

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of Executive Meeting
January 13th, 2003

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 7.02pm

2. Attendance

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded *Bill Collings/Rob Belanger*
"To adopt the Agenda as presented"
Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded *George Gibson/Bill Collings*
"To adopt the minutes of the September 30th, 2002 meeting as circulated.
Carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Financial Statements

John Matkovich reported that all dues have been paid with exception of Bacchus Alumni. Dues amount to \$2630 as compared to the budget of \$3000. Revenue is \$4100 with expenses in line to date. Total cash available is \$11,000. There have been no requests from clubs for funding assistance. Comment was expressed that clubs must be encouraged to do something, as many clubs have become tasting clubs as opposed to winemaking clubs.

8. Chief Steward Report

John Matkovich said he was surprised to discover that there are requirements for information to be circulated 3 months in advance. The Handbook has not been fully updated re recent motions from Executive/Council. He is preparing 3 pages of information that he will circulate to the Executive for comments etc. Following that it will be circulated to the Grapevine, posted on the web site and e-mailed to each club. The entry fee will be \$3.50 as opposed to the proposed \$5 that John felt was unrealistic. Tickets will be available to BCAWA members until April 15th then to anyone after that and must be paid for in advance. He expects to gross a profit of \$3000 that will result in \$1500 each to BCAWA and Vinovan. \$1000 is included in the budget for Judges expenses and tickets.

Helmut thanked John for his report and said his enthusiasm was much appreciated.

9. National Director's Report

Helmut started this by stating that the recent problems with National were not of George's making and that Gorge had done what he was supposed to re BC entries. He thanked George for doing his job. George thanked Helmut and others for the support he has received. The comment sheets have now all been sent and the medals mailed finally. These have been sent to club reps as opposed to individual competitors as George requested.

Moved/Seconded

George Gibson/Bill Collings

"That BCAWA recommend to AWC that the coordinator of each National Competition mail directly to individual competitors medals, comments and certificates.

Carried.

Alberta hosts the 2003 National but not known when as they are proposing the middle of September which George does not support. AWC bylaws state that the competition is not to be held earlier than August.

11. BC Guild of Judges

Rob updated all on the financial situation within the Guild and what steps are being taken to resolve it. Considerable discussion followed re what could and should be done by the Guild and BCAWA with Bill stating that it was very important to bring closure to this so that the Guild could move on. It was decided that the current Guildmaster, Guild Treasurer and the BCAWA treasurer would together investigate whatever they could.

Moved/Seconded

Bill Collings/Moira Jaatteenmaki

"That BCAWA will spend up to \$200 to try help the Guild solve the financial predicament they are in."

Carried.

The committee of Rob and John will circulate their report to the Executive by e-mail.

10. Web Site Committee Report

None. George suggested that in future if Rick is not available that Jack be asked to report.

12. Any Other Business

12a. Desert Class Criteria

Bill questioned the current criteria for desert class in view of what is drunk in the world under desert category. No resolution was arrived at after much discussion.

12b. New Club

John stated that Belcarra Vintners with 10 members have submitted their application and paid their dues. He also said that the name was under review.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/George Gibson

"To accept the application of Belcarra Vintners"

Carried.

They will be invited to the next BCAWA Council meeting.

12c. Large Classes

John raised the problem of deciding the best wine in large classes where there were several judges and no rejudging. The procedure is in the Handbook and in place. There then followed considerable discussion re number of wines a judge can or should judge, use of judge's time, completion of comment sheets, using judges with respect for their efforts and commitment to attending events and making wise and appropriate use of their abilities.

13. Next Executive Meeting

Will be at call of Chair - planned for early April 2003

14. Adjournment

Helmut thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Moved/Seconded
"To adjourn the meeting."
Carried.

George Gibson/John Matkovich

Time: 8:56 p.m.

Moira Jaatteenmaki,
Secretary

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Minutes of General Meeting

February 23rd, 2003 Bridal Run Clubhouse, 5708 -208 St, Langley

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner called the meeting to order at 10.31 am and welcomed those in attendance with special welcome to our new member club, Belcarra Winemakers.

2. Toast by the Host Club

The host club Langley Fermentors offered a toast of welcome to Langley and to good winemaking.

3. Attendance

The following voting delegates, 8 in all, were present: **Belcarra Winemakers**, Walter Frith; **Chilliwack Zymurgy**, Gordon Garlinge; **Glenmore Wine Circle**, Les McBride; **Langley Fermentors**, Brian Gilhooly; **Nanaimo Winemakers**, George Gibson; **Revelstoke Winemakers**, Mike Dragani; **Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association**, Helmut Berner; **Vinovan Wine Club**, Sandy Grindlay. In addition, there were 11 non-voting representatives present for a total attendance of 19.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved/Seconded

Gordon Garlinge/Sandy Grindlay

"To approve the Agenda."

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

Sandy Grindlay/George Gibson

"To accept the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 20th, 2002 as circulated."

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

None

7. Correspondence:

None

8. Financial Statement

John Matkovich reported that all dues have been paid. Bacchus Alumni has folded. Expenses to date are in line with budget figures. The education session scheduled for May 24, 25th will be funded out of education fund. A cash balance of \$7500 at year-end is projected.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/Sandy Grindlay

"To accept the financial report as presented."

9. Provincial Steward Report

John Matkovich stated that all information is now on the website, is available at this meeting and will also be mailed to clubs. There will only be a minimum of information in the Grapevine due to the volume. \$1000 has been budgeted for judges' expenses for those from Vancouver Island and out of the Lower Mainland area. As a result the projected amount \$1500 realized to BCWA will be actual profit with all expenses covered within the competition budget. In order to avoid judging conflicts, group entries will have to identify individual members. The entry form has been expanded to 2 pages and will be used exclusively to register all entries. Bottle tags are for bottle identification only.

Comments came from the floor re faulty wines and that a fault kit was available that clubs could access to assist with training in faults. George Gibson suggested that a short guideline could be prepared to assist

competitors to submit their best entries. John outlined the procedure that will be followed at the Provincials this year to identify and separate faulty wines for educational purposes. George suggested that everyone open the bottle, taste a small sample, top up with the same or a neutral wine then recork.

Langley Fermentors asked if there was a class requiring a trophy as if so they would like to donate one. John will check and contact the club.

10 AWC Report

George Gibson stated that changes have been made to the Handbook to reflect the changes in AWC regulations and changes we have made to competition regulations. He wondered if a new CD should be produced with the latest copy of the Handbook.

AWC is being very quiet right now. Alberta is hosting the Nationals and he suspects that nothing will be ready for it until the last moment. The date is September 13th which is not according to the AWC Bylaws. Chilliwack is hosting this in 2004 and he suggested that someone be sent to Alberta for experience.

In reply to a question, Helmut pointed out that whereas major changes to the Handbook require Council approval, minor changes can be approved by the Executive.

11. BC Guild of Wine Judges Report

Rob Belanger reported that \$200 has been allocated to pursue investigation of the financial situation which is still in progress. Chapters are ongoing with monthly meetings and joint meetings of all Chapters three times a year. In the Lower Mainland, there are now up to 14 judges including trainees whereas previously there were two. The aroma kit is with John Matkovich.

12. Web Site

No report. A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was accorded to Jack Ziebart for his outstanding and time consuming job in developing and maintaining our web site.

13. Any Other Business

Helmut said that when he prepared the agenda the information was not available on the Diana Burnett education session. However, since then it has been widely circulated by e-mail and is on the web site. Rob Belanger asked that everyone further pass this on to any winemakers they know. The cost is \$10 for BCAWA members and \$15 for non-members which essentially covers lunch with the rest of the costs being covered by BCAWA.

George Gibson proposed that BCAWA seriously consider an on-line newsletter. Discussion then ensued re how this would happen and the need for an editor. There were no volunteers. Members were reminded that the Grapevine is a private publication and can publish whatever it chooses to. It was decided that this proposal would be passed to the Executive for discussion.

14. Thank Host Club

Appreciation was given to Langley Fermentors for hosting the meeting.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM in North Vancouver on May 18th, 2003.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11.25pm on a motion by Sandy Grindlay, seconded by Tony Mikes. Carried.

Moira Jaatteenmaki,
Secretary

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
May 18th, 2003 at Cheers Restaurant, 125 2nd Street, North Vancouver

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

Sandy Grindlay from the Host Club, Vinovan, offered a toast to BCAWA and the people who make it work.

3. Attendance

There were 8 voting delegates present as follows: **Chilliwack Zymurgy**, Murray Mackie; **Glenmore Wine Circle**, Shirley Mackie; **Langley Fermenters**, Axel Kroitzsch; **Nanaimo Winemakers**, George Gibson; **Revelstoke Winemakers**, Mike Dragani; **Saanich Sommeliers**, Mary Homer; **Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association**, Sam Hauck; **Vinovan Wine Club**, Sandy Grindlay; In addition, there were 13 non-voting representatives present for a total attendance of 21.

4. Approval of Agenda

Item #12 was switched with #10.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of February 23rd, 2003

These were approved by the President, as circulated

6. Business Arising from Minutes

None.

7. Correspondence

A letter was received from Jock and Margaret Fairholm enquiring about membership in BCAWA as they are no longer members of a BCAWA Club. Helmut will reply outlining the appropriate section of the By-laws and the options available to them.

8. Treasurer's Report

John Matkovich spoke to his report, which is attached, noting in particular that the membership target was almost reached. He commented that the expenses are below budget. Our end position is virtually the same as 2002. He noted that the Symposium to date has 100 registered in Nanaimo and 60 in Vancouver.

Moved/Seconded

John Matkovich/Mike Dragani

"That the Financial report be accepted."

Carried.

9. Report of the Chief Steward

John Matkovich reported on a very successful Provincial Competition. The food and location were very good. Generally we were a little short on attendance. He praised the members of Vinovan for their support and efforts. The Silent Auction will gross approximately \$3000. The competition attracted 426 entries but thanks to the computer program were handled competently.

Information was posted on the web site in February with hard copies to each club. The labels were used only for ID with all information required for registration listed on the entry forms. He has

compiled a full information package on trophies and will pass this plus other information to the next host club together with an offer of assistance.

John and Vinovan members were thanked for a job well done.

10. Web Site Committee

Jack Ziebart presented a written report that is attached. He highlighted several points with emphasis on the need for input re re keeping contacts current, submitting club information and competition results. He discussed the organization of the material on the web site and the updating of specific material. Jack was thanked for his efforts on our behalf.

11. National Directors Report

George Gibson spoke to his attached report that dealt mainly with the upcoming AWC competition in Calgary.

12. BC Guild Of Wine Judges

In the absence of Rob Belanger, Axel Kroitzsch, Guild Treasurer, reported that there are 62 judges and trainees that should provide an ample supply for competitions. He has finally received the financial paperwork and is getting the financial situation sorted out.

In reply to a question, John Matkovich reviewed how judges were selected for the provincial Competition specifically those coming from Vancouver Island. He started in January with the selection and was refused by several judges. He commented on the reasons as to why the Guild exists and judging Provincial and club competitions.

13. Any Other Business

13.1. 2004 Provincial Competition

Helmut introduced Ernesto Salvi from the Italian Canadian Winemakers Guild who is the Chief Steward for the 2004 Competition.

13.2 Motions from Nanaimo Winemakers

Nanaimo Winemakers submitted three motions in advance.

Motion 1 – That to be eligible for entry to the BCAWA Provincial. Competition wines must have medalled at a BCAWA member club competition.

Helmut noted that similar motions had been previously presented and defeated. John Matkovich advised that in the 2003 Competition of the 426 entries, 202 received medals and only 18 were rejected reflecting an excellent improvement in quality. Comments were made re need to educate club members rather adopt this motion. Motion was defeated.

Motion 2: That a committee be established to initiate a BCAWA electronic newsletter

George said that the intention of this motion was to provide communication to member clubs in addition to and not in competition with the Grapevine. He said that there might be an interest in taking on the role of editor in Nanaimo. Motion defeated.

Motion 3: That the BCAWA Executive study and make a decision on funding the operational needs of the BC Guild of Wine Judges

George stated the intent of the motion was to establish closer relationships with the Guild. There was discussion re intention and meaning of the motion.

Moved/Seconded

Murray Mackie/Sandy Grindlay

"That the motion be tabled."

Carried.

14. Elections

Murray Mackie as Past President conducted the elections.

President	:	Helmut Berner
Vice-President	:	Axel Kroitzsch
Secretary	:	Moira Jaatteenmaki
Treasurer	:	John Matkovich
National Director	:	George Gibson
Directors at Large	:	BrianNokleby, Rick Homer, Mike Dragani
Chief Steward	:	Ernesto Salvi

Other Executive members are

Past President	Murray Mackie
Judges Guild Rep	Rob Belanger

16. Appointment of Archivist and Webmaster

Helmut Berner announced that Charles Plant had agreed to continue as archivist and that Jack Ziebart will continue as Webmaster Charles asked that clubs send him their competition results.

17 Thanks to Host Club

Helmut thanked Vinovan for a good Provincial and for being fine hosts.

18. Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be at a date to be set in the fall once a host club is determined.

19. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded *Sandy Grindlay/AxelKroitzsch*
"That the meeting be adjourned."
Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.30am

Moira Jaatteenmaki
Secretary

Attached: Financial Report
National Director's Report
Web Steward's Report
Motions presented by Nanaimo Winemakers

2003 AGM Web Steward's Report

The purpose of the BCAWA website is to give members of member clubs access to information about club competitions, competition results, and other BCAWA events of interest to members. In addition the site contains the e-mail addresses of club contact persons and members of the Executive Committee, winemaking information, a history of BCAWA, the Grapevine newsletter highlights, links to winemaking websites, a discussion forum, the Competition Handbook, Silver Pin information, the constitution and by-laws, and links to other websites of interest to members. Keeping this information current can only be accomplished with the cooperation of the members.

Help is needed from member clubs to:

- check the Member Club page (<http://www.bcawa.ca/bcawa/members.htm>) to ensure the contact person's name and address is correct
- Submit details of club competitions and the results to websteward@bcawa.ca

Help is needed from the Executive Committee to check that following pages are up to date and advise the web steward at websteward@bcawa.ca of any changes:

- Constitution and By-laws
- Competition Handbook
- Member clubs
- Silver Pin nomination
- Silver Pin recipients.

Shaw Cable, the domain host for bcawa.ca, provides 15 mb of webspace. However the total size of the BCAWA website exceeds 15 mb; so the Discussion Forum is posted at: http://bcawa.tripod.com/discuss/wdisc_frm.htm and the Competition Results of previous years' are at: <http://bcawa.tripod.com>. This has reduced the size of the web pages at Shaw to about 10 mb. Tripod.com is a free web space provider supported by advertising in the form of pop-up ads or banners.

At present about 130 e-mail addresses of club members have been gathered. From time to time short e-mail messages are sent to them about BCAWA and club activities. Anyone wishing to be included in this mailing list can send their request to: websteward@bcawa.ca.

The BCAWA Web site is at <http://www.bcawa.ca>



Jack Ziebart
Web Steward

National Director's Report May 18, 2003

The 2003 National Competition will be held in Calgary, September 13 at the Silver Springs Community Hall. Deadline for entries is August 1, so I have set a deadline of July 1 for entries to reach me. I shall ship BC entries in a plastic fermenter which will be retained by Alberta because back shipping costs are several times the value of the fermenter.

To this point Alberta has provided no additional information. While the other provinces adopted the Top Two/Wild Card selection system for entries to the National last year, Alberta refused to abide by the majority decision. We don't yet know whether they have adopted it for this year or not. They have also refused to accept an AWC By-Law that requires the National to be held in August, so they seem to have assumed the AWC Black Sheep mantle formerly held by Manitoba.

At our January 13 conference call/executive meeting the executive of the BC Amateur Winemakers Association passed a motion that the National Director recommend to the AWC Board that future Competition Coordinators mail directly to competitors the judges comments, certificates, and medals. The rationale - that the competitors' addresses are the most current information available, that club reps, presidents, AWC directors, etc., may not be in the country when results are mailed and they may have numerous other problems (forgot the stuff, no longer president, etc.) that can interfere with speedy transmission to the competitors. The BCAWA executive believes that direct mailing to competitors is worth the additional cost to AWC and burden on the coordinator/vice-president. National Directors from Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, BC, and the President supported that recommendation, but no comment was ever received from Alberta. As a result the AWC Directors have no idea whether Alberta will mail judges' comments, certificates (if any), and medals directly to BC competitors or to me.

The fact that Alberta seems to have no interest in maintaining a cooperative relationship with the rest of the AWC does not omen well for this year's National Competition. I suggest that the Chilliwack representative wait some time before committing to attending.

On a different topic, I have revised the duties of the BC National Director. If and when accepted by the BCAWA Executive, I expect that it and its numerous appended forms will be included in the BCAWA Operations Manual.

George Gibson

Nanaimo Winemakers' Motions for BCAWA AGM May 18, 2003

1. That to be eligible to enter the BCAWA Provincial Competition wines must have won a medal at a BCAWA member club competition.

Rationale: The BCAWA Provincials are not a winemaking clinic. There is not enough time for judges to make adequate helpful comments on flawed and faulty entries, nor do they have enough information to do so. Submission of faulty wines to the Provincials interferes with judging good wines, makes unnecessary work for organizers and judges, fails to provide wines to be enjoyed at the dinner, and is just generally a waste of everyone's time. Faulty wines should be weeded out at club competitions and can be used later in a problems session where direct interchange between winemaker and other members can be mutually beneficial. Submitting to the Provincial only those wines that have demonstrated their excellence in club competitions should mean that a much higher proportion of entries will win medals at the Provincial. In turn, that should be a greater inducement for more winemakers to attend – and also a greater inducement for judges to participate.

For clubs lacking access to experienced judges, members with generally accepted good palates should carry out the judging function and their selections should be equally acceptable at the Provincial.

The honour system should be used rather than cumbersome written certification that submitted wines have won medals in a club competition.

2. That a committee be established to initiate a BCAWA electronic newsletter.

Rationale: Now that the majority of club members in BCAWA are on line an electronic newsletter would be the ideal way of communicating with them directly. It might appear at regular intervals, e.g., between publications of the Grapevine, and whenever something important or of immediate interest needed bringing to members' attention. The intention would not be to supplant the Grapevine but to supplement it. It should be borne in mind that the Grapevine, though it focuses on BCAWA activities, is a publication quite independent of BCAWA. Surely, it's more than time that an umbrella society that's been around for over 30 years had its own publication.

3. That the BCAWA Executive study and make a decision on funding the operational needs of the BC Guild of Wine Judges.

The BC Guild of Wine Judges exists for one reason – to provide judges for competitions held by BCAWA member clubs and for the BCAWA Provincial. Should its members be expected to shoulder the financial burden of providing this service or should it be borne by BCAWA – the organization they serve?

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Minutes of General Meeting

Sunday, October 26th 2003 at Roma Hall, 940 Ewen Avenue, New Westminister

1. Welcome by the President

President Helmut Berner called the meeting to order at 10.10 am and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Toast by the Host Club

The host club ItalVino offered a toast to BCAWA and to good winemaking.

3. Attendance

The following voting delegates, 8 in all, were present: **Belcarra Winemakers**, Walter Frith; **Chilliwack Zymurgy**, Gordon Garlinge; **Glenmore Wine Circle**, Brian Nokleby; **Italian Canadian Winemakers Guild**, Ernesto Salvi; **Italvino**; Phillip Sebellin, **Revelstoke Winemakers**, Mike Dragani; **Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association**; Helmut Berner; **Vinovan Wine Club**, Sandy Grindlay. In addition, there were 6 non-voting representatives present for a total attendance of 14.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda: 8b – Report for the Provincial Competition, 2003, 13: a. National Competition 2004, b. Role of Judges in BCAWA

Moved/Seconded *Sandy Grindlay/Gordon Garlinge*
"To approve the Agenda as amended"
Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded *Gordon Garlinge/Renzo Furlane*
"To accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, May 18th, 2003 as circulated."
Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

None

7. Correspondence:

None

8. Financial Statements

John Matkovich presented the Financial Statement for 2002-2003 showing Revenue and Expenses close to budgeted figures. Membership dues were slightly under with other income coming from the Provincial Competition and the Seminar. Expenses include the Seminar and purchase of a fault kit.

Moved/Seconded *John Matkovich/Sandy Grindlay*
"To accept the financial report as presented."
Carried

John then reviewed the Budget for 2003-2004 showing Revenue of \$3,751.86 and Expenses of \$2,450.00. He noted that no allowance had been made for educational programs as none have been scheduled.

Moved/Seconded *John Matkovich/Walter Frith*
"To accept the budget as presented."
Carried

John again reminded all that a Presentation Seminar is needed for 2004 but it would not be organized by either Vinovan or himself. Also any club can apply to BCAWA for funding assistance with educational programs, as there is special fund for this purpose.

The report for BCAWA/Vinovan Provincial Competition 2003 was presented showing a return of \$745.86 to both BCAWA and Vinovan. John stated that the number of tickets sold was disappointing and did not show good support from the BCAWA member clubs.

9. Provincial Steward Report

Ernesto Salvi on behalf of Italian Canadian Winemakers Guild reported on Competition 2004. This will be held on May 7,8,9 2004. The committee has been formed and they will be following the format of Vinovan. They plan on having a "Provincial Competition Road Show" where members will attend club meetings to promote the Competition. 350 tickets will be available at a cost of \$60. 200 tickets will be for their Club members with 150 available to other BCAWA members.

An extensive discussion then followed regarding pick-up of competition entries. Ernesto wanted clarification as to whose responsibility it is to ensure the entries get to the committee. He said there would be difficulty in picking up entries from a large number of pick-up points. Finally it was suggested that there be one on pick-up point on the Island, one in the Lower Mainland and that Revelstoke and Kamloops would either arrange shipment or have someone bring them down.

10 AWC Report

There was no report available other than what appears in October Grapevine.

11. BC Guild of Wine Judges Report

No report.

12. Web Site

No report.

13. Any Other Business

a. National Competition 2004

This is being hosted by Chilliwack Zymurgy. Gordon Garlinge said that some members attended the National Competition in Calgary and that several judges have indicated that they will attend in BC. Organization is well under way and that full information will be on the web site and well as in the Grapevine.

b. Role of Judges in BCAWA

John Matkovich has prepared a discussion paper called Role of Judges in BCAWA. He will send this to all clubs for discussion and input. Under this proposal, judges would be compensated for specified costs of traveling to judge at competitions. Cost of this could be covered by raising the price of the dinner ticket by say \$5. He stated that it was not his intention that this be mandated to clubs as he feels it really is a common sense issue for the betterment of the Association. He also suggested that clubs do discuss this with a view to implementing this at the provincial Competition which is a BCAWA competition.

Considerable discussion then ensued re the benefits and disadvantages of this proposal. John thanked all for their input and said this was what he had hoped for and that similar discussions would take place at the club level.

14. Thank Host Club

Appreciation was given to ItalVino for hosting the meeting.

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in February 2004 at a date to be decided later.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11.35pm on a motion by Sandy Grindlay, seconded by Gordon Garlinge.
Carried.

Moira Jaatteenmaki,
Secretary

October 21, 2003

To All members of the BC Amateur Winemakers Association.

Please review the following proposal with your club members. I now that this applies only to clubs that host competitions but feedback from all members is welcome.

THE ROLE OF JUDGES IN BCAWA

BCAWA is an organization of 600 members who enjoy in the hobby of making wine, beer and cider.

We participate with our products in competitions at club, Provincial and National levels.

The Association has about 50 members that are qualified to judge the overall quality of entries in all of these events.

These members spend their time, and money to provide a very important service to the association. The service of judging is critical to the survival of this association; without judges competitions do not exist.

Currently the judges pay BCAWA and Guild dues. They attend 6-8 maintenance sessions annually to maintain and improve their skills in judging. These maintenance sessions cost them a minimum of \$20 each.

Most judges participate in 2 to 7 competitions annually. Currently in most cases the judges are expected to pay all traveling expenses, accommodations in some cases and the purchase of tickets to attend the functions associated with these events.

In summary these members of BCAWA provide a MUST service to the association by judging our products and do so at a greater expense than the majority of participating members.

Compensation for judges participating in Competitions.

When judges are requested to participate in BCAWA competitions they should be compensated in the following manner.

1. If a judge is requested to participate in a competition within 30kms (one way) of his home the club hosting the competition should give the judge a complimentary ticket to the evening dinner.

2. If a judge is requested to participate in a competition, which is within 31-50 kms (one way) or uses a ferry to get to the event and does not require commercial accommodation, the judge receives \$20 as compensation to cover his/her travel cost and a complimentary ticket to the evening dinner.
3. If a judge is requested to participate in a competition that is over 50kms (one-way) he/she should be compensated at \$.40 per km for the total km's driven and receive a complimentary ticket to the evening dinner.
4. If in any of the above three, the judge stays in commercial accommodation then the judge should receive another complimentary ticket for his partner/spouse to the evening dinner.
5. All judges at the Provincial Competition shall be compensated as applicable in Items 1 to 4.
6. Judges should not expect compensation when judging their own clubs competition.
7. If any judge does not wish to be compensated, that is his/her prerogative.

NOTE: THIS IS AN INITIAL STEP IN DEALING WITH AN ISSUE THAT CORRECTED WILL GO A LONG TO MAKING BCAWA A BETTER ORGANIZATION.IT IS CERTAINLY OPEN TO IDEAS AND CHANGE. BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST CHANGE.

Prepared by John Matkovich