



BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Notice of Membership Meeting
12206 Osprey Drive, Richmond
Sunday, February 1, 2015 @ 11:30 AM.
Agenda

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| 1. Welcome by President | Sandy Bellows |
| 2. Toast by Host Club | Larry McIntyre |
| 3. Approval of Agenda | Moved: Axel Kroitzsch; Seconded: Colin Nicholson |
| 4. Approval of October 19, 2014 Minutes | Moved: Doug Brain; Seconded: Doug Ellis |

Attendees:

Executive

President	Sandy Bellows (Saanich Sommeliers)
Vice President	Doug Markin
Secretary	Sharon Bierd (Saanich Sommeliers)
Treasurer	John Matkovich (VinoVan - Absent)
Chief Steward - 2015 Provincial Competition	Jacquelin George (VAWA)
Past President	Rick Homer (Saanich Sommeliers)
National Director	Axel Kroitzsch (Langley Fermenters)
Director at Large	Ron Thorne
Director at Large	John McMaster (VAWA)
Guild Master	Doug Ewen (VAWA)

Appointed Positions:

Web Site	John McMaster (VAWA)
Archivist	Robin McNeil (absent)

Club

Representative

Belcarra Wine Makers	Doug Brain, Robert Martino
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Fran Ayris
Italvino Wine Club	Absent
Kamloops Wine Assoc.	Absent
Langley Fermenters	Axel Kroitzsch
Nanaimo Winemakers	Absent
Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicholson
Sunshine Coast	Jacquelin George
VAWA	Larry McIntyre
Vintners of Coquitlam	Mike Lesperance
Vintners of North Van (VinoVan)	Doug Ellis

Reports

Treasurer John Matkovich

- As of February 1, 2015: Total Cash and Inventory : 15,215.69
- Treasurer's report will be attached to the minutes.

Discussion:

BCAWA is in a good financial position and funds are available to clubs who are interested in hosting events for the benefit of improving wine making knowledge and skill of wine makers within the clubs. It would be desirable that events are open to all BCAWA Clubs and providing billeting would make the events more accessible to all club members. Examples of events are: Concepts when making white wine; flaws and faults ; blending.

Acceptance of the Treasure's Report

Moved: Axel Kroitzsch; Seconded: Colin Nicholson

Provincial Chief Steward Jacquelin George

Plans are in place for the May competition. Venue is booked and catering is to be arranged. There will be a Meet and Greet on Friday evening. Cost for the Dinner and Dance will be \$60 - \$65.00 per person.

National Directors Report – Axel Kroitzsch

Very little activity at the National Level and there is no new President. Nova Scotia is holding the 2015 Competition.

Discussion:

As the role of President is a challenge to fill at the National Level, it is proposed that the National Director of the Province Holding the National Competition be the President for that year. The role would rotate which might make it easier to fill. This model would be similar to the BCAWA Chief Steward model.

Action Item: Axel Kroitzsch will recommend that the role of the National President and the Chief Steward for the National Competition be amalgamated into one role.

Guild Master's Report – Dave Ewen

The Guild Master is looking for recommendations on ways to encourage people to join the BCGWJ and ways to retain people in the Guild.

Discussion:

There was discussion about the certification/re-certification of some senior judges and general agreement that there is a need to ensure certification for all judges is current and there a re-certification process for those judges who have not attended training/maintenance sessions or judged at competitions on a frequent basis.

WEBMASTER REPORT – John McMaster

There are about 5000 visits per month to the web site with an average visit time of 95 seconds. Articles attract a lot of traffic.

Discussion:

There were a number of ideas generated from the discussion, including:

- Is there an option to create an article on how to taste wine with a link to the BCGWJ
- How can the technical content be increased
- Google Ads could generate income for BCAWA. Are there suppliers that might be interested in a Google Ad on the BCAWA web site.

Action Item(s):

- Club Reps are asked to check with their members to see if there are individuals to help establish advertising on the BCAWA web site with the possibility of realizing discounts for club members.
- Doug Ellis will approach Bosa Wines to discuss discounts for BCAWA club members if BCAWA has a preferred supplier page.

Communications Committee Report - Sandy Bellows

Sandy reported that no one has come forward to lead this committee. While many members have put forward good ideas, no one had come forward to help with the committee. The committee will be put on hold for now.

Archivist Report – Submitted by Robin McNeil (via email).

“I have started into the process of culling the files and have so far reduced the 4 filing boxes to about half a box. When this process is complete I propose to take a sample 100 pages to Staples and have them scan them. This will cost \$5 plus \$15 per 15 minutes of operator time. If it were straightforward, there should be little need for the operator, but with dog-eared originals, a mix of short and long paper and some double sided, I think it will be full time job for someone rather than letter a stack into the scanner. Also I presume that we would want each set of minutes etc. in a separate file.”

Old New Business.

Terms of BCAWA Executive Members Sandy Bellows

It was entered into the minutes of the October 19, 2014 meeting that VAWA proposed a change to the Bylaws. Club Representatives are asked to vote.

VAWA moves to amend the BCAWA Bylaws as follows:

- 1) Amend Part 5 by inserting after section 5.8:
5.8.1 No member shall hold the same office for more than two full terms in succession. Serving for part of a term shall, in this regard, not be considered a whole term.
- 2) Amend Part 5, section 5.9:
Current wording is:

- 5.9 The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.
- (a) A director so appointed holds office only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting of the Association, but is eligible for re-election at the meeting.

Amend wording to:

- 5.9 The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.
- (a) A director so appointed holds office only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting of the Association, but is eligible for re-election at the meeting.
The period served as a replacement Director is not included when determining the maximum term limit for a Director.

Vote on Amended Bylaw Changes:

Moved: Jaqueline George; Seconded: Mike Lesperance Vote: 100% in favor

Wine Judge Training Seminars progress - Axel Kroitzsch/Rick Homer

Discussion:

The class is full and feedback has been positive with comments that the format is good and everyone enjoyed the session. It is hoped that there will be 6 judges at the end of the session. Costs for the session will be \$200 per club members and \$250 for guests and the funding motion will be amended.

The Motion that was passed May3, 2014 is as follows:

“That BCAWA donate \$2000 to assist with the financing of the Wine Judge Training Program. The BCAWA Treasurer will create a special account for the training program. The funds are to be used for the following: Course materials, travel expenses for the instructors and other miscellaneous expenses. The students to be subsidized in the following manner: If a student is a member of both the BCGWJ and BCAWA, 50% of their registration fee would be paid. If they are only a member of one of the associations then 25% of their registration fee would be paid.”

Motion February 15, 2015:

Amend the funding model for the training to the following:

“That BCAWA donate \$2000 to assist with the financing of the Wine Judge Training Program. The BCAWA Treasurer will create a special account for the training program. The funds are to be used for the following: Course materials, travel expenses for the instructors and other miscellaneous expenses.

Vote on Acceptance of the Amendments to the Funding Model for training

Moved by: Doug Brain Seconded by: Larry McIntyre Vote: 100% in favor

BCAWA Annual Competition Host Clubs - Sandy Bellows

The Proposed Competition List is :

- 2016 – Belcarra/Sunshine Coast
- 2017 – Italvino
- 2018 – Vinovan
- 2019 – Nanaimo Winemakers

- 2020 – Kamloops Wine Association
- 2021 - Chilliwack Zymurgy
- 2022 – Langley Fermenters
- 2023 – Saanich Sommeliers
- 2024 – VAWA
- 2025 - Belcarra/Sunshine Coast
- 2026 – Italvino

Discussion:

Planning has begun for 2016 and Jacqueline George will be Chief Steward.

Smaller Clubs may find it challenging to plan and host events and BCAWA could offer support.

Vintners of Coquitlam will be combined with Italvino to host competitions.

BCGWJ will advise BCAWA if they would like to host a competition.

Amend Name of BCAWA to British Columbia Artisan Winemakers Association - Sandy Bellows

A motion was entered into the October 19, 2014 minutes to amend the name of BCAWA from the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association to the British Columbia Artisan Winemakers.

Moved: Axel Kroitzsch Seconded: Doug Ewen

Discussion was held.

The motion was amended to:

Amend the name of BCAWA from the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association to the British Columbia Artisan Winemakers. BCAWA will apply for the new name and if successful, then register the new name.

Moved: Doug Ewen Seconded: Axel Kroitzsch

Vote on to proceed with amending the name of BCAWA as per the amended motion.

Vote was called. 8 Voting Members present. For: 5 Against 3 Motion did not pass.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE: As a result of the miscommunications surrounding the outcome the vote this resolution will be re-introduced at the AGM so clubs are to be prepared to vote on the change of name.

New Business

BCAWA Web Site – John McMaster

The BCAWA web site hosts the AWC website and it costs \$33 per year.

Action Item: Recover funds for hosting the AWC website from AWC.

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee – May 11, 2015 7:30 pm conference call

Annual General Meeting – May 23, 2015 Provincial Competition

Meeting Adjourned:

Moved: Jacqueline George Seconded by: Axel Kroitzsch

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Treasurer's Report February 1, 2015

Cash Balance as at May 1, 2014	\$ 11,215.69
Inventory September 23, 2014	\$ 4,000.00
Total Cash/Inventory) February 1, 2015	\$ 15,215.69

Budget Forecast 2014/2015 Fiscal Year

<i>Forecasted Revenues 2014/15</i>	Budget	Actual	Balance
<u>Returned Funds</u>			
Competition Medals 2014	\$ 650.00	\$ 750.00	-\$ 100.00
Total Returned Funds	\$ 650.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 100.00
<u>General Revenue</u>			
Club dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,575.00	-\$ 75.00
Competition Share 2014	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,897.89	-\$ 897.89
Miscellaneous	\$ 15.00	\$ 3.95	\$ 11.05
Total General Revenue 2014/15	\$ 2,515.00	\$ 3,476.84	-\$ 961.84
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	\$ 3,165.00	\$ 4,226.84	\$ 1,061.84

Forecasted Expenses 2014/15

	Expense		Balance
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00	\$ 205.25	-\$ 5.25
Secretarial	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 90.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 200.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 116.00
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00	\$ 443.16	\$ 156.84
Teleconferencing	\$ 400.00	\$ 190.35	\$ 209.65
Filing Fees (2015)	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Provincial Medals (1050)	\$ 3,635.41	\$ 3,635.41	\$ -
AWC Dues	\$ 200.00	\$ 136.00	\$ 64.00
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Wine Judge Training program	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	\$ 8,410.41	\$ 6,704.17	\$ 1,706.24

Budgeted Operating Revenue 2014/15	-\$ 4,183.57	-\$ 2,477.33
Cash Available May 1, 2014	\$ 11,215.69	
Budgeted Cash Balance April 30 2015	\$ 7,032.12	
Actual cash balance February 1 2015		\$ 8,738.36

Forecast revenue is higher by \$961.84 mostly due to a successful provincial competition.
\$2000 has been allocated to the Wine judge training program
All club dues where paid as of 12/31/14



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

NOTE: These minutes have not yet been adopted.

Date: May 23, 2015

Location: Scottish Cultural Centre
8886 Hudson Street Vancouver BC

BCAWA Executive:

Present:	President:	Sandy Bellows - Saanich (Chair)
	Past President:	Rick Homer - Saanich
	Vice President:	Doug Markin - Nanaimo
	Treasurer:	John Matkovich - Vinovan
	Guild master:	Dave Ewen - VAWA
	Chief Steward:	Jacquelin George – SCAWA
	National Director	Axel Kroitzsch - Langley
	Director at Large:	Ron Thorne - VAWA
Director at Large:	John McMaster – VAWA	
Absent:	Secretary	Sharon Bierd - Saanich

Clubs / Representatives Present (Voting Members):

Belcarra Wine Makers	Robert Martino
Chilliwack Zymurgy	John Ayris
Italvino Wine Club	Riccardo Pellizzari
Kamloops Wine Assoc.	[club not represented at this meeting]
Langley Fermenters	Pat Zawalykut
Nanaimo Winemakers	Cathy Markin
Saanich Sommeliers	Mary Homer
Sunshine Coast	Jacquelin George
VAWA	Larry McIntyre
Vintners of Coquitlam	Mike Lesperance
Vintners of North Van	Doug Ellis

(10 voting members present at this meeting)

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bellows called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed all present.

2 TOAST BY HOST CLUB

Larry McIntyre gave the toast and added his welcome.

3. **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

Chair Bellows reminded those present that at its previous meeting the association had adopted a new bylaw which restricts an individual from holding the same executive position for more than two consecutive terms. He informed the group that the BCAWA executive had decided to implement the new bylaw by counting the first consecutive term as the term beginning at this AGM election, i.e., the executive elected at this meeting would be considered to be in their first consecutive term in the position.

Chair Bellows reported that while Communications Committee that he had chaired had been formed to provide better awareness of BCAWA and clubs, provide reasons for wanting to join a club, and encourage new members to join BCAWA member clubs, the committee has been disbanded as there has been no interest in continuing the its activities.

4 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Pat Zawalykut (Langley) voiced concern that the agenda does not include a list of candidates standing for office. The only way to find out is to go to the meeting and at that point the club reps have to vote without any ability to have input from their club.

Many of the club reps expressed support for this idea.

Past President Homer (responsible for nominations) responded that because there is the possibility of nominations from the floor, all candidates could not be listed beforehand. He also noted that that the clubs should be able to trust their reps to make a decision.

Several club reps disagreed with the response, also noting that even if there were no elections as such because no one was contesting a position, the names should be published beforehand, because this may spark interest in a club to select someone and put forth a nomination.

There was considerable discussion of this topic, mostly supportive. Rather than add it to the agenda for further discussion at this meeting the chair decided that this topic was best left for the new incoming executive to deal with.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5 **MINUTES**

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

That the minutes of the BCAWA Annual General Meeting Dated May 3, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

7 REPORTS

TREASURER – John Matkovich

The Treasurer tabled his report and summarized as follows: The association started off the year with a little over \$11,000 including an inventory of provincial medals valued at about \$4,000 which should last the association about 4-5 years. Revenue was budgeted at \$3,500 but the actual was \$4,200 thanks to the successful 2014 competition run by the Saanich club. On the expense side, in addition to the medal purchase, BCAWA provided the BC Guild with \$2,000 towards future judge training. The treasurer estimated that the association would have a bank balance of approximately \$8,000 with no major expenses expected.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

CHIEF STEWARD – Jacquelin George

The Chief Steward reported that this year's competition was successfully concluded at approximately 1:20pm today. There were a total of 313 entries judged with 23 Gold, 57 Silver and 135 Bronze medals awarded.

No request for a motion to accept the report was made; no motion was made.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR – Axel Kroitzsch

The National Director reported that for the first time BC has a chance of giving Ontario a run for the money as due to the stable membership in Ontario, the increased membership in BC and the declining membership in Alberta and Manitoba, we have been awarded 3 additional entries this year, bringing us to only 2 fewer entries than Ontario (64 vs 66).

The National Director further noted that the AWC is still without a President and wanted to know if anybody was willing to volunteer to fill the position. Jacquelin George recommended that the AWC Presidents position should be filled by the Province hosting the AWC competition for that year. Larry McIntyre noted that that change would result in the fact that nobody is obligated to fill the position for more than one year. This suggestion received unanimous concurrence from the AGM attendees

No request for a motion to accept the report was made; no motion was made.

GUILD MASTER – Dave Ewen

The Guild Master reported that the guild is working on ways to invigorate the guild members and to this end are actively planning to start judging commercial wines in addition to the judging they currently do. The Guild hopes to present a detailed plan at their AGM in September 2015.

No request for a motion to accept the report was made; no motion was made.

8 OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sandy Bellows (Chair) asked for a motion to change the name of the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association to British Columbia Artisan Winemakers Association.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the name of the British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association be changed to British Columbia Artisan Winemakers Association.

Discussion:

Sandy suggested that this name change would make the association and its member clubs more current and relevant and would be more attractive to younger people. He noted that many young people who he has talked to do not view the word amateur in a positive light. He went on to note that many of the arguments he has heard against the name change are based on half-truths (such as the claim that we would lose our amateur tax status and our ability to import grapes and other winemaking equipment). Sandy noted that although this had already come to a vote in the past few months, he felt that he should bring it forward again for a new vote in light of this new information.

Comments were generally positive and supportive of the motion but some club reps noted that they would not be comfortable voting on the motion again until they had had a chance to discuss the motion (again) at the club level.

It was decided to postpone the vote to the fall general meeting.

POSTPONED

8. NEW BUSINESS

HOST CLUBS FOR FUTURE PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

Confirmed for 2016:

- 2016 – Belcarra/Sunshine Coast
 - i. Date: May 26, 2016
 - ii. Location: St. Helen's Hall, Burnaby
 - iii. Chief Steward: Jacquelin George

Tentatively agreed on schedule:

- 2017 – Italvino
- 2018 – Vinovan
- 2019 – Nanaimo Winemakers
- 2020 – Kamloops Wine Association
- 2021 - Chilliwack Zymurgy
- 2022 – Langley Fermenters
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- 2026 – Italvino

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Rick Homer thanked the current executive and carried out the elections for the new executive.

The following are the results:

President	Axel Kroitzsch (Langley)	by acclamation
Vice President	Mike Leeper (Vinovan)	by acclamation
Secretary	John McMaster (VAWA)	by acclamation
Treasurer	John Matkovich (Vinovan)	by ballot
National Director	Doug Markin (Nanaimo)	by acclamation
Directors at Large (2 positions)	Larry McIntyre (VAWA) Pepe Kubon (VAWA)	by acclamation
Appointed Positions		
Guild Master –	Dave Ewen (VAWA)	
Past President –	Sandy Bellows (Saanich)	
Web Master	John McMaster (VAWA)	
Archivist	Robin McNeil (Saanich)	

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED