underhill Trophy that is awarded to the winemaker who accumulates the most marks for BC red wine in BCAWA sanctioned competitions throughout the year. With 60.204 points the winner is Mike Dragani/ Mary Jeraj of Revelstoke Winemakers Guild.

The problem was raised whereby a medal awarded in flight judging is lost when wine advances to finals and is then not awarded any medal.

Moved/Seconded

Patti Grand/ Gary Chater

"That BCAWA establish a committee to investigate this problem and report back to next meeting."

Defeated.

12. Host for 2001 Provincial Competition

Kamloops has been requested to host this competition.

13. Handbook Committee Report

Rob Belanger reported on the procedures followed to incorporate the Varietal classes into the Handbook. He stressed the requirement for an open and inclusive process to take place to incorporate changes to the Handbook.

Moved/Seconded

Murray Mackie/Patti Grand

"That the Handbook Committee (Charles Plant, Sal Robinson, Rob Belanger, George Gibson) be thanked and that the Handbook be returned to the Committee for completion at this time."

Carried.

Changes to the Handbook Committee will be presented by the Executive to Council for approval.

Helmut Berner expressed appreciation to Mike Farkas and George Gibson for the Guild training program this year.

14. Notice of Motion – Kamloops Winemakers Association

Moved/Seconded

Reg Campbell/Rory Kirby

“Where as the "MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HOME WINE MAKING COMPETITION AWARD” for the BEST BC RED & BC WHITE WINES, is of historical significance to our provincial organization and is more relevant than ever in promoting the goals of amateur wine making

It is moved that this trophy be re-instated for the 2000 competition and as this is a large sized trophy that is difficult to transport around the province to the homes of the two winners each year without the risk of loss or damage, that this trophy be placed in the Wine Museum in Kelowna for permanent safekeeping, and that the winners of this award receive certificates or small keeper trophies along with a photo of the original trophy recognizing their achievements and that the creator of this trophy, John Vielvoye of Kelowna, who has made arrangements with the Wine Museum in Kelowna, assisted by Kamloops Winemaker Assoc. members Bill Rideout and Ron Edward, arrange for the transport of the trophy to the Wine Museum and ensure that it is properly displayed.”

Carried

Information on this trophy has been posted on the website.

15. Changes to By-Laws – Special Resolution

Moved/Seconded

Mike Farkas/Patti Grand

“That the required number of days required for a Special Resolution be waived and that the By-Law changes be discussed and voted on today.

Defeated.

16. New Business

Moved/Seconded

Rory Kirby/Patti Grand

“That an informal discussion be held as a committee of the whole, after the meeting is adjourned, on changes to the By-Laws.”

Carried.

17. Other Business

Ed Jaatteenmaki announced that Revelstoke Winemakers Guild would donate a trophy for the Provincial Competition for a Varietal class. Appreciation was expressed to Revelstoke.

18. Elections

Leo Poirier as Past President conducted the elections.

Moved/Seconded

Bill Collings/Art Hooper

"That a nomination for an absent nominee must be supported by a letter from the nominee agreeing to the nomination."

Carried.

President	:	Helmut Berner
Vice-President	:	Murray Mackie
Secretary	:	Moira Jaatteenmaki
Treasurer	:	John Matkovich
Chief Steward	:	Peter Howe (see note below)
National Director	:	George Gibson
Directors at Large	:	Bill Collings, Rob Belanger, Mike Dragani

Note: The position of Chief Steward is filled from the host club for the next Provincial Competition. As no host is confirmed as yet, then the current Chief Steward, Peter Howe, will continue in the position until a host is confirmed.

Helmut Berner announced that Charles Plant had agreed to continue as archivist.

19 Thanks to Host Club

On behalf of all present and all who attended and participated in the events of May 20th - 22nd, Rob Belanger expressed appreciation to Saanich Sommeliers for being wonderful hosts. Many thanks to Competition Chairman, Colin Nicholson, and Chief Steward, Peter Howe, for all their efforts and to all the Committee Chairs and their many volunteers for a job well done. Rory Kirby thanked the other assisting clubs and their members.

20. Next Council Meeting

This will be in Chilliwack on September 24th at 10.30am in the small Foresters Hall at corner of Alder and Vedder Road, next to Foresters Hall.

21. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

Colin Nicholson/Murray Mackie

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Carried.

Time of adjournment - 12.25pm.

Moira Jaatteenmaki,
Secretary

Attachments : AWC Director's Report
Financial Statements

May 21, 2000

AWC Director's Report

The AWC National Competition will be held at Bow Catering in Calgary, July 8, 2000. The Chief Steward is John Derijk, 403-938-5487, derijk@cybersurf.net

Entries must reach Calgary by June 24. Rob Belanger and Colin Nicholson have agreed to serve as drop locations, bottles to reach them no later than June 10. I distributed the AWC labeling package to winners present last night and I will mail it immediately to the others.

The Calgary organizers state that :

Wines may be entered in 375, 750, or 1000 ml bottles.

Cider is to be in 340 to 1000 ml bottles.

Beer is to be in 340 ml bottles and 2 bottles of each entry are required. Winnipeg asked for 2 bottles last year and most BC competitors refused to comply. I shall discuss this issue with the BC brew classes winners.

I was informed Thursday that the entry fee would be \$4.00 per bottle (\$4.00 per entry in brews). I have informed Ed Thibault that arbitrarily increasing the fee is unacceptable but I need direction from you in the form of a motion.

I shall be attending the Calgary competition. If there is an AGM with a quorum I intend to present the following motions:

1. That the entry fee for 2001 be \$5.00.
2. That the AWC introduce at least 3 new varietal classes for competition 2001. Suggested are Bordeaux Style Dry Red, Pinot Family Dry Red, and Chardonnay.
3. That the AWC introduce medal judging for competition 2001.

The 2001 AWC National Competition will be held in Nanaimo on Saturday, August 25.

MOTION: That the BCAWA accepts the fee of \$4.00/bottle for entries to the Calgary competition.

MOTION: To accept this report.

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Treasurers Report As of May 31, 2000

Cash:

Cash Balance as at May 31, 1999	\$ 5,612.73
Late Club Dues June99	\$ 130.00

Total Cash:

\$ 5,742.73

Inventory

Provincial Competition Medals (272)	\$ 1,068.00
Silver Pins (12)	\$ 200.00

Total Inventory:

\$ 1,288.00

Total Cash/Inventory

\$ 7,030.73

Operating Activities 1999/2000 Fiscal Year

Revenues 1999/2000:

Club Dues	\$ 1,490.00
Competition Share-1999	\$ 1,741.56
Miscellaneous (Bank Interest)	\$ 16.73
Competition Advance-Return	\$ 1,000.00
Competition Payment-Medals	\$ 569.37

Total Operating Revenues

\$ 4,817.66

Less Operating Expenses 1999/2000:

Ferry/Travel	\$ 324.25
Secretarial	\$ 644.82
Meeting Rentals	\$ 323.06
Teleconferencing	\$ 161.14
Provincial Annual Filing Fee	\$ 40.00
National entry cost	\$ 589.24
Loan to Sannich for Competition	\$ 1,000.00
Grapevine	\$ 49.50
AWC Dues	\$ 32.00
Education Annual Commitment	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 442.30
Judge Training Subsidy	\$ 2,400.00

Total Operating Expenses

\$ 6,206.31

Net Operating Expense 1999/2000

-\$ 1,388.65

Cash Balance Before Allocations

\$ 5,642.08

Allocations

Education Program	\$ 1,473.30	
Inventory (Medals & Pins)	\$ 1,288.00	\$ 2,761.30

Unallocated Cash Balance May 31, 2000

\$ 2,880.78

Notes to Clubs

Our membership currently is 583 members in 21 clubs. The clubs vary in size from 3 to 78 members.

BCAWA's fiscal year is June 1st to May 31st. Our dues are payable June 1st of each year.

There is some confusion on this because some clubs are under the impression that our dues are payable on January 1st of the following year.

Membership dues are payable to BCABA on a per member basis, not a per couple basis.

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of Executive Meeting
August 13th, 2000

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 1002am.

2. Attendance

Executive Members: In Vancouver: Helmut Berner, George Gibson, John Matkovich, Rob Belanger, Mike Roman, Bill Collings, Murray Mackie. In Revelstoke: Moira Jaatteenmaki and Mike Dragani
Guest: Mike Farkas, Guildmaster, BC Guild of Judges

3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with changes to order of New Business.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/George Gibson

"That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting of April 2nd, 2000 be approved as circulated"
Carried.

The Minutes of the AGM of May 22nd were received as circulated with the comment that it was unfortunate that notes were not available of comments made at group meeting after adjournment.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Handbook Committee Appointments

Helmut stated that suggested composition for this committee is 1 executive member and 2 members from member clubs. Members of the 2000-2001 committee are Rob Belanger (Chair), Sonia Garlinge and Bill Collings.

5.2 Education Committee

Bill Collings is appointed Chair of this committee for a 1 year term.

It was agreed that a motion be introduced at next Council Meeting to establish that Handbook and Education Committees appointments are for a term of one year and are to be reviewed at first executive meeting after AGM.

5.3 Chief Steward's Report

Will be reported under New Business

5.4 Guild Representative on BCAWA Executive

Mike Farkas reviewed a letter sent to the Executive outlining the Guild's proposal re the relationship between the Guild and BCAWA emphasizing that the main thrust of the proposal is to get both organizations working together for the betterment of winemakers and competitions. Discussion followed as to the status of the member on the Executive, method of appointment /election and possible conflict of interest with BCAWA business specifically the funding of training or other programs by BCAWA.

Moved/Seconded

Moira Jaatteenmaki/ John Matkovich

"That the Guild of Judges appoint a representative as a member of the BCAWA Board of Directors and that this member is a full voting member."
Carried.

Implementation of this motion will require a change to the By-Laws. As Secretary will be in Alaska, Murray agreed to draw up required special resolution and forward it to all clubs within required time frame.

5.5 By-Laws

Murray reviewed his Discussion Paper for By-laws Revision

Part 1 – OK in by-laws as is.

Part 2 – Accepted with following additions:

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/George Gibson

"That no more than 20% of the members in the new club can belong to an existing club"
Carried.

And addition to 2.4 of " The general membership notified of all decisions at the next general meeting."

Part 3 –

Terms of Reference for Handbook and Education Committees should be Operating Manual items. Policies and procedures do not belong in By-laws. Numbering between Operating Manual and By-laws must agree. Murray will try to get Policies and Procedures Manual for both committees by Council meeting.

Item 85 – remove amount re medals.

Numbering to be consistent throughout By-laws and changed to avoid major changes in numbers as a result of one minor change in the by-laws. Noted that several clauses that appear to be duplication in whole or part will probably require to be left to satisfy the Societies Act.

6. Correspondence

Secretary has received a nomination for Silver Pin. It was clarified that these are awarded only at time of AGM. Therefore, this will be held pending further nominations and voting done once on all. It was requested that a listing of previous winners be circulated to the web page, Grapevine and with mailings. Nomination forms will be sent to all clubs with mailings.

7. New Business

7.1 Financial Statements

John presented the proposed budget for 2000-2001 with a line-to-line review. He explained the new amount for the Competition share. The bank will now be charging a fee to return cheques, which we require for auditing purposes. Billings for dues will be done in August. Moira will update the calendar in John's absence.

7.2 BCAWA Problems Dialogue

Bill reviewed the summary of comments received for each item. Further comments **included:**

#3 – On the 25th Anniversary of Grapevine a list of all articles to do with winemaking **was compiled.** Would be good to re-issue. Long-term education item could be production of CD with **various articles.**

#4 – Guild Issue. Mike Farkas is confident in 2-3 years there will be sufficient judges **of excellent** standard.

#5 – Secretary will re-establish regular communication with Grapevine. George suggested **that in** between issues of the Grapevine that updates, news items etc. be e-mailed to clubs as a **method of** keeping our members aware of BCAWA activities. Items for distribution are to be **forwarded to** Secretary.

#7 – done

#8 – For Handbook Committee. Noted that the 1998 Handbook is the one in effect **as the revisions added** for 2000 competition were interim.

#9 – Red flagged for attention of the Handbook and Education Committees

Bill was thanked for a very good and thought provoking document.

7.3 2001 Competition

Mike Roman reported that the hall is booked for May 4th and 5th. E-mail is going to be used for registering entries through VAWA web site as well as for stewards and event tickets but payment will not be required over the Internet. This system will facilitate the requirement for full ingredient labeling to ensure that entries get into correct category. Stewards will be required from other clubs. Mike anticipates good support from judges. It was suggested that Mike Farkas be consulted on assignment of judges. Bottle entry fee will remain at \$2.50 per bottle. Wines with faults will be gassed, stored and used for judge training programs.

7.4 BCAWA Symposium

The Notice has been sent out. Budget is based on 100 attendees. Flory Bosa, assisted by John Matkovich, is in charge of silent auction and Rob in charge of stewards.

7.5 National Director

George reported that the Nationals were well run in Alberta. Manitoba will not hold another National event until qualified judges in place. BC's proposals re medal judging, varietal classes and raising fees will be decided by E-mail vote in December. National will be in Nanaimo in 2001, August 25th. BC is prepared to go ahead with some varietal classes in any case and will raise the bottle entry fee. It was also agreed that medal judging would be used. Executive expressed support for George in his proposals.

8.0 Any Other Business

8.1 Executive Minutes

Moved/Seconded

George Gibson/ John Matkovich

"That the minutes of the Executive meeting be approved by E-mail".

Carried.

8.2 Festival of Grapes in Oliver

Bill outlined the winemaking competition held with the festival. All clubs will be circulated with information and Bill will take any wines brought to the Council meeting to Oliver. Restricted to 100% BC grapes.

8.3 VQA Training Programs

Bill has been in contact with Marge King who runs VQA training programs. There is an opportunity to hold a VQA training program on faults in November or December. It was suggested that the Guild would be interested in this. Bill will advise as to firm dates etc.

8.4 Nominations Committee

Murray raised the issue of the nominations being posted in August. Mike Farkas explained the rationale for this. It was agreed that the time frame would not work but that a list of candidates should be circulated in advance of the AGM. Murray will make changes to the Operating Manual.

9. Next Executive Meeting

Proposed for the first Sunday in February, the 4th.

10. Adjournment

Helmut thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Rob for hosting Vancouver crew.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/George Gibson

"That this meeting be adjourned."

Carried.

BCAWA Executive Meeting

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Time of adjournment was 2.25pm

Moira Jaatteenmaki

Secretary

Minutes amended September 11, 2000

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association Minutes of General Meeting

September 24th, 2000 at Foresters Hall, 7194 Vedder Road, Chilliwack

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner called the meeting to order at 10.40am and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Toast by the Host Club

Corey Padula from the Host Club, Chilliwack Zymurgy, offered a toast in appreciation of wine clubs and their role in winemaking and good fellowship.

3. Attendance

There were 11 voting delegates present as follows: Chilliwack Zymurgy, Murray Mackie; Cup & Key, Frido Profoehr, Devine Winemakers, Patti Grand; Glenmore Wine Circle, Jack Kouwenhoven; Italian Canadian Winemakers, Mike Roman; Langley Fermenters, Wayne Card; Nanaimo Winemakers, Leo Poirier; Revelstoke Winemakers, Moira Jaatteenmaki; Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association, Dave Ewen; Vinovan Wine Club, Sandy Grindlay, Vinters of Coquitlam, Dan Jones. In addition, there were 16 non-voting representatives present for a total attendance of 27.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded *Patti Grand/Jack Kouwenhoven*
"To accept the Agenda as circulated. ≅
Carried.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 22nd, 2000

Moved/Seconded *Leo Poirier/ Bill Collings*
"That the minutes be approved as circulated. ≅
Carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes:

Leo Poirier pointed out the motion in the Minutes of the AGM, section 18, Elections re absentee nominees and asked that this be included into policies.

7. Correspondence

None

8. 2000-2001 Budget

In the absence of Treasurer, John Matkovich, Rob Belanger presented the budget.

Moved/Seconded *Rob Belanger/Sandy Grindlay*
"That the budget be accepted as presented. ≅
Carried.

9. 2001 Chief Steward Report

Mike Roman, Chief Steward, reported that a letter has been E-mailed to club representatives asking for a club e-mail contact for the Competition, explaining the concept of the web site and its use for registering entries and stewards. This system is being used to catch registration problems in

sufficient time to make corrections. There was considerable discussion on this system with concerns on the exclusive use of Internet. It was suggested that normal registration forms be available through the club representative. Individual members will be able to register their wines without going through their club representative if they have Internet access.

Mary Homer has offered to hold training session for stewards prior to the event. Mike stated that all comments and suggestions would be taken to next Competition committee meeting for discussion.

10. Committee Appointments

Bill Collings introduced the committee appointments recommendation from the Executive Meeting of August 13th.

Moved/Seconded

Bill Collings/Leo Poirier

"That Handbook and Education Committees appointments are for a term of one year and are to be reviewed at first executive meeting after AGM. ≅

Moved/Seconded

Leo Poirier/Bill Collings

"That the above motion be amended to read all BCAWA committees. ≅

Carried.

Amended Motion

"That all BCAWA Committee appointments are for a term of one year and are to be reviewed at the first executive meeting after the AGM. ≅

Carried.

11. Report of the Handbook Committee Chair

Rob Belanger stated that the Handbook Committee would be starting to work very shortly. Priority items identified by the Committee are full ingredient labeling, inclusion and refining the descriptions of Varietal classes, handling of large classes and identifying entries to National. Bill Collings quoted a statement from 2000 Chief Steward=s report which identified certain problems caused in part as Athe result of decisions made without due thought≅ and emphasized that all decisions re Handbook revisions must be very carefully thought out.

12. BCAWA Symposium

Helmut Berner reported that essentially everything is in place for the Symposium on January 13th. There are six speakers confirmed covering an excellent range of topics. Information has been distributed, is on the web site and will be in the Grapevine. It was confirmed that transcripts would be available.

13. National Director=s Report

As George Gibson was unable to attend, Mike Farkas read his report.

14. Operating Manual

Murray Mackie reviewed the proposed changes to the Operations Manual.

Under section 3.1 Annual Committees

Add: (h) Education Committee

Under section 3.3(c) Nominations Committee: In the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph that reads:
A This list is to be circulated no later than August prior to the A.G.M.≅

Proposed: Delete: A August≅ and Replace with: A 30 days≅

Moved/Seconded *Rob Belanger/Patti Grand*
"That August be replaced with 60 days≅
Carried

This sentence now reads: A *This list is to be circulated no later than 60 days prior to the A.G.M.≅*

Moved/Seconded *Joan Collings/Sandy Grindlay*
"That under Section 3.3(c) Nominations Committee, the words Ain May≅ be deleted ≅
Carried

Under section 3.3 (g) Handbook Revision Committee
Add the following:

*The committee will consist of at least 3 members with one being a member of the executive.
Members will be appointed annually at the first executive meeting.
Only changes made 6 months prior to an annual competition will effect that year=s competition,
unless it is decided at a general meeting that it is urgent and practical to make the change now.*

Add: Section 3.3 (h) Education Committee

*The Education committee shall be appointed by the executive. It should include at least one
member from the executive and such other members as deemed necessary.
They shall devise and implement methods of education for members and act on proposals
approved by the executive and/or general meetings.
They shall report regularly to the executive and general membership.*

Moved/Seconded *Murray Mackie/Jack Kouwenhoven*
"That amendments to the Operations Manual be adopted.≅
Carried

Frido Profoehr requested that copies of manuals B Operations and Handbook B and **Constitution**
and By-laws be circulated to clubs. These items will be e-mailed to all clubs when updated.

15. Changes to By-Laws B Special Resolution

Murray Mackie reviewed the proposed amendments to the By-laws. These had been **circulated to all**
members 30 days prior to the meeting as required by the By-laws. Changes will require **adoption of**
a Special Resolution, which requires a 75% majority vote to pass.

Each part A, B, C, D, E, F, will be voted on separately. Amendments if necessary **can be made from**
the floor and voted on and then the document as whole will be voted on.

A. *That the numbering be altered to indicate the Part number followed by a decimal and number
for each subsection, that is: Part 1.1, 1.2 and Part 2.1, 2.2 etc. throughout the whole
document.*

B. That in Part 2 - Membership we insert the following subsection with subsequent numbering altered accordingly.

2.3 *To receive membership as a club in the association the following requirements must be met.*

- a. *A request in writing must be sent to the association requesting membership.*
- b. *The association shall provide a membership application form plus a copy of the associations Constitution and By-laws for the applicant to review.*
- c. *The completed application must be returned to the association executive for approval.*
- d. *The new club must have a minimum of six members when applying.*

- e. *No more than 20% of the members in the new club can belong to an existing BCAWA club.*

Moved/Seconded

Patti Grand/Sandy Grindlay

"That in 2.3 e, 20% be changed to 50%. ≅

Carried.

2.4 Applications for membership shall be considered and granted by the executive. The general membership shall be notified of all decisions at the next general meeting.

C. That in Part 3 - Meetings in subsection 3.1 we insert the following phrase after the word *Aheld ≅ at least 3 times each year to include the AGM*

At this point, the members agreed to cover Item 16 on the Agenda before continuing with Item 15.

16. BC Guild of Wine Judges Representative on the Executive

Guildmaster, Mike Farkas, spoke to this item stating that the Guild was originally formed to serve BCAWA as an affiliate not as a member club. This had been previously ignored and the Guild treated as a club. They have now resigned as a member club of BCAWA. The purpose of the Guild is to judge wines for BCAWA. Members feel it is necessary to have a representative on the Executive of BCAWA for communication, contribution to the ongoing revision of the Handbook, input as to procedures on judging at Provincial and to give advice or take questions.

17. Continuation of Agenda Item # 15

D. That in Part 3 - Meetings in subsection 3.7 we insert the following phrase **after the words** *Aimmediate Past President ≅ And the Guild Representative named by the B.C. Guild of Wine Judges*

That in Part 5 - Directors in subsection 5.3 we insert the following **phrase after the words** *ANational Director ≅ BC Guild of Wine Judges Representative*

That in Part 5- Directors subsection 5.4 we *increase the number to 10. Then delete the balance*

of that sentence regarding *or greater number as determined from time to time*

That in Part 7 - Duties of officers subsection 7.10 *we increase the number to 10. Then delete the balance of that sentence regarding or greater number as determined from time to time*

Moved/Seconded **Rob Belanger/Sandy Grindlay**

"That current wording re number of directors be retained. ≅

Defeated.

E. That Part 7 - Duties of Officers in subsection 7.6 (b) we reword this item to read *distribute funds as authorized in the budget accepted by the membership at a general meeting*

F. That Part 9 - Provincial Competition in subsection 9.3 we *delete* the phrase *Ato the value of \$500.*

Moved/Seconded **Murray Mackie/Sandy Grindlay**

"That the changes to the By-Laws of the BCAWA be approved. ≅

Carried unanimously

17. Any Other Business

Bill Collings commented that policy is set at Council meetings even though the By-Laws give sweeping powers to the Executive. He also reminded all that a club may send as many members as it wishes to Council meetings. Only the official delegate may vote but any member may speak and make motions and that clubs should be reminded of that as he felt that several clubs felt that only their delegate could attend.

President Helmut presented Dan and Cathy Jones of Vinters of Coquitlam with the Grapevine trophy as the most winning winemaker for 1999-2000.

Helmut thanked Chilliwack Zymurgy for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

18. Next Council Meeting

Mike Roman on behalf of Italian Canadian Winemakers offered to host the next Council meeting. Date will be announced later.

19. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded **Sandy Grindlay/Bill Collings**

"That the meeting be adjourned. ≅

Carried.

Time of adjournment B 2.00pm

Moira Jaatteenmaki,
Secretary

Attachments: National Director=s Report: Budget



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