

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting, Sunday, March 15th 2009
Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2nd Ave. North Vancouver.
Unapproved Minutes.

1. Welcome by President:

Helmut Berner called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and welcomed the members present. Five delegates in attendance: George Gibson (Nanaimo), Paul Arcand (VAWA), Joe Kecskes (Balcarra), Mike Leeper (Vinovan), Fran Ayris (Chilliwack). Total Attendance: 10 members.

2. Toast by host club Vinovan:

Mike Leeper gave the welcoming toast.

3) Approval of Agenda: *moved/carried*

4) Approval of October Meeting Minutes: *moved/carried*

Business arising: five year calendar of provincial competition hosts is off to good start. Nanaimo will host in 2010.

5) Reports:

a) Treasurer John Matkovich reported that Revelstoke dropped out; membership is down to 13 clubs. There is a \$13 K budget balance. Much of the current fund was accumulated from the BCAWA hosting educational programs. The BCAWA has a standing offer to finance an educational event to any club willing to organize it. There have been no takers but the money is still available. Lengthy discussion explored ways to spend the money on other projects. A subsidized subscription to Wine Maker magazine will be investigated. Lowering dues may be an option. Financing an electronic BCAWA Bulletin will be considered; obtaining email addresses may be a problem.
Moved/carried

b) Provincial Chief Steward, John Matkovich: on behalf of the Guild stated that the 2009 provincial competition is set for May 22-23rd at Cheers Restaurant. All necessary arrangements have been made and detailed information has been mailed to the clubs. Since all profits go to the Guild, John would appreciate more involvement from the Guild chapters for the silent auction.

c) AWC Chief Steward, John Matkovich: Vinovan is hosting the 2009 National competition on August 14-15th at Cheers Restaurant in North Vancouver. A possible 550 entries are anticipated. Entry deadline will be July 15th. Out-of-province entries will be received by Mike Leeper (leeper.michael@gmail.com) The competition will include a banquet at Cheers. Banquet tickets are expected to cost \$50 per person. A planned educational seminar has been dropped from the competition.

d) AWC Director, George Gibson, reported that some changes to the BC country wine class are necessary to accommodate the national classes.

Motion: *that for the BCAWA Provincial Competition, the BCAWA adopted the AWC definitions for the two Country Wine classes and the AWC protocols for entering country wines into other classes.*

Moved/seconded George Gibson/Joe Kecskes carried

George offered to circulate the country wine requirements as widely as possible.

e) Guild Master, Sam Hauck, announced that the annual all chapters Guild session on March 22 at Cheers will include hybrid wines from the east in preparation for judging at the National.

6) New Business:

a) By-Laws: After lively discussion, the current language in section 2.9 in the By-Laws was found adequate to deal with delinquent accounts.

b) Executive Candidates: a candidate for the position of Vice President is required to be elected at the AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2nd St., North Vancouver, BC
Saturday, May 23rd, 2009

1. Welcome by President

Helmut Berner welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 3 PM.

Fourteen members were in attendance. Voting members present were: Axel Kroitzsch Langley, Joe Kecskes, Belcarra, George Beck, Nanaimo, Mike Leeper, North Vancouver, Paul Arcand, Vancouver, Dave Ewen, Delta, Colin Nicholson, Saanich.

2. Toast by Host

Mike Leeper on behalf of Vinovan and the Judges Guild presented the toast.

3. Approval of Agenda *Approved*

Add a motion to approve placing posters at grape and wine suppliers to advertise BCAWA and their affiliated clubs.

4. Approval of March Council Minutes *Approved*

Business arising from March minutes: Proposal to explore a bulk subscription plan for the *Winemaker* magazine for BCAWA members. A copy of the *Winemaker* magazine was given to those members present. Discussion followed. (see letter attached) ACTION: A copy will be mailed to those clubs not represented at the meeting. Club representatives are requested to poll their members for approval and report to Rick Homer at rickinvictoria@shaw.ca Further discussion will take place at the executive meeting in the fall.

5. Reports

a) Treasurer's Report: John Matkovich reported a \$13,000 plus surplus in the bank. A detailed report was presented to the delegates for review.

b) Chief Steward's Report: John Matkovich thanked all those involved in the Provincial Competition with special thanks to George Gibson for organizing the bottles, labels etc.

c) National Chief Steward: John Matkovich hopes to have all the judging done several days before the AWC competition windup. To save travel time and cost plans are to take the some wines to the island for judging. All wines for the competition are to be shipped to Mike Leeper.

d) National Director's Report (see attached) Volunteers are needed to assist with the National competition.

e) Guild Master's Report N/A

6. New Business

a) A motion was put forward to discontinue trophies at the provincial competition.
MOTION: Therefore be it resolved that BCAWA eliminate all Provincial Competition trophies after the 2009 competition.

Moved/seconded John Matkovich/George Beck
5 approved/1 against/1 abstention Approved

The importance of keeping an historical record of the winners was discussed.

MOTION: That BCAWA develop a digital record on the website to retain all information pertinent to the existing trophies.

Moved/seconded/unanimously approved

MOTION: That small keeper trophies be presented for each class.

Moved/seconded/unanimously approved

It was noted that provincial medals may be returned for reuse in future competitions.

b) George Gibson presented the notice of motion from the October council meeting to remove kit and BC classes from competition. Seconded by Axel Kroitzsch
MOTION: that BCAWA remove the classes red and white BC only from the provincial competition.

Moved/seconded/unanimously approved

MOTION: that BCAWA remove the kit classes from the provincial competition.

Moved/seconded/unanimously approved

c) Host for the 2011 provincial competition was discussed. It was decided to let next year's council deal with it.

d) Charles Plant wants to retire from the archivist position. Is there anyone interested in taking over?

e) Approval to place posters at grape and wine suppliers in an effort to attract new members was discussed.

ACTION: Dave Ewen will investigate having posters made. The secretary will seek approval from BCAWA club contacts to have their names listed on the poster.

7. Executive Elections

President	Rick Homer
Vice President	Walter Frith
Secretary	Shelagh Frith
Treasurer	John Matkovich
National Director	George Gibson
Directors at large	John Thompson, Axel Kroitzsch, Joe Kecskes

8. Announcements

2010 Provincial chief steward
Guild Master
Past President
BCAWA Archivist
BCAWA Web steward

Don Graham
Sam Hauck
Helmut Berner
Charles Plant
Jack Ziebart

9. Meeting Adjourned 5:00 PM

National Director's Report to BCAWA AGM, May 23, 2009

There has been little AWC activity over the past few months as provinces gear up for their annual competitions. In March I reported on the fact that the other provinces accepted my revision of the AWC classes after some compromises.

Our local Vinovan committee has been making arrangements for the mid-August hosting of the 2009 AWC Competition. Our plans are to carry out the judging during the week of August 9 to 14 and end the week with a dinner, silent auction, and dance on Saturday, August 15 at Cheers. We will need all the judges and stewards we can muster for that week, so please make a note on your calendar.

We are asking provincial directors to ensure that entries in the table classes be in 750ml bottles so as many as possible of the attendees at the August 15 event can taste Canada's best amateur wines. This is a unique opportunity and one of the benefits of hosting the National Competition. We'll email the BCAWA Club contacts with more information and how to purchase tickets shortly.

Because of the change in entry limits this year most people who are awarded wine medals today will qualify to enter the Amateur Winemakers of Canada Competition. Our BCAWA wine classes are not identical to those of AWC, though we have brought them closer. BCAWA has Dry White Pinot, Cabernet Sauvignon, BC Whites and Reds, and Kit classes, so I still need to do some juggling to make sure we don't end up with ineligible entries in AWC. I will do the preliminary assessment of eligibility in the next couple of days but you may not get the specifics for a few weeks. I've set a deadline of July 10 for receipt of BCAWA members' entries.

Please remind your club members to take a look at the Amateur Winemakers of Canada website at <http://www.littlefatwino.com/awc.html>

George Gibson
National Director

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 18TH 2009
Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2nd Ave., North Vancouver
Unapproved Minutes

1. Welcome by President:

President Rick Homer called the meeting to order and welcomed the members present. Seven delegates in attendance: Axel Kroitzsch, Langley, Colin Nicholson, Saanich, Joe Kesckes, Belcarra, Mike Leeper, North Vancouver, Fran Ayris, Chilliwack, Paul Arcand, Vancouver, George Gibson, Nanaimo Total attendance was 13 members.

2. Toast by Host Club

Mike Leeper on behalf of Vinovan presented the toast to members present.

3. Approval of Agenda *Approved*

Added to New Business: Possibility of a Spring Seminar (Walter Frith)
How to increase club membership (John Matkovich)

4. Approval of AGM minutes *Approved*

5. Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

John roughly estimated 400 members in BCAWA this year. Finances are in good shape with an estimated \$11,000 surplus. \$1500 is available to any club for educational purposes. Six clubs have paid their dues; eight clubs are in arrears.

Council was informed that members of the same household are paying individual memberships. Please be advised that a single BCAWA membership includes all members of the household.

2. Chief Steward's Report

George Gibson reported for Nanaimo committee. The hall for the Provincial championship is booked for May 7th and 8th. Friday evening will be a meet and greet, Saturday will be a dinner dance. The committee expressed concern about having enough judges for the competition. Discussion followed. Issue will be resolved in the New Year.

3. National Director's Report

The entries for the AWC competition totaled 506. Because of the large number of entries AWC president, Larry Paterson proposes that entries in various classes be distributed among the 6 provinces for judging in 2010. George recommends against this proposal. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: that BCAWA recommend to the AWC that tightening the number of entries to approximately 300 rather than distributing the judging to numerous provinces to ensure more equitable results.

Moved/seconded Colin Nicholson/Axel Kroitzsch

John Matkovich submitted the chief steward's report for the 2009 AWC competition. (see attached) The award settlement for the lost bottle will be judged at the Vinovan competition.

4. Guild Master's Report

Sam Hauck has sent out the second annual test to guild members. The guild will hold a seminar for judges only in the spring. The guild is working with the wine judges of Canada to align judging qualifications nationwide.

Paul Arcand, VAWA representative suggested the guild present "An Introduction to Wine Judging" session for BCAWA members at club meetings.

6. New Business

a) Calendar of Provincial Hosts:

Rick Homer thanked Helmut for proposing the calendar. Rick was commended for persisting in this effort. A 5 year calendar is now in place. (See attached)

b) Winemaker magazine update: Five clubs have submitted monies for the subscription to Winemaker magazine hopefully to begin January 1st. However, it is unclear whether BCAWA will be given the discount if all BCAWA members do not subscribe. BCAWA will continue to promote this endeavor which means cheques and addresses are needed ASP.

ACTIONS: Rick and John will phone the club representatives. Rick will phone Brad Ring, editor of the magazine and inquire about the conditions for the discount.

c) Percentage of monies clubs keep for hosting the Provincial competition: Rick Homer proposed increasing the percentage of profit which is presently 60/40 for the hosting club. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was decided to leave the percentage the same.

d) Sadly, after almost 40 years the last issue of the Grapevine will be published in December.

ACTION: Rick Homer will write a letter of thanks on behalf of BCAWA.

A proposal to establish an electronic newsletter was discussed. A committee was formed to look into the feasibility. Mary Homer, Sam Hauck, Shelagh Frith and George Gibson

e) Posters N/A

Digital records of trophies: Jack Zeibart has agreed to photo and record this information.

f) Spring education seminar:

Walter Frith volunteered to chair a spring education seminar in late March or early April. A good discussion followed with many topics of interest suggested.

MOTION: to hold an educational seminar in the spring to be sponsored by BCAWA.

Moved/seconded Walter Frith/Colin Nicholson carried

Volunteers were John Matkovich to manage the finances, Joe Kesckes, Paul Arcand. Sam Hauck and Axel Kroitzsch offered to present.

g) Club membership and how to increase interest?

ACTION: Rick and John will contact clubs for ideas.

Vinovan has volunteered to host the next meeting to be held at Cheers Restaurant. The date is TBA.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 PM

**CHIEF STEWARDS REPORT 2009 AMATUER WINEMAKERS OF
CANADA COMPETITION.**

To say the least it was a very interesting venture. Receiving, storing and registering 506 entries which arrived in all sort of containers from across Canada was quite a chore.

Some arrived by Canada Post, some by private carriers. Some were returned when the carrier found out it was liquor.

Only two were broken and one entry got lost. The lost entry result could determine the over champion. Still to be decided.

Thanks to those members from Vinovan who helped make the event a success.

Thanks to the B C Guild of Wine Judges who put a lot of effort into assuring that we did a good job of judging this large quantity of entries.

Of the 506 entries 360 received medals. You would think that all entries at this level should medal. Unfortunately some Provinces do not have Provincial Competitions at which they can predetermine the overall quality of their entries. Approximately 74 % of the entries medalled.

BC was at 80%. Why did the 20% that medalled at Provincials not medal at AWC? A study is underway to determine what may have gone wrong.

Ricardo Pellizzari a member of BCAWA won the award for best wine in show and best wine from host province. Yes, it was a Lienberger.

Last year AWC decided to increase the amount of entries allowed by each province. So consequently we got to do the biggest AWC competition ever, entry wise. Manitoba is to do the Provincials next year but have decided that they can not handle an event of this magnitude.

Discussions are currently underway at the executive level of AWC on how the competition can best be handled in the future.

BC is recommending changing to a limit of 2 entries per class, per province.

Statistics of interest.

AWC AWARDS

Grand Champion Winemaker - Larry Paterson Ont

Best wine in Show - Riccardo Pellizzari B C

Best red kit – Marilyn Guiney Man
Ed Saunders Man

Best white kit - Rob Commeault Man

Best wine from the host province - Riccardo Pellizzari BC

GRAND CHAMPION SCORES AWC 2009

Larry Paterson Total (ONT)	25.80	Includes a cider - Silver
Steve McDonald Total (ONT)	25.00	
Ed Saunders Total (MAN)	22.60	Includes 2 beers & 1 cider - all bronze
Sébastien Mailloux Total (QUE)	20.76	
Axel Kroitzsch Total (BC)	20.46	
George Gibson Total (BC)	20.42	
Tommy Kucera Total (MAN)	17.52	
Bill Thornton Total (ONT)	17.48	

Don Graham Total (BC)	17.06	
Steve Kampers Total (ONT)	15.38	
Jacquelin George Total (BC)	13.74	
Ken Marson Total (BC)	13.28	
Pepe Kubon Total (BC)	12.52	
Glen Graham Total (BC)	12.48	
Dan Stevenson Total (ONT)	12.06	

An interesting project, as long as you have the time, patience and club support. I'm glad that I was involved, once.

John Matkovich

Chairperson, Chief Steward

Totals	40	152	78	23	162	50	3	508	318	53
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George Gibson
National Director

AWC Dues	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
Club Education program	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00		\$ 346.85	-\$ 96.85
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	\$ 5,525.00		\$ 415.69	\$ 5,109.31
<u>Net Operating Revenue 2009/2010</u>	-\$ 2,008.00		\$ 1,016.50	
<u>Cash/Inventory Before Allocations</u>	\$ 12,290.01		\$ 15,314.51	
<u>Allocations</u>				
Education Program	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 1,300.00
<u>Balance Cash/Inventory</u>	\$ 10,790.01			
Less Inventory	\$ 1,103.00		\$ 1,103.00	
<u>Unallocated Cash Balance Year end May 31, 2010</u>	\$ 9,687.01			
<u>Total Cash Available Oct 13, 2009</u>	\$ 11,187.01		\$ 14,211.51	
<u>CLUBS COMMITTED TO MAGAZINE</u>	MAGAZINE	ROSTER		
SANNICH	YES	YES		
BELCARRA	YES	YES		
SECHELT	YES	YES		
KAMLOOPS	YES	YES		
VANCOUVER	YES	NO		
CUP AND KEY	NO	NO	BCAWA DUES RECEIVED	

