

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of Executive Meeting
January 22nd, 2002

1. Welcome by the President

President Murray Mackie welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7.04pm

2. Attendance

Executive Members: In attendance by teleconference Murray Mackie, Helmut Berner, John Matkovich, Bill Collings, Rick Homer, Moira Jaatteenmaki and Bob Jennejohn. Absent: Mike Dragani and Leo Poirier.

3. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by the President with the addition of the following items.

Other Business: Hosting Provincial 2003: Handbook: DeVine Winemakers

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the September 9th, 2001 Executive Meeting had previously been approved by e-mail.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

There will be an open letter in the Grapevine re owners/operators of "U-Brew" premises entering wines in competitions.

6. Correspondence

A letter was received from John Milne with questions and concerns re Serving it Right, objections to increase in dues and questions re use of education funds. Murray and John have both responded to these items sharing their experience with Serving It Right, outlining what BCAWA does and also agreeing that parameters should be established re how and why clubs may access the Education Fund.

7. Financial Statements

John reviewed the financial statements as of December 31st, 2001 noting that everything is on track. A letter will be sent to the clubs outlining the rationale for the dues increase and also advising that an amendment to make this effective June 1st, 2002 will be introduced. Bob and John will work out the procedures for allocating the assistance for judges' travel to the Provincial.

8. Provincial Competition 2002

Bob distributed the minutes of the latest committee meeting prior to this meeting. That was their third meeting. They are working on the registration package, the hall has been booked, the calendar established and alternate transport to and from the events is planned for attendees. The budget is in place and is break even on entries and banquet. The profit will be from the silent auction. Bob confirmed that the Handbook is the latest version.

9. AWC

Murray reported that George will be sending him the information and procedures and that Murray was prepared to do this for the AWC but that he would like someone from the Lower Mainland to be responsible for the shipping of entries. The decision re allocation of entries will be made in February and he will suggest that it be implemented in 2003.

10. Web Site Committee Report

Rick highlighted the report that will be presented at the Council Meeting.

Moved/Seconded

Bill Collings/Rick Homer

"To pay the fee of \$303.44 to secure the BCAWA domain name"

Carried.

11. Symposium 2002 Report

Helmut reported that they are now in final stages of preparation with some rearranging of speakers to accommodate travel arrangements of some participants. 80 tickets have been sold to date which generally represents a break-even situation.

12. BC Guild of Judges

Leo had circulated a report and Murray reviewed highlights of the Executive meeting of the Guild. John said the training program has 17 trainees from 8 different clubs.

13. Education Committee

No report available from Mike. Murray to ask Mike to prepare a report for the Council meeting.

14. Any Other Business

14a. Elections

Helmut as chair of the nominating committee has been unsuccessful in his attempts to obtain a Vice-President. He has a letter in the next Grapevine re member apathy.

14b. 2003 Provincial

Bill and Joan Collings had circulated a letter expressing their concerns re the ICWM proposal for hosting the 2003 Provincial. Consensus was that BCAWA must control the competition, it must be run under our criteria and that May or June is the desired time frame. The ICWM should present a formal proposal for consideration if they wish to host this. Helmut and Murray will collaborate on a letter to ICWC informing them of this. However, it was agreed that at this moment there officially is no host for the Provincial 2003.

14c. Handbook

Gremlins attacked the files! A correction will be emailed to all clubs that will allow them to update their discs. It was suggested that the Handbook should be on the web site.

14d. New Club

Cowichan Valley Winemakers Guild is in the process of completing their application. DeVine Winemakers have withdrawn from BCAWA.

14. Next Executive Meeting

This will be 3 to 4 weeks before the competition in May.

15. Adjournment

Murray thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Moved/Seconded

Bill Collings/John Matkovich

"That this meeting be adjourned."

Carried.

Time of adjournment was 8.25 p.m.

Moira Jaatteenmaki, Secretary

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of General Meeting

February 3rd, 2002 at Roma Hall, Ewen Street, New Westminster

1. Welcome by the President

President Murray Mackie called the meeting to order at 10.03 am and welcomed those in attendance with special welcome to Cindy Kuwert of the Cowichan Valley Wine Guild

2. Toast by the Host Club

Renzo Furlan from the Host Club Italvino offered a toast to BCAWA for continued success.

3. Attendance

The following voting delegates, 13 in all, were present: **Chilliwack Zymurgy**, Gordon Garlinge; **Cowichan Valley Wine Guild**, Cindy Kuwert, **Cup & Key Club**, Frido Profoehr, **Glenmore Wine Circle**, Shirley Mackie, **Italian Canadian Winemakers**, Riccardo Pellizzari; **Italvino**, Renzo Furlan, **Kamloops Winemakers Association**, Bob Jennejohn, **Nanaimo Winemakers**, Leo Poirier; **Revelstoke Winemakers**, Moira Jaatteenmaki; **Saanich Sommeliers**, Rick Homer; **Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association**, Joan Collings; **Vinovan Wine Club**, Sandy Grindlay, **Vintners of Coquitlam**, Sonia Garlinge. In addition, there were 11 non-voting representatives present for a total attendance of 24.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded *Sonia Garlinge/Bob Jennejohn*
"To approve the Agenda as amended."
Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded *Joan Collings/Sonia Garlinge*
"To accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 21st, 2001 as circulated."
Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

Murray stated that this would all be covered under Agenda items.

7. Correspondence:

Murray has replied to a letter from Sunshine Coast re Serving it Right issues and the Education Fund.

8. Financial Statement

John Matkovich highlighted the Financial Statement to December 31st, 2001, noting that expenses and income appeared to be on track. He emphasized that the Education Fund could be accessed by clubs for an education project. For example, in the past these funds have been used to purchase an aroma kit, which is available to all clubs, and to produce videos. The final figure for the Symposium is not known as it depends on final expenses of the speakers.

The following motion was then lifted from the table.

Moved/Seconded *Mike Farkas/Moira Jaatteenmaki*
"That club dues be increased to \$5 per member."

Moved/Seconded *John Matkovich/ Bill Collings*
"That this motion be amended by adding the words 'to be effective June 1st, 2002'."

Considerable discussion then followed re the rationale for this increase. It was questioned whether this motion should go to the AGM for voting. It was pointed out that all clubs had been advised of this motion and that background information had been circulated. In reply to the comment 'What do we get for our \$5?', it was agreed that a list of the benefits and activities of BCAWA will be prepared and circulated. It was noted that BCAWA exists for clubs not vice-versa.

The vote was called on the amended motion which carried with Cup and Key a recorded no vote.

9. AWC Report

As this position is vacant, Murray presented the report. A motion is still upcoming re entries being set at a minimum of 2 per class with the balance being divided among the other classes as each Province chooses.

Murray suggested that if passed that this not be effective until 2003 and that there be a maximum number per class so as not to overload any one class. Other discussion covered that an entry must have medalled in order to qualify and that there would have to be a policy as to how the balance would be distributed.

Murray then called for direction on the following points:

1. Are we in generally in favour of the 2/class with balance as wild cards?
2. Should there be a maximum per class?
3. Date to be effective be 2003.

Consensus was in favour of all items.

Murray commented on the need for revision of the AWC Handbook which is an unwieldy size at 120 pages. He also stated that George will provide all the information for preparation of material and forms for the AWC entries from the Provincial which Murray will handle if needed but he would like someone to co-ordinate the shipping of entries.

10. Provincial Steward Report

Bob Jennejohn reported that the committee is in place with arrangements well advanced. A web site will soon be available. The financial success will depend on the silent auction. Bob expressed his concern that major suppliers of donations for the Silent Auction may not be willing to support the Provincial as they are already "tapped out" by wine clubs on the Lower Mainland. They are in of need more judges and will need stewards. Judges will be billeted if they wish and will receive a free banquet ticket. There is a BCAWA allocation of \$1000 to assist with travel expenses for judges.

11. BC Guild of Wine Judges Report

Leo Poirier reported on the current activities of the Guild. The Guild now has three chapters – Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo. They also have a web site which can be accessed by anyone. Training sessions are underway in Vancouver. Work is underway to gather a supply of homemade wine for tastings. There was a discussion re the selection of commercial wine used for tastings/training with many feeling that it should be restricted to wines from California, Washington and BC. Murray emphasized the importance of the Guild to BCAWA and stated that BCAWA was willing to support the Guild but there must be a proposal and accountability for use of funds. It was recommended that efforts be made to assign trainees to club competitions with Guild judges for experience and training.

12. BCAWA Symposium

Helmut pointed out that the Symposium is an educational function of BCAWA and it is very discouraging that it is poorly supported by BCAWA members. He feels it is ideal for small clubs. Membership apathy makes this a risky financial venture for BCAWA and if it continues then a contingency fund must be established to guard against any future losses. However, it was an excellent symposium with a good mix of speakers of good quality. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Symposium committee and all involved.

13. Education Committee Report

There was no report available from Mike Dragani. Murray asked that anyone with suggestions for educational projects to contact Mike.

14. Web Site

Rick Homer presented this report. The web site started with Jack Ziebart and has now progressed to having its own domain name – bcawa.ca. A questionnaire was distributed for input on the site but only 14 replies were received. Most replies indicated they wanted the site for tips, results and links. The committee recommended that the site be funded and the domain name secured. Rick pointed out that the site will be only as good as information submitted to the web master. This is another way BCAWA assists member clubs.

The new site has a home page with sub pages. All material currently on the web site will be transferred over with some additions. New features for future development include a chat room, bulletin board with Q & A ability, up to 5 email addresses. Email links will be set-up now for President and secretary with Provincial Steward and Symposium Chair suggested for later. It was suggested that old articles, > 2 years old, be archived from Grapevine. This would require permission from Grapevine.

Guidelines re operation and content are yet to be developed and will be presented to the Executive and Council for approval.

15. Any Other Business

Murray asked that members discuss with their clubs the concept of a database of members being available for a fee. This would require the permission of the members. Suggested on the basis that a company would send material to BCAWA for distribution to our database. We would mail it to the members at cost plus a fee. Demand for this service is unknown for now.

2003 Competition: A host is needed and we hope to have a host by AGM.

Election of Officers: Helmut is head of Nomination Committee. Murray announced that he would not seek re-election as President.

17. Thank Host Club

Murray thanked Italvino for hosting the meeting.

18. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM in Kamloops on May 5th, 2002.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12.40pm on a motion by Sandy Grindlay, seconded by Joan Collings. Carried.

Moira Jaatteenmaki,
Secretary

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Minutes of Executive Meeting

April 3rd, 2002

1. Welcome by the President

President Murray Mackie welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8.02pm

2. Attendance

Executive Members: In attendance by teleconference Murray Mackie, Helmut Berner, John Matkovich, Bill Collings, Rick Homer, Moira Jaatteenmaki, Bob Jennejohn, George Gibson and Leo Poirier. Absent: Mike Dragani.

3. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda were: 13b: 2003 Competition; 13c: Elections/Nominations 13d: Nanaimo motions

Moved/Seconded

Leo Poirier/Bob Jennejohn

"To adopt the Agenda as amended"

Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/Bill Collings

"To adopt the minutes of the January 22nd, 2002 meeting"

Carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None that will not be covered under other items.

6. Correspondence

2 e-mails re the web site.

7. Financial Statements

John reviewed the financial statements. The Symposium will probably realize \$1100 depending upon transcript costs. The speakers cost \$2600 against a budgeted amount of \$1500. The overall budget is on track re income and expenses. Clubs will be billed the new dues after the AGM.

8. Provincial Competition 2002

Bob stated that the minutes of the last two meetings had been circulated to the Executive. 34 judges have been confirmed of whom approximately 50% are Guild members or trainees. He suggested that the Guild needs to be more pro-active and even that the Guild might organize the judges for this event. The reply to this was that the Guild does not interfere with the organization of the Competition. They want input but not be pushy. There was discussion re best methods of recruiting judges and getting information from the Guild. Billets for judges are still being recruited. Judges will get free tickets to the banquet and breakfast. Entry forms and ticket information is on the web site and in the Grapevine.

9. AWC

George reported that the AWCC is in Peterborough, Ontario on August 24th. The financial statement for 2001 is now finished. The wild card issue will be discussed under other business. George will prepare packages to hand out at the Provincials and will assist with determining National entries.

10. Web Site Committee Report

Rick was thanked for the great job he and Jack have done with the web site. Rick feels the site will help with contact problems and competition results. Jack still busy with set-up and will get guidelines distributed for discussion at AGM. Any comments/suggestions re the web site should go to Rick.

11. BC Guild of Judges

Leo reported that a meeting will be held on the 12th to change Bylaws and Constitution to reflect the 3 Chapters. He will have a full report by the AGM.

12. Education Committee

No report available from Mike.

John and Rob Belanger would like to put together via the Vinovan Club a workshop with Dianne from Scott Labs on tannins and enzymes and using some of the education funds. There would be a nominal charge of say \$5 to encourage participation. This would cover LM and VI. Possibility of the same event being held in the interior will be explored.

Moved/Seconded

Bill Collings/Bob Jennejohn

"To approve funds up to \$500 for Vinovan Club to arrange the seminar."

Carried.

13. Any Other Business

13a. Wild Card Selection for AWC

George has circulated an e-mail on this subject. It basically states that each category is guaranteed 2 entries then wild cards are selected silver first then bronze. George asked for BC Executive support to participate in the wild card scenario and was informed it had already been agreed to. He also suggested a cap not be placed on entries per category but keep very careful records, wait and see what happens in 2002 and adjust later.

13b. Hosting a Provincial Competition

Helmut received a letter from the ICWC re hosting a Provincial basically asking what we want if they were to host this. They requested an Executive member to attend a meeting for this purpose. John, Murray and Helmut will attend. It was stressed that this must remain a Provincial Competition, not be a fundraiser, and must be run according to our guidelines and principles and on our terms. Vinovan has expressed an interest in the 2003 Provincial.

13c. Elections and Nominations

Helmut is standing for President but is still in charge of nominations. Murray will run the election. We still need a Vice-President and a member at large. Charles Plant will accept the position of archivist.

13d. Nanaimo Motions

George gave notice that the following motions would be presented at the AGM.

Motion 1 – to drop BC Red and White Table classes.

Motion 2: To establish the number of entries per class at the Provincials at a maximum of 2.

Motion 3: That entries must have medalled at a club competition in order to be eligible for entry to the Provincial.

14. Next Executive Meeting

At the call of the President in the Fall.

15. Adjournment

Murray thanked everyone for attending the meeting and adjourned it at 9.27pm.

Moira Jaatteenmaki, Secretary

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

May 5th, 2002 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall, 635 Tranquille Road, Kamloops

1. Welcome by the President

President Murray Mackie called the meeting to order at 9.25am and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Toast by the Host Club

Bob Jennejohn from the Host Club, KWA, offered a toast to wine.

3. Attendance

There were 11 voting delegates present as follows: **Chilliwack Zymurgy**, Gordon Garlinge; **Glenmore Wine Circle**, Shirley Mackie; **Kamloops Wine Association**, Bob Jennejohn; **Langley Fermenters**, Axel Kroitzsch; **Nanaimo Winemakers**, Mike Farkas; **Revelstoke Winemakers**, Mike Dragani; **Saanich Sommeliers**, Mary Homer; **Sunshine Coast**, John Milne; **Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association**, Joan Collings; **Vinovan Wine Club**, Sandy Grindlay; **Vintners of Coquitlam**, Don Kellett. In addition, there were 21 non-voting representatives present for a total attendance of 32.

4. Approval of Agenda

The following was added to the Agenda – 13d – Vinovan Motion

Moved/Seconded *John Milne/Bill Collings*
"That the Agenda be approved as amended."
Carried.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 4th, 2002

Moved/Seconded *Joan Collings/Sandi Grindlay*
"That the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 3rd, 2002 be approved."
Carried.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

George Gibson has returned to the position of National Director.

7. Correspondence

- a. By E-mail – Black Sage Grape Growers price list for the 2002 season.
- b. By E-mail – Notice of Amateur Winemakers' Competition at 6th Annual Festival of the Grape (Oliver)
- c. Notice of Education Session, Sunday June 30th, Annacis Island. This "Event Not to be Missed" is being offered instead of the Symposium which has not been well attended by BCWA members. It is hoped that this reasonably priced, high quality event will attract more members. It was noted that Island and Interior clubs could organize similar events and that BCWA would be able to contribute some funding.

8. Treasurer's Report

John Matkovich spoke to his report, which is attached, noting in particular that the revenue from the Symposium (\$1000) and the Provincial Competition 2001 (\$600) are the funds that keep the Association going. Club dues even when raised to \$5 do not cover administrative costs. He noted that BCWA dues must be paid in order to enter BCWA competitions i.e. by October to enter Vinovan Competition. Changes to membership this year are the loss of Devine Winemakers and Comox and the addition of Sunshine Coast and Cowichan Valley.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/Axel Kroitzsch

"That the Financial report be accepted."

Carried.

9. National Directors Report

George Gibson spoke to his attached report including three motions he wished to submit to the ACW AGM from BCAWA. The motions were ruled out of order due to the membership not having a chance to discuss the motions. It was suggested that they be circulated and direction be brought to the Fall Council Meeting.

10. Report of the Chief Steward

Bob Jennejohn spoke in behalf of Linda Kouwenhoven.

Ups: 1. Entry/registration program forwarded by Mackies worked wonderfully

2. Good venue selection

3. Ticket sales good – 211 for dinner

Downs: 1. No time during medal/trophy presentations for comments from judges

2. Shuttle bus – a problem to organize but a great idea. Some felt \$10 was a little steep and didn't use service. Perhaps add to banquet cost and spread out cost?

3. Recruiting of judges – suggest having a Guild member on organizing committee so that the Guild would have a more pro-active approach to participation.

11. BC Guild Of Wine Judges

Leo Poirier reported that the establishment of Chapters is being smoothed out. Elections will be held on June 2nd.

12. Web Site Committee

Rick Homer spoke and Murray thanked him for his leadership on this project.

a. Rick noted that Jack Ziebart did all the work updating the site.

b. The Committee is looking for feedback on the draft "Guidelines for Web Steward". It is also possible for club pages to be incorporated into the site.

c. Jack continues to ask clubs to send in their competition results. Hopefully there will be a form available so Jack doesn't have to retype everything

d. It is up to clubs as to how/what kind of member information is included.

13. Any Other Business

a. Aroma Kit

Mike Farkas reported that usage is up and is encouraging further use. On request, he will compile 6-7 aromas - for example relevant to a chardonnay tasting - and courier COD to clubs. Mike can be contacted through e-mail address on website.

b. Three motions were submitted by Nanaimo Winemakers in advance.

Motion 1 – to drop BC Red and White Table classes. George Gibson spoke for the motion indicating that the main reason was to simplify decisions re entries for the Nationals. Motion was defeated.

Motion 2 : To establish the number of entries per class at the Provincials at a maximum of 2. Motion carried.

Motion 3: That entries must have medalled at a club competition in order to be eligible for entry to the Provincial. Motion defeated.

c. Motion By Vinovan: To change the breaking points for medals – 17 gold, 15 silver and 13.5 bronze. This was tabled to the Fall Council Meeting so that clubs would have opportunity to discuss it.

d. Competition Schedule

Bill Collings reminded all that the competition schedule should be set at the AGM and would be as follows:

June 2, 2002	Langley
November 2, 2002	Vinovan
January 25, 2003	Saanich
February 22, 2003	Chilliwack
March 1, 2003	Langley/Coquitlam
March 15, 2003	Nanaimo
Late April, 2003	Kamloops
May 16,17, 2003	Provincial (Vinovan) Date to be confirmed
June 7, 2003	Langley

It was noted at this time that Helmut and John have met with the Italian Canadian Winemakers and have a verbal agreement that they will host the 2004 Provincials. ICW agreed that ticket sales will be limited, the split of profits is yet to be negotiated, the Handbook will be followed and a member will attend the 2003 competition to observe.

14. Elections

Helmut Berner as Past President conducted the elections.

President	:	Helmut Berner
Vice-President	:	John Milne
Secretary	:	Moira Jaatteenmaki
Treasurer	:	John Matkovich
Chief Steward	:	John Matkovich
National Director	:	George Gibson
Directors at Large	:	Bill Collings, Rick Homer, Mike Dragani

15. Handbook Committee

Bill Collings is currently in charge of this non-existent committee. He noted the carried motion re 2 entries per class will have to be incorporated into the Handbook.

16. Appointment of Archivist

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

17 Thanks to Host Club

Murray thanked Kamloops for a good Provincial and for being fine hosts.

18. Next Council Meeting

Chilliwack offered to host the next Council meeting at a date to be set in the Fall.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11.45am

Minutes taken by Patti Matsushita for Moira Jaatteenmaki, Secretary

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Treasurer's Report May 5, 2002

Cash:			
Cash Balance as at May 31, 2001		7090.54	
Total Cash		7090.54	
Total Inventory		1420.00	
Total Cash/Inventory		8510.54	
Operating Activities 2001/2002 Fiscal Year			
Revenues 2001/2002			
Club Dues		1330.00	
Competition Share-2001		596.14	
Miscellaneous		14.64	
Provincial Comp Advance		0.00	
Competition Payment-Medals		477.00	
Symposium Revenue (est)		1117.20	
Total Operating Revenues		3534.98	
Less Operating Expenses 2001/2002			
Ferry/Travel		200.50	
Secretarial		48.46	
Meeting Rentals		150.00	
Teleconferencing		389.85	
Web site Costs		303.44	
National Competition		311.87	
Judges Travel Expense		0.00	
Grapevine AWC Directors		58.15	
AWC Dues		35.00	
Miscellaneous		6.25	
Provincial Comp Advance		1000.00	
Total Operating Expenses		2503.52	
Net Operating Revenue 2001/2002		1031.46	
Cash/Inventory Before Allocations		9542.00	
Allocations			
Education Program		2473.30	
Symposium Program		1868.38	
Total Programs Allocation		4341.68	
Balance Cash/Inventory		5200.32	
Less Inventory		1420.00	
Unallocated Cash Balance May 5, 2002		3780.32	

National Director's Report to BCAWA AGM May 5, 2002

Summary of 2001 Activities

Nanaimo hosted a very successful AWC competition and AGM August 25, 2001 which resulted in the organizers being able to cover all AWC expenses including the production of 15 new Grand Champion keys (\$640) and being able to share a profit of \$1050 between Nanaimo Winemakers and the AWC.

Innovations introduced by British Columbia to AWC last year were the switch to full medal judging and the addition of several new classes which proved to be a popular move. This year's Acting President is Brian Lundeen from Manitoba and he is also President-Elect for 2003. This year's chief organizer is Larry Paterson of Peterborough, Ontario. He automatically became the AWC Vice-President whose term expires at the end of this year and will be replaced by someone from Alberta – the 2003 hosts. Based on a recommendation from last year's AWC President, Gordon Barnes, BC introduced another motion that was passed in Nanaimo. Starting this year, in each province, only the top two qualifying entries will go forward to the current 17 AWC classes instead of the top 4 which is the way it was previously. The other 34 spots (maximum) for each province will be allocated to the 34 best entries from each province irrespective of the class they were in. That strategy should ensure that no really good winemaker will be left out as has been the case in the past. It will also mean that some AWC classes end up with more than in past years when 20 (4 from each of AB, BC, MB, NS, and ON) was the maximum possible in any class.

Chilliwack has offered to host the National in 2004, and in response to the AWC Directors' suggestion - that someone step forward as soon as possible so he or she can get into the email loop and become well prepared by 2004 rather than walking in cold – Sonia Garlinge has volunteered to be AWC Vice-President/Competition Organizer for 2004. Such a quick response is very gratifying and guarantees a highly professional approach for August 2004.

I recommend the following motions be submitted from British Columbia to the Amateur Winemakers of Canada AGM August 24, 2002 in Peterborough, Ontario.

1. That the following classes be added to the National Competition:

- C2. Bordeaux Type White*
- E1. Cabernet Sauvignon*
- E2. Merlot*
- E3. Other Bordeaux Type Red*
- E4. Zinfandel*
- E5. RJ Spagnols Red*

After changing the code and making other adjustments where appropriate the AWC classes would be:

- A. Aperitif Sherry
- B. Aperitif
- C1. Chardonnay
- C2. Bordeaux Type White
- C3. Other White Table
- D. Rosé
- E1. Cabernet Sauvignon
- E2. Merlot
- E3. Other Bordeaux Type Red
- E4. Red Pinot
- E5. Zinfandel
- E6. RJ Spagnols Red
- E7. Other Red Table
- F. Dessert
- G. After Dinner
- H. Sparkling
- I. Social
- J. Country
- K. Light Brew
- L. Dark Brew
- M. Stout
- N. Sparkling Cider

Rationale for proposing those new classes. General – it would be logistically very advantageous to have more - not fewer - classes in the National than in the Provincial to facilitate the process of determining which provincial wines can go forward. Currently, having fewer in the National makes that process unnecessarily complicated. From the standpoint of giving recognition to quality entries more classes will provide more opportunity for good wines to get medals and competitors to feel appreciated. C2 Bordeaux Type White - the popularity of Sauvignon blanc from fresh grapes in Ontario and BC, from Brehm frozen juice and from kits anywhere and to a lesser extent, Semillon and their blends should be recognized. E1 - Cabernet Sauvignon - at or near the top of every home winemaker's list of favourites. E2 Merlot - almost equally popular Merlot needs similar recognition. E3 - Other Bordeaux Type Red - to include blends and the lesser varieties. E5 Zin - the original juice grape favourite, now available in so many forms would help equalize opportunities across the country. E6 - RJ Spagnols Red - in recognition of RJ Spagnols' generous funding for the AWC medals (and with a view to encouraging longer term funding) this class seems appropriate and those kits are available across Canada.

2. That the medal ranges be changed to: Bronze 13.5-15.49, Silver 15.5-17.49, Gold 17.5-20

Rationale: a number of us feel that we have been too tough on competitors both nationally and provincially in BC. The proposed ranges would not change how wines are judged, just how medals are awarded.

George Gibson
BC National Director (1999 -)

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of Executive Meeting

September 30,2002

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8.02pm

2. Attendance

Executive Members: In attendance by teleconference - Helmut Berner, John Milne, John Matkovich, Murray Mackie, Bill Collings, Moira Jaatteenmaki, Mike Dragani, George Gibson and Rob Belanger.
Absent: Rick Homer

3. Approval of Agenda

Additions to the Agenda under were: 12a: Motion re entry fee for Provincials and 6: Letter from Cup & Key

Moved/Seconded

John Milne/John Matkovich

"To adopt the Agenda as amended"

Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/Bill Collings

"To adopt the minutes of the April 3^d, 2002 meeting with the addition of George Gibson to "Attendance".

Carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

Any items will be covered under other items.

6. Correspondence

A letter was received from Cup & Key re missing medals and questions re trophies. John Matkovich has handled this.

7. Financial Statements

John Matkovich reviewed the proposed 2002-2003 budget. He noted that the revenue from the Provincial covered the judges' expenses and the cost of shipping to National. Discussion ensued re paying of shipping by BCAWA as is done now or having individual members pay their own entry costs or charging an entry fee per bottle that would cover the costs. Consensus was to leave it as is for now.

Concern was expressed re the amount of funds allocated in the Education and Symposium funds and the inactivity of those accounts. Helmut stated that the allocation to the Symposium was to cover start-up costs and possible future losses with no intention of putting all revenue into allocations. It was agreed that Symposium is education and that the funds are one item. Discussion covered amalgamation of the two funds with a maximum allocation being set.

Moved/Seconded

Bill Collings/John Milne

"To present at the next Council Meeting a motion to amend the By-Laws re education funding such that a maximum of \$1500 be maintained in the account."

Carried.

It was also agreed that the Education Fund now includes the Symposium.

8. Chief Steward Report

John Matkovich reported difficulty in being able to find a source for the customary trophy for overall winemaker. Helmut will investigate source and cost of this item. Bill asked that all trophies be labeled on

bottom of trophy for identification purposes. The hall is booked. The budget is based on 125 banquet tickets at \$40 and silent auction proceeds of \$4000. This then predicts a profit of \$750 each to Vinovan and BCAWA. John said they are considering a raise to \$50 to cover all social functions. It was pointed out that it is the decision of the hosting club to set this price.

9. National Director's Report

George reported that not much is happening. There is a need for National Standards in judging as BC and Ontario use different criteria. Discussion ensued on judging at National with agreement that there was no easy way to solve this problem.

10. Web Site Committee Report

None.

11. BC Guild of Judges

Rob reported on the financial difficulties presently being experienced by the Guild. Sandy Kirk will obtain the aroma kit from Mike Farkas. Re the Vinovan motion to change the point ranges for medals, it was felt that this was a matter for the Guild who could then make a recommendation to a Council meeting. He expressed concern re the changes that would be required by judges who have been trained under the current ranges.

12. Any Other Business

12a. Entry Fees

This was raised by John Matkovich who said this motion had been passed by the Executive but never taken or reported to Council. Under our by-laws this is legal.

13. Next Executive Meeting

Will be at call of Chair planned for January, 2003

14. Adjournment

Helmut thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Moved/Seconded

"To adjourn the meeting."

Carried.

Bill Collings/Murray Mackie

Time: 9.37 p.m.

Moira Jaatteenmaki,
Secretary

National Directors Report, September 2002

A successful provincial competition weekend in Kamloops saw a full complement of 68 entries selected for the Nationals. The final entry was drawn (from a hat containing the 15 entries tied at 15.0 points) by a member of the BC Guild of Wine Judges in front of 5 witnesses. BC faces a major problem each year, that of reducing its medal winners in BCAWA's 21 classes to AWC's 17 classes. It would be much more equitable if the number of classes was consistent across the provinces and from provincials to nationals. The closer we can get to that goal the better it will suit British Columbia. Unfortunately, provinces with more difficulty than BC and Ontario in accessing quality grapes derive no benefit from new classes. Exception might be a Spagnols red and/or white class and possibly a red Zinfandel class. It seems to me that we are confronted by an almost insoluble problem in attempting to be equitable across the board. In the Nationals we have several classes that represent beverages that are seldom made and less often consumed – aperitifs, rosés, as well as brews, and cider – that frankly, have no place in a National Wine Competition. Their main *raison d'être* might be to help level the playing field for those without access to quality fresh or frozen grapes but in practice those classes tend to be dominated by B.C. and Ontario competitors. In my personal view, a national wine competition should include only dry table, grape social, country social, sparkling, dessert, and after dinner wines and their subdivisions, where they reflect current popularity.

My questionnaire to about 50 current or former AWC competitors in B.C. resulted in 38 responses. Support for detailed judges' comments, no best wine or best brew of show, and best of class was strong. Opinion was split as to preference for a medal or a certificate for best of class. Nearly half the respondents felt the class structure should be changed but suggestions for changes were very diverse.

Now, let's look at the 2002 AWC Competition held in Peterborough, Ontario, August 24.

Summary of results from AWC 2002

Province	Entries	Gold (%)	Silver (%)	Bronze (%)	Merit (%)	Not Awarded (%)	Total Points
Ontario	68	11 (16.2)	18 (26.5)	16 (23.5)	8 (11.8)	15 (22.1)	2,688
British Columbia	68	6 (8.8)	8 (11.8)	13 (19.1)	21 (30.9)	20 (29.4)	1,506
Alberta	47	2 (4.3)	5 (10.6)	7 (14.9)	13 (27.7)	20 (42.5)	728
Manitoba	19	1 (5.3)	0 (0.0)	3 (15.8)	7 (36.8)	8 (42.1)	202
Nova Scotia	9	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	1 (11.1)	5 (55.6)	3 (33.3)	34
Canada	211	20 (9.5)	31 (14.7)	40 (19.0)	54 (25.6)	66 (31.3)	5,158

As you can see from the results above, Ontario cleaned up with 45 medals to BC's 27.

Grand Champion Winemaker: John Tummon, Ontario (runners-up Peter Bennell, Ontario, Steve Kampers, Ontario) **Grand Champion Brewer:** Jack Kouwenhoven, British Columbia (runners-up Joanne Anderson, Ontario, John & Fran Ayriss, British Columbia) **Cider Winner:** John Tummon, Ontario (runner-up Sean Douglas, Ontario) **Best Wine of Show:** Class F, Dessert, Vince Cortese, Ontario. 100% 2001 Ontario Apple. **Best Beer of Show:** Class K, Light Beer, John & Fran Ayriss, British Columbia. Pilsner. Congratulations to Jack and John.

Was the Top2/Wild Card scenario a success? That's difficult to say, in the absence of any information from other provinces. In regard to our BC entries, of the 34 Top 2 entered, we garnered 5 Gold, 3 Silver, 5 Bronze, and 10 Merit. Our 34 Wild Card entries received 1 Gold, 5 Silver, and 8 Bronze and 11 Merit. In the former system, about 20 third and fourth place entries would have gone on to the National from the 11 classes that forwarded fewer than 4 entries. Since those entries would have been scored below the lowest Bronze (15.0) in the BC Provincials, they probably would have won no medals at AWC. So, in respect of giving more people a chance to be recognized the new system is probably better. It didn't result in totally unwieldy numbers of entries in some classes as was predicted. The largest was Other Reds with 35 entries, suggesting that it might deserve subdividing.

Interestingly, of our 24 Bronze wines from the BC Provincial, only 10 got Bronze (4) or Silver (5) or Gold (1) in Peterborough. Our 42 BC Silvers performed even more poorly, with 4 Gold, 8 Silver, and 3 Bronze. The AWC directors would like to see a national judging standard developed and applied at the National Competitions. The medal guidelines were Gold 85+, Silver 80-84, Bronze 75-79, Merit any of: 70-74 or one judge over 75 or conferenced to Merit by the judges). The above results suggest that Ontario and BC judges diverge significantly in their concepts of quality. The most obvious manifestation of that divergence was in the Dessert class where 7 of the 8 Ontario entries were awarded Gold medals while our 6 BC entries took 2 Bronze! The different medal guidelines resulted in 20 Gold, 31 Silver, and 40 Bronze being awarded this year, compared to 2 Gold, 41 Silver, and 64 Bronze in BC in 2001 using 18, 16, and 14 points.

Congratulations to all who participated.

George Gibson

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Treasurer's Proposed Budget 2002-2003

Cash:

Cash Balance as at May 31, 2002 \$ 8,608.41

Total Cash: \$ 8,608.41

Inventory:

Provincial Competition Medals \$ 1,599.00

Silver Pins (12) \$ 120.00

Total Inventory: \$ 1,719.00

Total Cash/Inventory \$ 10,327.41

Operating Activities 2002/2003 Fiscal Year

Revenues 2002/2003

Club Dues \$ 3,000.00

Competition Share-2002 \$ 1,483.00 Note 1

Miscellaneous \$ 15.00

Total Operating Revenues \$ 4,498.00

Less Operating Expenses 2002/2003

Ferry/Travel \$ 300.00

Secretarial \$ 150.00

Meeting Rentals \$ 300.00 Note 2

Teleconferencing \$ 600.00 Note 3

Web site Costs \$ 500.00

National Competition \$ 500.00

Judges Travel Expense \$ 500.00 Note 4

Grapevine AWC Directors \$ 100.00

AWC Dues \$ 50.00

Miscellaneous \$ 50.00

Competition Medals (250) \$ 800.00 Note 6

Annual Education Allocation \$ 500.00 Note 5

Total Operating Expenses \$ 4,350.00

Net Operating Revenue 2002/2003 \$ 148.00

Balance Cash Before Allocations \$ 10,475.41

Allocations

Education Program \$ 2,973.30

Symposium Program \$ 2,996.34

Total Programs Allocation \$ 5,969.64

Balance Cash/Inventory \$ 4,505.77

Less Inventory \$ 1,719.00

Unallocated Cash Balance Year end May 31, 2003 \$ 2,786.77

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of General Meeting
October 20th 2002 at Foresters Hall, 7194 Vedder Road, Chilliwack

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner called the meeting to order at 10.47 am and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Toast by the Host Club

Keith Clark from the Host Club offered a toast to health, wealth, happiness and good fermenting.

3. Attendance

The following voting delegates, 9 in all, were present: **Chilliwack Zymurgy**, Gordon Garlinge; **Cup & Key**, Frido Profoehr; **Glenmore Wine Circle**, Les McBride; **Revelstoke Winemakers**, Moira Jaatteenmaki; **Saanich Sommeliers**, Mary Homer; **Sunshine Coast AWA**, John Milne; **Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association**, Helmut Berner; **Vinovan Wine Club**, Sandy Grindlay, **Vintners of Coquitlam**, Sonia Garlinge. In addition, there were 11 non-voting representatives present for a total attendance of 20.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Joan Collings said she would have good news item under #13.

Moved/Seconded

Gordon Garlinge/Les McBride

"To approve the Agenda as amended."

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

Gordon Garlinge/Joan Collings

"To accept the minutes of the AGM of May 5th, 2002 as circulated."

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

Helmut advised that the Executive had decided to request the Guild of Judges to consider the motion by Vinovan re medal points and make a recommendation on it.

7. Correspondence:

An e-mail was received from the Cup & Key club re missing medals and comment cards from the Provincials. The club assumed that these items would be mailed automatically after the competition. Helmut said that it was supposed to be standard that these items are sent to the club rep. However, he emphasized the importance and responsibility of each club to keep the contact list current.

8. Financial Statement

John Matkovich highlighted the 2002-2003 Budget. He noted that Provincial Competition revenue was used to cover the Judges travel allocation and shipping of entries to National. There will be no Symposium in 2002-2003. The allocation to education and symposium at end of fiscal year was over \$5000 and it is proposed that this be reduced to \$1500 and the balance returned to current cash balance. There was discussion on the inactivity in education in general. The proposed seminar for summer 2002 fell through due to illness but it is hoped to reschedule in 2003. No one has been able

to find a previous motion re allocating an annual amount of \$500 to the education fund and the Executive proposed that the total allocation be capped at \$1500.

Moved/Seconded **John Matkovich/Rick Homer**
"That the education allocation be capped at \$1500 on an annual basis"
Carried.

John further noted that the actual net operating revenue is \$348.

Moved/Seconded **John Matkovich/Rick Homer**
"That the proposed budget for 2002-2003 be adopted as presented."
Carried

John listed the seven clubs that have not paid their dues to date and thus will not be allowed to enter competitions.

9. Provincial Steward Report

John reviewed the arrangements to date. All functions will take place at Cheers Banquet and Catering Facility. Tickets will be \$45 with \$5 for AGM breakfast.

In September 2001, the Executive passed the following motion:

"That the bottle entry fee at Provincial Competition be \$5 with \$3 being split between BCAWA and the Host Committee and \$2 going to BCAWA to be available for Guild Expenses. This will not take effect until the 2003 Competition."

There was discussion re the situation of competitors paying extra to support specific activities of BCAWA and the possible negative effect of a fee raise on the number of entries. This will be monitored and revisited if necessary. It was agreed by consensus that the above entry fees be in place for 2003.

10. AWC Report

George was unable to attend and his report is attached.

11. BC Guild of Wine Judges Report

No report.

12. Web Site

Rick reported on the various improvements made to the web site among which are discussion groups. Articles from the Grapevine that are over 2 years old have also been added. The layout also has been changed. Input re these changes and any other suggestions or comments are welcome. Thanks was extended to Jack and Rick.

13. Any Other Business

a. Joan announced that at the Okanagan Wine Festival Winemasters' Luncheon the BC Wine Museum Bronze award for best wine label went to Chris and Evelyn Campbell (Blasted Church Winery) of VAWA and the BC Wine Industry Founders Award went to John Schreiner of Vinovan. Congratulations to both!

b. Rick stated that the OK Wine Festival was interested in having BCAWA sanction and that there was the possibility of a new club forming in that area as well in Trail.

- c. John Matkovich questioned group entries as to who all belongs to the group as to whether they should all be BCAWA members. He also said that all names in a group should be listed so that judge conflicts can be avoided.
- d. Sonia stated that the designation of sanctioned as used in the context of "a BCAWA sanctioned club competition" simply referred to the date and did not refer to the how the competition was run nor judged. It was suggested that this is something that may have to be revisited in the future.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in February hosted by Langley Fermenters.

15. Thank Host Club

Helmut thanked Chilliwack Zymurgy for hosting the meeting and to all for attending the meeting.

16. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded

Rick Homer/Sonia Garlinge

"That the meeting be adjourned."

Carried.

Time of adjournment was 12.50pm.

Moira Jaatteenmaki,
Secretary

Attached : Budget for 2002-2003
 National Director Report