



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Teleconference April 25, 2013

Welcome by President Rick Homer

Approval of Agenda Rick Homer

Attendees:

Rick Homer	Sharon Bierd	John Matkovich
Sandy Bellows	Helmut Berner	Doug Markin
John McMaster	Wayne Crossen	Ken Watson
Pat Zawalykut		
Regrets	Axel Kroitzsch	
	Ron Thorne	Sam Hauck

## Approval of the Agenda – Rick Homer

Moved: Rick Homer Carried

## Reports Treasurer John Matkovich

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- Presented Financial Statement – budget on track
- Anticipating profits from Langley

*Moved by: John Matkovich Seconded by: Sandy Bellows*

## Provincial Chief Steward Wayne Crossen

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- Reported 292 entries and the On-line System worked well
- There will be 18 Judges and 3 Trainees. It was suggested to keep Judges together for the day.
- The club is accepting credit card payments over the phone for the banquet.
- Everything is ready and encourage your friends to come.
- Suggested that for future Provincial Competitions, other clubs should donate a silent auction prize as it is becoming very difficult to secure donations for the silent auction.



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## National Director John Matkovich

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- VINO VAN is hosting the National Competition September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mark your calendars
- There is no President for the National Association.
- There has been a suggestion put forward to have a National Chief Steward but there is no agreement.

## Guild Master No report

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## Old Business

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### BCAWA Newsletter

- There is no BCAWA Newsletter Editor
- Club Reps were asked to determine if a volunteer could be found with no results.
- Rick Homer created a Facebook page for BCAWA. If successful this would allow for: people to join and keep in touch; attract younger members through social media; can be anonymous as information could be forwarded to your private email address. A decision on use is deferred to Annual General Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

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### Slate for Proposed 2013 Executive (effective May 5, 2013):

President: Sandy Bellows

Vice President: VACANT

Secretary: Sharon Bierd

Treasurer: John Matkovich

Guild Master: Sam Hauck

National Director: Axel Kroitzsch

Directors at Large: Doug Markin and Ron Thorne

Archivist: Robin MacNeil

Past President: Rick Homer



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### **Hand Book Revisions**

The handbook has been revised and matches the National Standards. Computer Section needs to be updated. Comments are appreciated and final version won't be ready till after the May meeting. Rick Homer thanked John Matkovich for all the hard work on the handbook.

### **VAWA Competition Program**

Langley Fermenters thanked John McMasters for all his work on the software and support as they prepared for their competition. It is a very easy tool to manage acceptance of entries.

### **BCAWA Annual General Meeting**

May 4, 2013 after the judging has been completed.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

*Moved by: John McMaster Carried*



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Notice of Annual General Meeting - Vancouver

Saturday May 5, 2013 @ 3:00 PM

Welcome by President	Rick Homer
Approval of Agenda	Moved: Axel Kroitzsch Seconded: Colin Nicholson Carried
Approval of AGM Minutes Business Arising: See 6. New Business	Moved: Pat Zawalykut; Seconded: Axel Kroitzsch Carried Adopted Carried Unanimously

Voting Members:

Belcararra Winemakers	Garett Van Staalduinen	Nanaimo Winemakers	Peter Huyghebaert
Chilliwack Zymurgy	John Ayris	Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicholson
Italvino	Absent	Sunshine Coast Winemakers	Gus Butt
Kamloops Winemakers	absent	VAWA (Vancouver Amateur Winemakers)	John McMaster
Langley Fermenters	Pat Zawalykut	Vinovan	John Matkovich
		Vintners of Coquitlam	Absent

## Reports

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### Treasurer **John Matkovich**

- Current Balance \$8800 before deposits from the Provincial Competition
- Considerable savings are being realized since the meetings are held using teleconferences

*Moved by: John McMaster Seconded by: John Ares*

### Provincial Chief Steward **Wayne Crossen**

- Thanks to John McMaster for the great system, Club President Pat Zawalykut, Axel Kroitzsch and all the judges and volunteers as we couldn't have done it without you.

*Moved by: Wayne Crossan Seconded by: Pat Zawalykut*

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### National Director **Axel Kroitzsch**

- VinoVan is hosting the National competition in September. Axel will be generating the list of eligible entries and will send out invitations to enter. It is hoped that the computer system used by BCAWA will be used for this competition.
- AWC continues to look for a President.

*Moved by: Wayne Crossan Seconded by: Gus Butt carried*



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## Guild Master

- General report by Axel Kroitzsch. The membership of the Guild is getting older and a more concentrated effort to find more new judges is required. See New Business.

# Old Business

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## BCAWA Newsletter:

- No one has volunteered to be the editor
- Rick has created a Face Book Page that could be used.

Discussion:

- The BCAWA site has a lot of security to protect the privacy of members.
- Facebook is easy to use and would be an easy way to distribute information and messages to membership, and would work well as an archive.

Action: Recommend for a discussion point in September for Executive Members to review and prepare recommendations.

# New Business

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## Term of BCAWA Executive Members

- (insert motion from email)
- Moved: John McMaster; Seconded: Colin Nicholson

### *Discussion*

- VAWA has found that people are reluctant to come forward for positions on the executive because they don't know how long the term will be and they do not want to stand unless the position is vacant. There are a number of executive positions vacant and no one has come forward. As the motion was not submitted to Clubs for consideration 30 days in advance, in accordance with the Constitution, there was concern for the need of input from the clubs.

*Motion: Table the General Motion for the Fall General Meeting*

*Moved: John McMaster Carried*

## Judge Trainees

**To fund/partially fund training session for Judge Trainees. 1 session per month for 6 months with a minimum of 10 trainees.**

*Discussion:*



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- The sessions would cover at least three of the major competition classes.
- Alternate between Vancouver Island (Victoria and Nanaimo) /Lower Mainland.
- Estimated that the cost would be approximately \$2500. Participants would carry their own ferry costs and a nominal cost towards the wine.
- This was done in 2000 – 2001 and a number of people were quickly qualified to become judges..
- The objective is to understand what is a no medal wine, Bronze, Silver, Gold wines as well as a good understand of faults and flaws..

*Decision: Carry the Motion Forward to September to all for a review of the details.*

## Election – Helmut Berner

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Helmut thanked the current executive and carried out the elections for the new executive. The following are the results:

President	Sandy Bellows
Vice President	Doug Markin
Secretary	Sharon Bierd
Treasurer	John Mackovitch
National Director	Axel Kroitzsch
Directors at Large (3 positions)	John McMaster, Ron Thorne, and one vacancy
Appointed Position	
Guild Master –	BC Judges Guild will be holding their election in September
Past President –	Rick Homer
Web Master	John McMaster
Archivist	Robin McNeil
News Letter	TBD

### Motion to Adjourn

*Moved by: John Ayris Seconded by: Colin Nicholson carried*



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Notice of Membership Meeting  
Cheers Restaurant, 125 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. North Vancouver  
September 14, 2013 @ 2:30 pm

Welcome by President  
Thank you to Host Club  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of AGM Minutes

Sandy Bellows  
Sandy Bellows  
Axel Kroitzsch - Adopted and Carried Unanimously  
Axel Kroitzsch – Moved to Accept and Carried Unanimously

Attendees – Executive

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Past President / Chief Steward 2014 Provincials  
National Director  
Director at Large  
Guild Master  
Web Site

Sandy Bellows  
Doug Markin (absent)  
Sharon Bierd  
John Matkovich  
Rick Homer (absent)  
Axel Kroitzsch  
Ron Thorne (absent)  
Sam Hauck  
John McMaster

Attendees:

Pepe Kuban - VinoVan  
Mary Homer – Saanich Sommilers  
Larry McIntyre - VAWA  
Riccardo Pellizzari - Italvino  
Wayne Crossen – Langley Fermenters  
Garett Van Staalduinen BELCARRA

## Reports

Treasurer John Matkovich

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- Budget Distributed and Reviewed.



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## Provincial Chief Steward

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- Everything is in hand and on track. At this time, it appears that Saanich Sommeliers will not require a loan from BCAWA.
- Questions will be answered at the next meeting
- Report from Rick Homer - Chief Steward 2014:

August 28, 2013

Chief Stewards Report for BCAWA Competition 2014

At this point we have created a budget which is attached for comments/approval. The Saanich Sommeliers has a healthy budget so at this point we will not be asking BCAWA for an advance.

We have booked the Prospect Lake hall for the Saturday venue and the Friday Night Meet n Greet will be at Starling Lane Winery which is close to the Hall. There is also a Howard Johnson Hotel close by, which has reasonable rates. We will also be offering billeting for out of town guests, and preference will be given to Judges that will be judging and attending the event. The caterer will be selected and booked soon.

The hall can accommodate seating for 120. We have created a seating plan for both the dinner and judging event.

The Music has been booked and it will be canned music by the same DJ that did the last provincial competition in Victoria.

The various committees have at least the lead person in place and once we start meeting again in September we will be filling the committees with the required support staff.

## National Director Axel Kroitzsch

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- Wine Expert will not be sponsoring medals next year. Several options were discussed. To reduce the cost of the competitions it is suggested that medals are not used and that winners are be presented with certificates and identified as 1, 2, 3 and Honorable Mention. Attendees did not support this method of scoring and want to see the use of Gold, Silver, Bronze standings continue.
- The position of President for the AWC remains vacant. It would be good if someone from BC would be interested in assuming the role.
- BC always does a professional job hosting the Nationals and if the nationals are to continue there needs to be support.

### *Action Items:*

- It was recommended to seek sponsorship from BC Grape Suppliers or possibly some of the chemical suppliers for competitions held in BC. Does anyone have connections?



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## Guild Master Sam Hauck

- It is suggested that the Social Class description be changed to allow for higher alcohol. Most commercial wines are at 12%. Sam will prepare a recommendation for next meeting.
- Recommendations for competitions:
  - Judge whites in the morning and reds in the afternoon
  - The Nationals used the same judges to judge a full flight and this worked very well.
  - Ensure the wines are properly prepared – chill the whites and open the reds at least 30 minutes prior to the judging after confirming with the judges to proceed.
- There will be another joint training session for BCAWA and the Judges Guild. Sam will prepare the outline and the session will be open to all of BACWA.

## Web Steward John McMaster

- No report
- Discussion about the use of the Competition software was held and it was positive. The software was used for the Nationals and all results would be in the mail by Monday
- Statistics for bcawa.ca website:

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Statistics for bcawa.ca (2013-09) - main

Last Update: 14 Sep 2013 - 05:16

Reported period: Sep 2013 OK

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**Statistics for: bcawa.ca**

Summary

**When:**  
Monthly history  
Days of month  
Days of week  
Hours

**Who:**  
Countries  
Full list  
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Full list  
Last visit  
Unresolved IP Address  
Authenticated users  
Full list  
Last visit  
Robots/Spiders visitors  
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**Navigation:**  
Visits duration  
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**Operating Systems:**  
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**Browsers:**  
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**Referrers:**  
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**Others:**  
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Pages not found

**Summary**

Reported period	Month Sep 2013			
First visit	01 Sep 2013 - 00:06			
Last visit	14 Sep 2013 - 05:08			
	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits
Viewed traffic *	4,146	5,014 (1.2 visits/visitor)	7,689 (1.53 Pages/Visit)	19,228 (3.83 Hits/Visit)
Not viewed traffic *			5,280	12,834

\* Not viewed traffic includes traffic generated by robots, worms, or replies with special HTTP status codes.

**Monthly history**

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2013	7,763	9,714	19,545	40,706	973.64 MB
Feb 2013	7,413	9,182	17,999	37,673	1.20 GB
Mar 2013	8,458	10,614	17,272	39,994	1.10 GB
Apr 2013	8,016	10,243	19,087	41,548	1.43 GB
May 2013	7,771	9,671	18,600	37,447	1.26 GB



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## Old Business

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### BCAWA Newsletter

- No one has volunteered to be the editor
- Sandy Bellows will lead the initial investigation into the use of social media tools.
- Club Reps are asked to:
  - Seek a volunteer to sit on a panel to develop communication tools to meet the needs of the clubs

### Notice of Motion

In May 2013, The Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association put forward a motion to amend the BCAWA By-Laws to provide that no person elected or appointed as a director shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself in the office if he or she has served in the office for two consecutive one-year terms.

Specifically:

- Insert paragraph 5.8.1: “No member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive one-year terms. Serving for part of a term shall, in this regard, not be considered a whole term.”

### Action Items:

- Clubs are asked to:
  - Review this motion and be prepared to discuss this at the January meeting of the Executive.

### **Judge Trainees - To fund/partially fund training session for Judge Trainees. 1 session per month for 6 months with a minimum of 10 trainees.**

#### Discussion:

- It is suggested that the training start in January. There would be 6 sessions. 4 Qualified Judges would attend to ensure a standard was achieved. A minimum of 10 trainees would be required with a maximum of 12. Total participant participation would be 16.
- Alternate between Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland.
- Estimated that the cost would be approximately \$2500. Participants would carry their own ferry costs and a nominal cost towards the wine (around \$200.00 per person paid in advance) . There is sufficient money in reserve to cover partial expenses.
- This was done in 2000 – 2001 and a number of people were quickly qualified to become judges.
- The objective is to understand what is a no medal wine, Bronze, Silver, Gold wines as well as a good understand of faults and flaws.

*Decision: Axel will prepare a budget for the end of November for distribution to BCAWA Executive.*



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### Image of BCAWA

- As a means to improve the visibility and increase interest in amateur wine making, a suggestion was made to consider adopting the name of BC Artisan Wine Making Association. Maybe a tag line could be “The Art of Wine Making”
- This change could be made without changing the name of BCAWA.

#### *Action Items:*

- Clubs are asked to:
  - Discuss this within their clubs to determine interest and report back to the next meeting.

### Post BCAWA Minutes of Meetings on the Web Site

- This will be done

### Club Mentoring

- Is there interest to increase the advertising around the possibility of being mentored by experienced wine makers for new club members?
- Most Clubs do this now – some more formally advertising than others

#### *Action Items:*

- Consider this for all social media that goes forward
- Would it be possible to advertise this in the Wine Maker Magazine?

## Meeting Adjourned:

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*Moved by: Mary Homer   Seconded by: Axel Kroitzsch*