

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
Council meeting February 3rd, 2010
Held by conference call

1. Present on line: Rick Homer, Helmut Berner, Walter Frith, Joe Kesckes, John Matkovich, George Gibson, Sam Hauck, Axel Kroitzsch, Don Graham, Shelagh Frith
Regrets: John Thompson

2. Approval of Agenda:

Posters added under old business. *Approved*

3. Approval of October 14th, 2009 Executive Minutes *Approved*

Joe proposed an online toast!

Reports:

a) Treasurer's Report (see attached) *Approved*

John reported that 277 members subscribed to the Winemaker Magazine. BCAWA subsidized the subscription \$10 per person for a total of \$2,770. Council thanked John for sorting out the mailing list for the magazine.

b) National Director's Report (see attached)

George reported that numerous issues are up for discussion but that nothing has been determined to date.(see report)

A discussion regarding the shipping of wines by air versus courier to the Canadian competition ensued. A considerable saving would be recognized if shipped by land.

MOTION: that wines for the Canadian competition be shipped by courier rather than air freight.

Moved/seconded Axel/Joe carried

c) Provincial Steward's Report

Don has posted details of the Provincial Competition May 7 & 8 on the web. A silent auction is planned. Caterer and entertainment are in place.

Don requested judging begin on Friday before the meet and greet. Several billets have been arranged for mainland judges for this purpose. The AGM is proposed for Saturday afternoon.

Emailing tickets rather than having them printed and mailed was suggested as a way to save money and time.

d) Guild Master's Report

The guild is planning to launch a new website. The judges available for competitions will be posted on the web.

In order to encourage provinces and to standardize judging across Canada a Canada wide training program for judges is proposed. This is a BC initiative.

4) Old Business

Posters to publicize BCAWA voted upon at the AGM have yet to be developed.
ACTION: Shelagh will take on the project.

5) New Business

a) George launched the first edition of the BCAWA online newsletter. Thank you George. Well done!

b) **Education seminar report:** Walter submitted a preliminary budget for approval. It was decided BCAWA will subsidize members up to \$10. A full report will be available for the March edition of the online Newsletter. Also, a brochure advertising the seminar will be placed with wine and grape suppliers.

The committee will be asking for volunteers to billet members from out of town.

c) **Shrinking membership:** Posters will be placed at wine and grape suppliers. Also, council encourages members to invite interested parties to join.

d) **Next Year's Executive:** Council will encourage more participation from member clubs to join the executive. Rick and Walter have agreed to one more year.

e) **BCAWA Trophies:**

Jack Zeibart agreed to photo all varietal trophies, record all the names and years and post the results on the web. The trophies will be returned either to the donors or to the last person who has won the trophy.

Underhill Trophy: Because it depends on the winners in the Provincial competition the Underhill trophy winner is not determined until after the competition.

MOTION: to eliminate the consideration of the Underhill trophy from the Provincial competition.

Discussion

ACTION: Rick will contact the Underhill family and ask to change the parameters of the trophy presentation.

Moved/seconded George/Walter I opposed carried

f) Art Hooper 2011 Provincial steward requests the software for the 2011 Provincial competition.

ACTION: John will pass the request to Steven Small.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM

Newsletter Editor's Report to BCAWA Exec Meeting Feb. 3, 2010

Volume 1, No 1 (7 pp) was sent to Club Contacts December 29, 2009.

Tentative publication dates and some items for 2010 issues of the Newsletter are early March - info re KWA competition, VAWA competition, Provincial competition material, Saanich competition results, Chilliwack competition results, (?)highlights of Jan. BCAWA Exec Meeting, May 16 Symposium info, Schreiner blog, OK Viewpoint, club reports (Belcarra, Chilliwack, Sunshine Coast), and a number of web links with winemaking information.

Early June issue - Provincial competition results, KWA results, Chilliwack results, BCAWA AGM minutes or highlights, AWC info, Schreiner blog, OK Viewpoint, next 3 club reports.

Early August issue - Vinovan competition info, Italian Canadian Winemakers competition, Schreiner blog, OK Viewpoint, next 3 club reports.

Late October issue - ICW competition results, National results, BCAWA October Council Meeting minutes or highlights, Schreiner blog, OK Viewpoint, last 3 club reports

Early January 2011 issue - Vinovan competition results, Saanich competition info, Nanaimo competition info, Schreiner blog, ?OK Viewpoint, club reports (Belcarra, Chilliwack, Sunshine Coast)

We are asking the Club Contacts to give us the following info:

- Monthly meeting day, time and location;
- Typical program (is the focus educational or social or both; give us some examples of what happens at these meetings);
- Schedule of topics for the year (if available),
- Guest charge? Do your members pay an annual fee to your club or do they pay upon arriving at each meeting?
- Number of members,
- Usual attendance,
- Recent highlights.

From what we've been able to learn, attempting to contact all 400-odd BCAWA members by direct emailing of the Newsletter could be fraught with problems, even supposing all members were willing to let us have their email addresses. Having to rely on the Club Contacts to distribute Newsletters quickly to their members is difficult to monitor especially when they fail to acknowledge receipt.

Our hope is that they will let us know when we should send the Newsletter to an acting contact.

We may also produce the occasional "Bulletin" to address time-limited subjects like cork and barrel orders, and last minute changes in other deadlines (e.g., availability of grapes), etc., that show up between the dates when BCAWA News issues will appear.

We produce a printable version for members not on line.

Our Newsletter committee comprises Mary Homer, Sam Hauck, Shelagh Frith, and myself.

George Gibson

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at Cavallotti Hall 2060 East Wellington Rd. Nanaimo, BC
Saturday, May 8th, 2010
Unapproved Minutes

1. Welcome by President Rick Homer

A quorum was declared. Clubs Represented were: Nanaimo, Saanich, Vinovan, VAWA, Langley, Belcarra

2. Toast by Host Club

George Beck, on behalf of the Nanaimo Winemakers proposed the toast.

3. Approval of Agenda *Approved*

Walter Frith added a report on the Winemakers Symposium to be held May 16th.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting *Approved*

5. Reports

a) Treasurer's Report (see attached)

John reported that BCAWA spent approximately \$1400 more that was taken in mainly due to the Winemaker Magazine subscription subsidy. Total cash available is \$11, 769.66

Moved/seconded *carried*

b) Provincial Chief Steward

Don reported there were 362 entries. A full report on the Provincial competition will be submitted at a later date. Don and the Nanaimo club were congratulated and thanked for putting on this very successful event.

c) National Director's Report (see attached)

George reported that beers entered in the National competition will be judged July 24th. All entries must be in by July 7th. Wines will be judged September 24th. Entries must be in by August 18th..

d) Guild Master's report

Sam reported that in effort to improve the training program a new interactive Guild website is to be announced at the Guild AGM. Also, a new text book for wine judging trainees is ready.

e) Education Report

Walter reported that the seminar is finalized but that the sign up is poor. He suggested an online registration would help streamline the process. Due to the conflicting dates in May an earlier date in spring was proposed for the next seminar.

6. Old Business

a) Trophies: A progress report on discontinuing trophies and keeping an historical record of former winners was given by Jack Ziebart. This project is a big undertaking. Jack assured council that action was taking place.

b) BCAWA poster: A draft poster was presented to BCAWA membership for approval. Clubs will be sent a pdf copy of the final draft. Several clubs have volunteered to copy the posters and distribute them to winemaking suppliers in their area.

7. New Business

a) Mary Homer on behalf of the Saanich Sommeliers presented the following motion.

MOTION: that in order to streamline bookkeeping BCAWA include the cost of the Winemakers magazine into the annual BCAWA dues.

Question was asked

John Matkovich proposed the following motion:

MOTION: that the previous motion as presented be tabled until all club contacts are notified with details of the proposal to include the winemaker magazine in the annual BCAWA dues.

Moved/seconded carried

ACTION: Rick Homer will contact all clubs with the proposal.

b) Mary Homer on behalf of the Saanich Sommeliers presented the following motion.

MOTION: that bylaw 2.2(a) of the BCAWA constitution be changed from **fee-per-person** to include both the member and a partner or spouse.

Question was called.

Council was requested to call a vote to wave notification of the change in the bylaw that requires 100% approval from those members present.

Moved/seconded carried unanimously

Vote was called on the original motion.

Moved/seconded carried unanimously

ACTION: John Matkovich will reword the bylaw and send the revised wording to the secretary to be included as an amendment to the bylaws.

c) **Credit application for DIAM corks.** George Gibson has applied for a credit application with G3 Enterprises distributor of DIAM corks.

d) **Host for the 2011 Provincial competition.** Kamloops has started organizing for the 2011 competition.

e) **Host for the 2015 competition.**

ACTION: In keeping with the 5 year plan for hosting provincial competition Rick will contact VAWA for a commitment to the 2015

8. Election of officers. Past president Helmut Berner conducted the election of new officers.

President: Rick Homer

Vice President: Walter Frith

Secretary: Shelagh Frith

Treasurer: John Matkovich

National Director: George Gibson

Directors at large: Axel Kroitzsch, John Thompson, Joe Keckes

9. Announcements

Guild master: Sam Hauck

Past President: Helmut Berner

BCAWA Web steward: Jack Ziebart

BCAWA Archivist:

10. Adjournment: 3:45 PM

National Director's Report to BCAWA AGM, May 8, 2010

This year's National Competition will be hosted by Ontario with Steve McDonald, the 2009 Grand Champion, as Chief Steward. He has arranged to have the beers judged July 24 and the wines on Sept 11. That means the eligible beers must reach me by July 7 and the wines by August 18. The BCAWA executive has voted to send our entries by surface transport rather than air, this year, thus saving \$500 or \$600. I will send them bubble-packed in 23L pails – an approach that seems to provide reliable protection against breakage.

The entry fee is \$10. As usual, entries in the table wine classes should be in 750ml bottles.

Because of the change in entry limits last 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 and Cabernet Sauvignon, but AWC does not, 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 for the beers in the next couple of days but you may not get the wine specifics for a few weeks.

WinExpert will be generously sponsoring the cost of medals again – their fifth consecutive year. The 375 medals in 2009 cost \$2558, so if you're ever debating about which brand of kit to purchase, you might keep that in mind.

Please remind your club members to take a look at the Amateur Winemakers of Canada website at <http://www.littlefatwino.com/awc.html> and remember that Petite Sirah is no longer eligible in Rhone Style Red.

George Gibson
National Director

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Tuesday, October 5th 2010 at 7:30 PM

By teleconference

Present by phone: Rick Homer, John Matkovich, Axel Kroitzsch, Joe Kecskes, Walter Frith, Shelagh Frith

Regrets: George Gibson, Sam Hauck, Art Hooper, John Thompson, Helmut Berner

1. Approval of Agenda *Approved*

2. Approval of Feb. 2010 Executive minutes *Approved*

3. Reports:

a) Treasurer: John Matkovich (see attached)

b) National Director: George Gibson

Because of the large number of entries in the National competition, George requested by email that council consider the AWC's proposal to farm out the judging of wines to various provinces versus BCAWA's proposal to downsize the number of entries.

c) Chief Steward: Art Hooper N/A

d) Guild Master: Sam Hauck N/A

Guild's new website is <http://bcgwg.ca/>

4. Old Business

a) Winemaker magazine: Walter reported that to date 170 members have signed for the magazine. A full report will be available at the October 17 Council meeting.

b) BCAWA online newsletter: N/A

c) Posters: A pdf file of the poster presented at the AGM was sent to all member clubs. Members agreed to print their own posters as needed.

d) Rewording of bylaws: John Matkovich will present the new wording regarding partner or spouse to be included in dues at the October 17 council meeting.

5. New Business:

a) Provincial Competition conflict with VAWA competition:

ACTION: Rick will phone John McMaster to try to resolve the conflict. In the future it was suggested that the Vice president take on the responsibility of coordinating scheduling of club and provincial competitions.

b) Spagnols discounts for BCAWA: Spagnols has requested that members present club cards for BCAWA allowed discounts.

ACTION: John will phone Spagnols for clarification of this request.

c) Website: Walter asked if it was possible to make the website interactive for online registration for magazine subscriptions and seminars.

ACTION: Rick will phone Jack Zeibert.

d) March Council Meeting: Langley Fermenters asked if they could host the meeting. Rick thanked Langley for the invitation. Council members on the conference call agreed unanimously to accept the invitation.

Council meeting will be held Sunday, October 17 at Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2nd Ave., North Vancouver.

Member Clubs are reminded to bring their entries for the Vinovan Competition to the meeting.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting, October 17, 2010, 10 AM
Cheers Restaurant, 125 E 2nd Ave., North Vancouver, BC
Unapproved Minutes

1. Welcome by President, Rick Homer

Clubs represented: Art Hooper, Kamloops, Martin Cook, Sechelt, John Read, Vancouver, Walter Frith, Belcarra, Colin Nicholson, Saanich, Mike Leeper, Vinovan, George Gibson, Nanaimo, Axel Kroitzsch, Langley

2. Mike Leeper on behalf of Vinovan proposed the toast.

3. Approval of Agenda *Approved*

Additions to the agenda

- a) Membership posters
- b) Rewording of the bylaws
- c) Website
- d) Host for 2015 provincials

4. Reports

a) Treasurer's Report: John Matkovich (see attached)

John reported the bank balance is approximately \$9,000. John noted that the bulk supply of medals purchased for competitions is reflected in the budget under expenses. BCAWA will eventually be reimbursed by member clubs who purchase the medals from BCAWA for club competitions.

Moved/seconded *approved*

b) Provincial Steward: Art Hooper

Kamloops will be hosting the 2011 provincial competition May 6 & 7. Further information will be available early in the New Year and will be posted on the website.

c) National Director: George Gibson (see attached)

Due to the large number of entries into the national competition it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find provinces willing to host the competition. George proposed BCAWA approve the following motion to be presented to the AWC directors.

MOTION: that the AWC consider 1.) The elimination of the beer classes, 2.) the elimination of the Aperitif Sherry and Sparkling Cider classes 3.) doing away with the membership based quotas and reducing eligible entries by about 50% to enable the total number of entries to be judged in about 30 flights averaging 8 entries per flight.

The question was called.

A request was made to remove from the motion the elimination of the Aperitif Sherry.

MOTION: that with the addition of Aperitif Sherry, George submits his motion to the AWC for approval.

Moved/ seconded *carried*

George reported that due to ill health Larry Paterson, president of AWC is resigning. To date no one has stepped forward as an interim replacement.

Rick thanked George for all his work.

d) Guild Report N/A

6.) New Business

a) Winemaker Magazine

Walter Frith reported a fairly good response from most clubs for renewals and or new subscriptions. However, subscriptions are down by about 100 members. Concern was expressed about whether the magazine will accept fewer subscriptions in the future and continue to give the \$10 rate per subscription.

ACTION: Rick will contact Brad Ring regarding this matter. Walter was thanked for his work on this project.

b) Host and date for 2011 spring council meeting.

Langley fermenters have volunteered to host the spring meeting. The date TBA. Rick thanked the Langley members.

c) Memberships and Posters.

The poster is available in pdf or doc form to all clubs. It was agreed that member clubs do their own printing and distributing. If your club would like a copy please contact the secretary at

frithie@telus.net

A suggestion was made to advertise for new members on Craigs list.

ACTION: Rick and John Matkovich will place an advertisement on Craigs list.

d) Rewording of Bylaws.

A motion was put forth by John Matkovich:

MOTION: that the wording in bylaw 2.2(a) be changed from *fee-per-person* to *fee per married or common law couple*.

Discussion followed.

Axel proposed the following motion:

MOTION: that the wording be changed from *fee-per-person* to *fee per household*.

Bylaw 2.2(a) will read: The member clubs of the Association shall: (a) pay annual dues in accordance with the current *fee per household*...

Moved/seconded *carried*

e) Website

The password for the website is with Jack Zeibert and Rick Homer.

Discussion followed on having the website interactive for members.

ACTION: Rick will discuss the proposal with Jack.

f) Host for the 2015 Provincial competition

ACTION: Paul Arcand will take the request to the VAWA executive. He will have an answer by the next council meeting.

George announced the next BCAWA newsletter will be out December 15.

Meeting adjourned 11:45

AWC Wine Entries 2009 and 2010

Class	Provinces													Totals 09	Totals 10
	AB 09	AB 10	BC 09	BC 10	MB 09	MB 10	NS 09	NS 10	ON 09	ON 10	QC 09	QC 10	SK 09		
A. Aperitif Sherry	2	0	1	3	2	2	2	0	3	3	1	0	0	9	8
B. Aperitif	1	0	5	3	3	2	3	0	3	3	1	1	0	13	9
C1. Chardonnay	2	2	10	7	3	4	3	0	8	8	4	1	1	28	22
C2. Aromatic White Vinifera	5	3	12	12	2	3	2	2	16	15	3	3	0	39	38
C3. Non-Vinifera White	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	6	8	2	1	0	11	13
C4. ODW	1	4	13	15	5	3	5	1	11	13	4	2	0	35	38
D. Rosé Table	3	2	2	5	4	3	4	1	7	5	1	1	0	18	17
E1. Dry Red Bordeaux	3	4	29	22	4	5	4	2	14	12	5	3	0	56	48
E2. Dry Red Pinot	2	1	3	7	4	2	4	2	5	6	3	1	1	18	19
E3. Dry Red Non-Vinifera	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	7	6	5	4	1	0	20	16
E4. Dry Red Zinfandel	3	2	12	11	3	4	3	0	4	4	1	1	1	24	22
E5. Dry Red Rhone	3	1	9	11	5	4	5	1	8	6	4	2	0	29	25
E6. ODR	3	2	12	13	4	3	4	2	10	10	4	2	0	35	32
F. Dessert	3	3	6	5	5	5	5	0	10	9	3	1	0	28	23
G. After Dinner	2	2	11	7	5	4	5	0	7	6	2	1	0	29	20
H. Sparkling	1	0	1	6	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	0	11	14
I. Social	3	1	4	2	2	1	2	0	6	4	4	1	0	21	9
J1. Country Table	3	1	2	1	3	2	3	1	2	4	1	1	0	11	10
J2. Country Social	0	0	6	3	4	3	4	1	10	6	1	1	0	22	14
P. Sparkling Cider	0	0	1	1	2	3	2	1	4	3	0	0	0	8	8
Totals	40	28	140	135	66	59	66	26	143	132	50	25	3	418	40

National Director's Report to BCAWA Council October 17, 2010

The good news from the 2010 AWC Competition held in New Dundee, Ontario was Jacquelin George's spectacular winning of the Grand Champion Winemaker award. Ontario and particularly Steve McDonald should be congratulated on their willingness to take on the 2010 competition.

The bad news is the deterioration of President Larry Paterson's health, to the point where he can no longer be involved actively with AWC decisions. Currently, no one has stepped forward as even an interim replacement..

The introduction two years ago of greatly liberalized eligibility based partly on membership has opened the door to the 2009 and 2010 competitions being swamped by entries from Ontario and to a slightly lesser extent, BC.

Larry Paterson was about to make a motion to hold the 2011 competition by distributing the 400-500 entries among the provinces for judging. That scenario raises many questions. How to select the classes the entries in which would be sent from 5 provinces? Is it realistic to require having all classes judged at very close to the same date? Who would collate the results? Who would manage the production, labeling and distribution of medals? Is Winexpert likely to want to continue its association with such a chaotic situation?

On line discussions among the Directors indicate little support for the "farming out" approach.

It seems to me that despite the predictable wails of Ontario's and perhaps our own members, the competition must return to a simplified system in order to be practical. Otherwise AWC may be headed down the tube. In the last couple of years the number of entries from Alberta, Quebec, and Nova Scotia has shown a marked decline. Reducing the number of entries per class to totals achievable by any of the provinces would certainly level the playing field and help foster competition among the provinces – something that currently exists only between BC and Ontario.

I propose a scenario that includes 1) the elimination of the beer classes, 2) the elimination of the Aperitif Sherry and Sparkling Cider classes and doing away with the membership based quotas and reducing eligible entries by about 50% to enable the total number of entries to be judged in about 30 flights averaging 8 entries.

Rationale: 1) The AWC Competition is essentially a wine competition. It has become unrealistic to cater to the few individuals who specialize in brews. 2) The Aperitif Sherry and Sparkling Cider have become poorly subscribed to and, again, represent comparatively few competitors.

Motion: (Gibson/Homer) That the National Director present the above option as a BC proposal to the AWC Directors.

George Gibson
National Director

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association				
Treasurer's Report Oct 1, 2010				
Cash Balance as at May 31, 2010			\$ 11,019.66	
Inventory September 28 2010			\$ 2,940.00	
Total Cash/Inventory September 28, 2010			\$ 13,959.66	
<u>Operating Activities 2010/2011 Fiscal Year</u>				
Revenues 2010/2011	Budget		Revenue	Balance
<u>Returned Funds</u>				
Competition Medals	\$ 762.00		\$ 762.00	\$ -
Repayment of 2011 Competition Loan	\$ 1,000.00			
Total Returned Funds	\$ 1,762.00		\$ 762.00	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Actual Annual Revenue</u>				
Club dues	\$ 2,200.00		\$ 975.00	-\$ 1,225.00
May 2010 Seminar	\$ 1,440.00		\$ 1,440.00	
Competition Share 2010	\$ 476.60		\$ 476.60	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 6.00		\$ 1.99	-\$ 4.01
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 5,884.60		\$ 3,655.59	-\$ 229.01
<u>Less Operating Expenses 2010/2011</u>				
	Budget		Expenses	Balance
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00
Secretarial	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00
Meeting Rentals	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00
Teleconferencing	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00
National Competition	\$ 463.77		\$ 463.77	\$ -
Filing Fees (2010)	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ -
AWC Dues	\$ 300.00		\$ 232.00	\$ 68.00
May 2010 Seminar	\$ 1,665.00		\$ 1,459.98	\$ 205.02
Purchase of Provincial Medals	\$ 2,604.00		\$ 2,604.00	\$ -
Club Education program	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 1,100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00		\$ 204.98	\$ 45.02
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 8,107.77		\$ 5,389.73	\$ 2,718.04
<u>Net Operating Revenue 2010/2011</u>	-\$ 2,223.17		-\$ 1,734.14	
<u>Cash/Inventory Before Allocations</u>	\$ 11,736.49		\$ 12,225.52	
<u>Allocations</u>				
Education Program	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 1,100.00
<u>Balance Cash/Inventory</u>	\$ 10,236.49			
Less Inventory	\$ 2,940.00		\$ 2,940.00	
<u>Unallocated Cash Balance Year end May 31, 2011</u>	\$ 7,296.49			
<u>Total Cash Available Oct 1, 2010</u>	\$ 8,796.49		\$ 9,285.52	
