

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
Unapproved Minutes of Executive Meeting
Wednesday, January 4th, 2006
Held at Helmut Berner's 1744 Windermere Ave., Port Coquitlam

1. Welcome by President

President, Helmut Berner called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Attendance

Members in attendance were: Helmut Berner, Walter Frith, George Gibson and John Matkovich. By Phone: Joseph Cantafio, Rick Homer, Sandy Grindlay and Bill Pearson.

3. Approval of Agenda

Approved

4. Approval of September executive meeting minutes.

Approved

Business arising from minutes

Item#10

a) Underhill Trophy for highest cumulative points in BC red class: Sandy Grindlay has tallied the results from the Vinovan competition which is the first competition of the trophy year. Walter and Sandy will continue to keep tallies of sanctioned competitions until the provincial competition.

b) BCAWA Calendar of events: the 2006 calendar of events will be out shortly.

*c) Tie Breakers: George Gibson submitted a report "**Protocol for Tie-Breaking at Provincial**" see attached.*

Motion: to approve option #2 with revisions by George to reflect the discussion, see attachment;

Moved/seconded Bill Pearson/? Passed

Item#13

a) RCMP expectations: because the RCMP have not paid their dues it is assumed they have left BCAWA.

Item#14

a) Kamloops' Constitution: BCAWA agreed to pay the cost of a lawyers review. John Matkovich will present the lawyer's report and a sample constitution at the AGM before circulating it to member clubs.

5. Treasurers Report:

A financial statement was circulated at the meeting. John Matkovich reported BCAWA has 18 member clubs. Approximate membership is 500 members down roughly 100 members. Financial statement was accepted.

6. National Director's Report: see attached.

George Gibson will propose at the next council meeting in March that red and white concentrate classes be included in competition.

7. BCAWA Chief Steward's Report: see attached.

Rick Homer reported that he needed more medals. John will attend to that matter.

8. BC Guild Master's Report: Bill Pearson has organized an education program for trainees in August.

9. Action arising from minutes of November council meeting:

Item#7

a) List of Club Contacts: John Matkovich has issued a new list but new revisions are still coming in.

Item#10

A) Motion to strike committee re: Liability Joseph will continue investigating insurance issues regarding serving homemade wines. Rick Homer will assist on committee as needed.

Item#12

a) Motion to Photograph Trophies: Rick Homer will arrange to have the trophies photographed at the AGM.

B) Electronic Newsletter: tabled until next meeting.

New Business

10. Jim Robertson of Vinovan has retained Bruce Nichols, chief winemaker at Vincor to speak to their club. Sandy Grindlay proposed that BCAWA expand this to a seminar for all clubs. Sandy will look into this and report back to the executive.

11. Joseph Cantafio of the Italian Canadian Winemakers Club would like BCAWA sanctioning for their invitational competition. John Matkovich will advise Joseph on the requirements.

Meeting Adjourned 9:45 PM

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
Unapproved Minutes of Council Meeting
Sunday, February 19th, 2006
Held at Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2nd St., North Vancouver

1. Welcome by President

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

2. Toast by Host Club

John Matkovich from the host club Vinovan gave a toast and welcomed those in attendance.

3. Attendance

Helmut Berner, VAWA, Joseph Cantafio, ICWC, Sandy Grindlay, Vinovan, Paul Rogers, Zymurgy, Walter Frith, Belcarra, John Matkovich, Vinovan, John Milne, Sunshine Coast, George Gibson, Nanaimo.

4. Approval of Agenda

Accepted

5. Approval of November Council minutes

a) George Gibson's name was added to the committee reviewing liability and home made wines being served at BCAWA events.

Accepted

Business arising from the minutes

1) Liability and Homemade wine being served at events: John Matkovich has presented the Kamloops constitution to a lawyer for review. A draft will be sent to all clubs prior to the AGM.

2.) Electronic Newsletter: George Gibson will form a committee by email.

3.) Underhill Trophy: Sandy Grindlay is ready to tabulate scores for the trophy.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Treasurers Report

John Matkovich reported that all dues are in. BCAWA has 17 clubs with a total of 511 members. Capilano, Victoria and Glenmore clubs have folded. The RCMP has not joined this year. BCAWA has approximately \$11,000.00 in the bank.

8. Provincial Stewards Report

Helmut summarized the special executive meeting held in regard to the provincial competition. Commercial wines will be served in order to obtain a liquor permit and liability insurance. Ticket prices will be increased \$5.00 per person and BCAWA and the host club Saanich Sommeliers will each contribute \$250.00 towards the purchase of commercial wines. The profits will be split 60/40 in favour of the Saanich club.

Action: Joseph Cantafio will phone Rick Homer re: advertising the positive aspects of serving commercial wines at this event.

9. National Directors Report (see attached)

10. Guild Masters Report Bill Pearson was not present.

11. New Business

MOTION *moved/seconded* **George Gibson/Joseph Cantafio**

To harmonize with the new classes in National competition that BCAWA adopt the new AWC beer classes as presented.

Motion carried

MOTION *moved/seconded* **John Milne/Paul Rogers**

To bring forth a motion at the AGM to recommend introduction of a dry red and dry white class for kit wines for provincial competition.

Motion carried

MOTION *moved/seconded* **Paul Rogers/George Gibson**

That the ICWC invitational competition is recognized as a BCAWA approved event.

Motion carried

Helmut will contact Kathy Jones of the Vintners of Coquitlam regarding the proposed Garlinge trophy.

12. Motion to adjourn 12 noon.

BCAWA National Director's Report to BCAWA Council February 18, 2006

The 2006 AWC Competition is slated for Quebec but so far, there has been no decision on whether it will be held August 26 or September 9. The organizers have asked the Directors to express a preference for one date over the other but for some reason no one has replied.

On January 18 I introduced a motion that AWC introduce a red and a white kit class into its National Competition. If it had been successful I would have suggested that BC follow suit. However, the AWC President, Brian Lundeen, has seen fit to throw cold water on this proposal, so, despite support from Ontario, I doubt that it will pass. I would be interested in Council's reaction to the possibility of kit classes for BC.

On January 24 the AWC officially accepted the offer from Winexpert to sponsor AWC medals for the next three years.

At present we have generally good participation in email discussions from all member provinces except Alberta.

Currently, AWC President Brian Lundeen's proposal to enlarge the Brew classes has been received favourably by all provinces except Alberta who abstained from voting. Therefore, the motion has passed. Your BCAWA Executive has voted unanimously in favour of adopting the AWC classes for our Provincial Competition.

George Gibson
BC National Director
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BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Accent Inn Blanchard & Cloverdale Ave., Victoria

Sunday May 7th, 2006, 10:00 AM

Unapproved Minutes

1. Welcome by President

President Helmut Berner called the meeting to order and thanked the Saanich Sommeliers for hosting this successful provincial competition.

2. Toast by Host Club

Bill Greaves of the Saanich Sommeliers gave a toast and welcomed those in attendance. Marg Best was thanked for organizing the breakfast. Members of Saanich club were recognized for their contribution to the organizing of the provincial competition.

3. Attendance

Twenty seven members attended the meeting. Voting members included Fran Ayris, Zymurgy, Chilliwack; Mike Dragan, Revelstoke Winemakers; Colin Nicholson, Saanich Sommeliers; Joseph Cantafio, ICWC, Vancouver; Walter Frith, Belcarra Winemakers; Judi Grindlay, Vinovan; Marg Best, Holy Cross Winemakers, Victoria; Cyndy Kuert, CVWG, Cowichan Valley; George Beck, Nanaimo Winemakers.

4. Approval of Agenda

Three new items were added under new business:

a) Joseph Cantafio: to introduce Party Alcohol Liability insurance package.

b) John Matkovich: open discussion on the functions and objectives of

BCAWA.

c) Bill Collings: extending wine classes
introduction of ½ bottles for competition

Moved/seconded Helmut Berner/Fran Ayris accepted

5. Approval of February 19th, 2006 Council Minutes

#11 To bring forth a motion at the AGM to recommend introduction of a dry red and dry white class for kit wines for provincial competition. The motion was not advertised and will be placed under new business.

Moved/seconded Helmut Berner/Rick Homer carried

6. Correspondence

None

7. Treasurer's Report (circulated at meeting)

John Matkovich reported BCAWA has approximately \$11,000.00 in the bank. A \$1500.00 dollar budget is available for education purposes. Any club may submit financial requests for education programs to BCAWA for funding approval.

MOTION *moved/seconded* **John Matkovich/Joseph Cantafio** *accepted*
To approve the treasurer's report as circulated.

8. Provincial Steward's Report

Rick Homer reported that 18 gold medals were awarded at this year's competition. Because of computer glitches best beer and wine maker awards are TBA. Liquor laws continue to be a problem for BCAWA events. Ken Stepushyn treasurer for this year's provincial competition reported a profit of approximately \$3000.00 due to a very successful silent auction.

68 people attended the final dinner and dance.

9. National Director's Report (see attached)

Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association (VAWA) will host the provincial AGM next year, June 2nd, 2007.

10. Guild Master's Report (see attached)

11. New Business

a) MOTION *moved/seconded* **Mary Homer/Sandy Grindlay**

To introduce a dry red and dry white class for kit wines for provincial competitions.

Motion carried

Whether to limit these classes to table wine only will be discussed at a future meeting.

b) Party Liability Insurance: Joseph Cantafio handed out information packages on the insurance the ICWC has for their events. Discussion followed.

ACTION John Matkovich will put a fact sheet together and present it to Rich Coleman for discussion on what BCAWA can do regarding liquor licensing and liability.

c) BCAWA's future? John Matkovich suggested all clubs should register under the societies act to protect individuals from liability. He will be circulating a sample constitution that has been reviewed by a lawyer retained by BCAWA. A discussion ensued on how BCAWA could be reorganized. Example: one organization with member clubs chapters of BCAWA.

This was left for further discussion.

d) MOTION *moved/seconded* **Bill Collings/Mike Dragani**

To amend the handbook to allow ½ bottles, 375 mls, for every class in provincial competition.

Motion carried

12. Election of Officers

Robin McNeil conducted the election of new officers.

President	Helmut Berner
Vice President	Rick Homer
Secretary	Shelagh Frith
Treasurer	John Matkovich
Chief Steward	Mike Roman
National Director	George Gibson
Guild Rep.	Bill Pearson (until election in May)
Directors	Sandy Grindlay
	Joseph Cantafio
	Walter Frith
Archivist	Charles Plant
BCAWA Webpage	Jack Ziebart

13. Helmut moved meeting adjourned 11:45 AM. *carried*

BCAWA National Director's Report to BCAWA Annual General Meeting May 7, 2006

The 2006 AWC Competition is slated for Montreal, August 26. As soon as possible after I receive the complete competition results from the Chief Steward, Rick Homer, I shall provide AWC entry information to each of our eligible competitors by email. I have set a deadline of July 15 for qualifying entries to reach me. The Montreal deadline is July 31.

Next year our BCAWA Competition will be June 2 so the time intervals will be a bit compressed.

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The medals and certificates from the 2005 AWC Competition in Ontario were finally distributed in April.

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Guild Masters Report to the BCAWA AGM

May 7, 2006

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In closing I would like to thank BCAWA for its support this past year. This is my last report to BCAWA as Guild Master. A new Guild Master and executive will be elected at our AGM on May 28th. We all look forward to working with the new BCAWA executive in 2007/2008.

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**Fall 2006 Council Meeting
Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2nd, Ave.,
North Vancouver, B.C.
Sunday, October 22nd, 2006
Unapproved Minutes**

1. Welcome by President

Helmut Berner called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Toast by Host Club

George Gibson representing the host club, Vinovan, toasted the members present.

3. Attendance

Eighteen members attended the meeting. Seven clubs were represented. Present:
Executive members: Helmut Berner, John Matkovich, George Gibson, Rick Homer, Mike Roman, Sam Hauck, Guild Rep. Joseph Cantafio, *Council Rep:* Walter Frith, Kent Curley, Vinovan, Paul Arcand, VAWA, John Milne, Sunshine Coast, Bert Garbuio, ICWC Silvano Gastaldo, Italvino, Fran Ayris, Chilliwack,

4. Approval of Agenda

Mike Roman added the 2008 BCAWA provincial competition for discussion.

Moved/ Seconded Mike Roman/John Milne Approved

5. Approval of AGM minutes

Moved/seconded George Gibson/Joseph Cantafio Approved

6. Correspondence none

7. Treasurer's Report (circulated at the meeting)

John Matkovich reported that the Provincial competition made over \$3000. BCAWA received approximately \$1350. The profit comes mainly from the silent auction. A \$1500 budget is still available for education purposes.

MOTION: *To approve the treasurer's report as circulated.*

Moved/seconded JohnMilne/George Gibson accepted

MOTION: *That BCAWA cover the \$20 cost for the faults and flaws training session for those members of BCAWA that are not members of the guild.*

Moved/seconded Rick Homer/Walter Frith carried

8. National Directors Report (see attached)

George Gibson announced that Alberta will host the 2007 Canadian Championships. Winexperts will sponsor the medals.

9. Guild Masters Report

Sam Hauck announced two training sessions planned for this fall.

November 12th, Arbutus Ridge, Vancouver Island

November 26th, Cheers Restaurant, North Van. (faults and flaws)

A spring program for judges is to be announced. For those interested in wine judging a session is held the first Wednesday of the month 7:30 PM at Frank Clarks 4485 Saratoga Court, Burnaby. Phone 604 433 2146. Call ahead if you wish to attend. A small fee is charged to cover costs.

10. Provincial Steward's Report

Mike Roman confirmed the hall rental and dates for the 2007 Provincial Competition. Drop off points for entries are confirmed and will be announced later.

Barry Ward will take photos of the trophies for the website.

MOTION: *That the BCAWA provincial competition for 2007 become a 2 day event.*

Friday night will be the meet and greet social. Saturday morning the judging will take place, Saturday afternoon BCAWA AGM, followed in the evening by the Banquet.

Moved/seconded **Mike Roman/George Gibson** **carried**

11. Progress Report from AGM

a) Insurance: Joseph Cantafio reported that an umbrella insurance for BCAWA member clubs was not available.

b) Handbook: John Matkovich and George Gibson are working on updating the handbook. They hope to have it ready by spring.

12. New Business

a) John Matkovich recommended that guild judges be present at BCAWA sanctioned events.

MOTION: *in order to qualify wines for points towards winning the Underhill Trophy in all BCAWA sanctioned provincial and club competitions one guild judge must be present for judging every class.*

Moved/seconded **Rick Homer/Sam Hauck** **5/2 in favour carried**

Note: BCAWA members that are not members of the guild that are considered to be qualified judges can also judge these classes.

The Underhill Trophy is awarded annually to the BCAWA member that accumulates the most points in all Table Red Wine Classes.

b) Walter Frith recommended a common formatting be used for competition results to make it easier and more accurate for scoring the Underhill Trophy.

ACTION: Walter will contact the webmaster Jack Ziebart to discuss the format.

c) Garlinge Trophy: The parameters have been established for the winningest winemaking club trophy and will be posted on the BCAWA website. The trophy will be presented at the 2007 Provincial Competition.

d) Judges compensation:

ACTION: The guild will develop a budget and present it at the next council meeting.

e) Mike Roman announced the Roma Hall, Queensborough is reserved May 31st June 1st for the 2008 Provincial competition. Italvino Wine Club will host the event.

MOTION TO ADJOURN 2:30 PM

Moved/seconded John Ayris/Walter Frith carried