



BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Agenda General Meeting February 26, 2017
940 Ewen Avenue New Westminster, British Columbia V3M 5C8
11:00 am estimated (when Vancouver Island members arrive)

Agenda

1. Welcome to Serve it Right Meeting and Call to Order Mike Leeper
2. Toast by Host Club - Italvino Mike Roman
3. Approval of Agenda Moved: Ricardo Pellizzari Second: Colin Nicholson
4. Approval of October 16, 2016 Minutes Moved: Doug Markin Second: Kevin Bramhoff

Attendees:

Executive

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Chief Steward - 2017 Provincial Competition
Past President
National Director
Director at Large
Director at Large
Guild Master

Mike Leeper – Vinovan
John McMaster - VAWA
Sharon Bied - Saanich Sommeliers
John Matkovich - Vinovan
Mike Roman – Italvino
Axel Kroitzsch – Langley – Absent
Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers
Robert Martino
Johnathan Klink – Absent
Dave Ewen – VAWA Absent

Appointed Positions:

Web Site
Archivist

John McMaster- VAWA
Robin McNeil Saanich Sommeliers Absent

Club

Representative

Belcarra Wine Makers
Chilliwack Zymurgy
Italvino Wine Club
Kamloops Wine Assoc.
Langley Fermenters
Nanaimo Winemakers
Saanich Sommeliers
Sunshine Coast
VAWA
Vintners of Coquitlam
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)
Number of Voting Members

Voting Attendee
Doug Brain
Kevin Bramhoff
Riccardo Pellizzari Gary Pardin, Mike Roman
Absent
Absent
Doug Markin Cathy Markin
Colin Nicholson
Absent
Larry McIntyre
Mike Lesperance
John Matkovich

Reports:

Presidents Report – Mike Leeper

Some competitions were having very good participation with entries from other clubs while some clubs need encouragement to enter wines in other competitions. There is excitement for the upcoming fall wine making season with acceptance of a new Provincial Crush (2017 Zinfandel from Jessie's Grove, Lodi CA).

Treasurer - John Matkovich

As a result of a good 2016 competition, BCAWA revenue has increased. Bank statements were made available for review. Provided encouragement to clubs to seek funding for educational events held by their clubs. Treasurer's report is appended.

Provincial Chief Steward 2017- Mike Roman

Planning is well underway and the location and details are posted on the web site. There will be a raffle held instead of a silent auction. A budget needs to be established. The BCAWA Secretary should issue a request for Stewards closer to the competition. The BCGWJ attending will receive a complementary ticket to the banquet. It was recommended to add the role of Scanner of Results to the Registrar's team. Italvino will seek approval for campers/motorhomes to park in the venue parking lot overnight.

National Directors Report – Doug Markin

It is Ontario's turn to hold the National Wine Competition and the AWC is awaiting confirmation that they will host it (now confirmed ... yes). Alberta's role in the AWC is unknown at this time and there continues to be discussion at the AWC level of Rank vs Medal for judging at the AWC. Ontario is considering withdrawing from the AWC. BC hosts in 2020.

Moved Accepted: Kevin Bramhoff Seconded: Riccardo Pellizzari

Guild Master's Report – Dave Ewen (absent but report submitted)

The awareness and reputation of the Guild is gaining a lot of ground. This is Italvino being tempered by issues of staffing events. Recently this became evident with Chilliwack and competitions being on the same day. What the Guild is proposing to address this issue is to send a committee to every Mainland BCAWA member club meeting with our message and recruit some possible new trainees.

Another issue we are having is around expenses for judges to attend competitions. Specifically ferry costs for Island judges. Covering these by member clubs would be prohibitive but at the same time unfair for those doing the travelling. Currently we see no problem having fuel expenses covered by these clubs.

For discussion and a motion, would BCAWA create a yearly, Ferry Expense Grant, to the Guild in order to mitigate ferry travel costs? The Guild would have to create guidelines on the use of this, such as how many vehicles per competition from Victoria and Nanaimo would be allowed etc. On the basis of how many competitions there are I am sure a reasonable allowance could be reached.

In other business we are still forging ahead on multiple fronts. Sam and I have spent a lot of time at commercial events lobbying the brand of the Guild of Judges. I can say this is working, our recognition and status with BC Wineries has them embracing us as a credible and desirable body. We have plans

formed to get the first fruit wine competition off the ground as soon as early summer. The premise is wines would be judged over a period of 30 days so the judges could work through them. This low impact style without an event side to it is the most workable for our current organization. With entry fees up front it creates the financing we need for the medals.

We have had discussions and some proposals for the website and this is ongoing.

Report read into Minutes by Mike Leeper

Report Accepted: Riccardo Pellizzari Seconded by: Larry McIntyre

Action Item:

Motion: The BCGWJ should prepare guidelines with example of compensation for Club and Provincial competitions for inclusion in the BCAWA Competition Handbook. Moved: Kevin Bramhoff Seconded: Riccardo Pellizzari

Unfinished Business

Review changes required to BCAWA under the new Societies Act

John McMaster reported that BCAWA has until November 2018 to Transition to the New Societies Act. BCAWA is a member funded vs publicly funded society. BCAWA Constitution is in good form as there are no operating procedures in the Constitution. By-Law changes made in 2010 and 2015 are not in current by-laws that are on file with the Government, so they will need to be voted on again and filed.

Action Item: Notification of voting and the special resolution must go to the membership 30 days prior to the AGM so that the Vote can be held at the AGM.

Publish the rules for entries into the AWC from BCAWA.

The guidelines for selecting entries to the AWC were presented by Doug Markin and the general rules will be sent to John McMaster for publishing on the Web.

Competition Manual—Updates from Feb Meeting (Class F does not appear to be updated)

Action Item: The competition manual will be updated prior to the Annual General Meeting by Sharon Bierd.

Competition Club Rotation

There will be no change to the Club Rotation for hosting Provincial Competitions.

BCAWA Club Crush

The response to the Club Crush has been positive with preliminary orders for 34 drums. Grapes will come crushed, destemmed, and cooled. FOB Vancouver.

Discussion: Considerable discussion about the cost of freight being distributed over the number of barrels.

Motion: The Cost of Transportation for the 2017 Club Crush should be distributed equally over the number of drums ordered and added to the cost of the drums. Moved: Colin Nicholson Seconded: Mike Roman Vote:3 For and 5 Against. Motion: Defeated

Action Item: The 2017 “Grape Guy”, Rob Martino will prepare a message to be sent to all Clubs advising of the final costs and logistics and the deadline for final orders from each club.

Motion: BCAWA will host an Education Seminar in North Vancouver (Gloria Dei Church – September 16th) for the 2017 Provincial Crush at no cost for BCAWA members in good standing. Moved: Kevin Bramhoff
Seconded: Larry McIntyre Carried. Larry McIntyre agreed to co-ordinate the seminar.

Road Bus Trip

General discussion about the bus trip. This item will be removed from the Agenda until a proposal has been received by BCAWA Executive.

BCAWA Education Fund

On an annual basis BCAWA allocates \$1000.00 for Club Education. This fund can be accessed by clubs who do training within that club that can be shared by other clubs.

BCAWA Executives Visiting Club Functions

Clubs were advised at the February 2017 General Meeting that if a Club wanted a BCAWA or BCGWJ Executive to attend their meeting, they should send an invitation to the appropriate group and a representative would attend their meeting. This item will be removed from the Agenda.

New Business

BCAWA Silver Pin

The Silver Pin award is to recognize those who have made substantial contributions in furthering home winemaking through service, participation, and support. More information on this award can be found on the BCAWA web site. Clubs are asked to encourage members to submit nominations for individuals who would qualify for this award.

Wine Label Competition

VAWA started a competition for wine labels that is open to all BCAWA Clubs every two years. VAWA collects the wine labels which are judged by UBC Graphic Arts staff. VAWA will be inviting Clubs to participate in this that will be held during their upcoming competition. The next label competition will be held in conjunction with the 2018 VAWA Competition.

Charles Plant

Charles Plant, was a very influential wine maker who wrote many wine making articles and the BCAWA Handbook, and was very active in the AWC. He passed away in 2016. VAWA is going to organize a ceremony to recognize the contributions of Charles Plant at the upcoming Provincial completion on the Friday evening.

Action Item: Any club members who have a Charles Plant story that they are willing to share at this ceremony are asked to send the information to Larry McIntyre -VAWA.

Next Meeting: May 13, 2017 following the afternoon judging for the 2017 Provincial Competition: 940 Ewen Avenue New Westminster, British Columbia

Adjournment Moved: Larry McIntyre Seconded: Doug Markin

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Treasurers Report February 26, 2017

Cash Balance as at May 1, 2016	\$ 9,047.21		
Inventory May 1,, 2016	\$ 2,282.00		
Total Cash/Inventory May 1,, 2016	\$ 11,329.21		
Budget Forecast 2016/2017 Fiscal Year			
Forecasted Revenues 2016/17	Budget	Actual	Balance
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Competition Medals 2016	\$ 618.00	\$ 618.00	\$ -
Total Returned Funds	\$ 618.00	\$ 618.00	\$ -
<i>General Revenue</i>			
Club dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,435.00	\$ 65.00
Competition Share 2016	\$ 1,436.76	\$ 1,436.76	\$ -
AWC Competition share	\$ 480.00	\$ 480.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 15.00	\$ 0.71	\$ 14.29
Total General Revenue 2016/17	\$ 3,431.76	\$ 3,352.47	\$ 79.29
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 4,049.76	\$ 3,970.47	-\$ 79.29
Forecasted Expenses 2016/17			
	<i>Expense</i>		<i>Balance</i>
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 110.00
Secretarial	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 390.00
Teleconferencing	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Filing Fees (2016)	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00	-\$ 15.00
AWC Entries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AWC Dues	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,775.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 2,385.00
Budgeted Operating Revenue 2016/17	\$ 1,274.76	\$ 3,580.47	
Cash Available May 1, 2016	\$ 9,047.21		
Budgeted Cash Balance May 1 2017	\$ 10,321.97		
Actual Cash Balance January 31 2017		\$ 12,627.68	



BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS
ASSOCIATION 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda Annual General Meeting May 13, 2017
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Agenda

Executive

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Guild Master	Dave Ewen

Appointed Positions:

Web Site	John McMaster- VAWA
Archivist	Robin McNeil Saanich Sommeliers (absent)

Club

Voting

Representative

Confirm Voting
Member

Attendee

Belcarra Wine Makers	Doug Brain	Yes	Rob Martino
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Kevin Bramhoff	Yes	Rino Genzale
Italvino Wine Club	Riccardo Pellizzari	Yes	
Kamloops Wine Assoc.	Absent		
Langley Fermenters	Pat Zawalykut	Yes	
Nanaimo Winemakers	Doug Markin	Yes	Cathy Markin
Saanich Sommeliers	Rick Homer	Yes	Mary Homer
Sunshine Coast	Absent		
VAWA	Larry McIntyre	Yes	
Vintners of Coquitlam	Mike Lesperance	Yes	
Vintners of North Vancouver (Vinovan)	John Matkovich	Yes	
Number of Voting Members		9	

Welcome by President – Mike Leeper

- Recognized that BCAWA clubs had successful competitions and acknowledge glitches that will be worked on. Thanked Italvino and Vinters of Coquitlam for the successful Provincial Competition.
- Reminded everyone of the wealth of information on the BCAWA website and that everyone should be encouraged to check out the web site first and then seek information from others.
- Explained that the BCAWA Executive represents all the clubs and that the clubs decide what is to be done by making motions and voting on them which allows the Executive to act and implement them.

Toast by Host – Mike Roman on behalf of Italvino & Vintners of Coquitlam

Approval of Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes for May 28th, 2016

Moved: Riccardo Pellizzari Seconded Doug Markin Passed

Reports:

Treasurer

John Matkovich

Report provided at the end of the minutes

Moved: Rick Homer Seconded: Doug Markin Passed

John read the following motion into the minutes:

With the BCAWA Financials at the current level, I would like to make the motion for consideration at the BCAWA General Meeting in October 2017, that no membership dues are collected from the member clubs for the 2017 – 2018 calendar year.

Action: This motion will be circulated with the Agenda of the October General Meeting and will be voted on at the General Meeting.

Provincial Chief Steward

Michael Roman

John McMaster read the following into the minutes:

Total Entries into 2017 Provincial Competition	225
Gold Medals Awarded	29
Silver Medals Awarded	75
Bronze Medals Awarded	71

Other information:

- Every club except Belcarra Wine Makers & Kamloops Wine Assoc entered wines
- 45 winemakers entered wines which is a drop from the 65 that entered last year.
- Comment Sheets will be scanned and posted following the competition.

AWC Director

Doug Markin

Ontario is hosting the AWC Nationals

Doug will prepare the list of entries for 2017 and work with Mike Leeper and Axel Kroitzsh to confirm the entries.

Action Item:

Motion: Eliminate Kit Classes from Provincial competition and incorporate into varietal classes.

Moved: Axel Kroitzsh Seconded: Pat Zawalykut Carried

Motion: Review BCAWA general classes and compare to AWC to identify gaps and increase competitiveness.

Moved: Axel Kroitzsh Seconded: Rick Homer Carried

Guild Master

Dave Ewen

The BCGWJ had a successful year and acknowledged the challenge to provide Judges to the Chilliwack Competition. There will be a focus on recruiting individuals to become judges. Club representatives need to promote the Guild. There continues to be a focus on judging commercial wines. The Victoria Chapter has advised the Saanich Sommeliers that if the Club doesn't support the Guild, then there may not be Judges available to judge wines at competitions.

Action Item:

Chilliwack Zymurgy Club would like to start at Judges Guild Chapter. The Guild will work with the Club to start a chapter.

Report Accepted:

Moved: Doug Markin Seconded: Doug Bain Passed

Old Business:

Societies Act - Proposed Bylaw Amendments –

Deferred until November General Meeting

BCAWA Club Crush – Rob Martino

Forms have been sent to the clubs to confirm orders by May 30th and to identify a point person for each Club. Larry McIntyre said that the Zinfandel Seminar/Tasting will be held at Gloria Dei Church in North Vancouver on Sept 16th. Forms to be issued in July. The use of video conferencing or similar technology will be explored to help save costs (Kevin Bramhoff will help with the setup).

New Business:

Host for 2018 Provincial Competition – Vinovan –

Mike Leeper is the Chief Steward

BCAWA Competitions – Date Selection - Chilliwack

Chilliwack did not have sufficient Judges for the competition held in February as there were two competitions on the same date.

Action Item: BCAWA Clubs are asked to email the BCAWA Web Master with the details of their competitions as soon as possible to ensure that competitions are not held on the same date. Once received it will be posted on the website.

Silver Pin Awards

Axel Kroitsh and Brian Gilhooly of the Langley Fermenters were awarded Silver Pins.

Liability Insurance for BCAWA Clubs

Motion: BCAWA investigate Group Policy to cover competitions and club meetings.

Moved: Doug Markin Seconded: Larry McIntyre

Action Item: Doug Markin will investigate and report to the November General Meeting.

Elections of Officers.

Axel Kroitzsh

Executive

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Chief Steward - 2018	Mike Leeper - Vinovan	Not elected by BCAWA
Provincial Competition		
Past President	Axel Kroitzsch – Langley	
National Director	Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers	confirmed
Director at Large	Robert Martino – Belcarra	Confirmed
Director at Large	Kevin Bramhoff – Chilliwack	Confirmed
Guild Master	Dave Ewen	Not elected by BCAWA

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Next Meeting:

November 4, 2017 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1110 Gladwin Drive, North Vancouver, BC, V7R 1A2 Canada. Please note: Entries for the Vinovan Competition should be brought to the meeting.

Adjournment

Moved: Doug Markin Seconded: Axel Kroitzsch Passed

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Minutes General Meeting November 4, 2017

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Secretary

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Mike Leeper – Vinovan

Past President

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Mary Homer – Absent

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Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)

Number of Voting Members

Representative

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Attendee

Robert Martino

Doug Brain

Kevin Bramhoff

Johnathan Klink

Absent

Absent

Absent

Doug Markin

Cathy Markin

Colin Nicholson

Absent

Larry McIntyre

Mike Lesperance

Bill Huva

Presidents Report – Mike Leeper

Welcome to the Nov. 4th 2017 BCAWA Meeting. A special thanks to those Club Reps who travelled from Van Isle on a potentially snowy day.

BCAWA members were quite busy in September with the Zinfandel Seminar co-ordinated by Larry McIntyre and the first ever BCAWA grape crush. The seminar is the first one in quite some time mainly due to the fact that seminars are difficult to plan and need energetic volunteers. The Zinfandel will be judged at the 2019 Provincial competition. Both of these endeavors were planned to foster better relationships between Clubs.

We continue to work on better communications. A case in point is planning for Vinovan's Nov 18th Competition/Tasting/Dinner/Dance. The event has been posted on the BCAWA website since August, yet when talking to some BCAWA members they are surprised that the deadline for entries is very soon. At Vinovan's monthly meetings the Chief Steward reminds Club members about upcoming events and the need to support other clubs in their competitions. We also mention the wealth of excellent technical information on sites such as VAWA and Nanaimo.

Treasurer - John Matkovich

Financial Report appended to these minutes.

Provincial Chief Steward 2017- Mike Leeper

May 4 and 5, 2018 have been selected as the competition dates. Planning will begin next month after the Vinovan Competition. The location has been selected and it is Gloria Dei Church.

National Directors Report – Doug Markin

The Canadian Nationals will be held in August 2018 in Nova Scotia. BCAWA entries will need to be sent by August 1, 2018.

Regarding the 2017 AWC Competition, BCAWA had 66 entries selected and 63 were sent. There were 58 Medals (18 Gold, 34 Silver, 6 Bronze) ; 4 wines of Merit, and 1 faulted. Don Graham was Grand Champion Wine Maker with 5 Gold Medals. Results are posted on the AWC Web Site at <http://www.amateurwine.ca/index.php?page=competition-results>

BCAWA Members in attendance on Nov 4, 2017 toasted Don Graham and offered Congratulations on being selected Canadian Wine Maker of the Year.

Guild Master's Report – Mary Homer (absent but report submitted)

Please find the report at the end of these minutes. The Report was read into Minutes by Mike Leeper

Following the report, there was discussion on whether BCAWA could provide funding for the training course.

Action Item:

Funding questions regarding Judges Training should be directed to the BC Guild of Wine Judges who can then approach BCAWA.

BCAWA Club Crush - Robert Martino

The Feedback has been good on the 2017 club crush. There were 15,000 pounds of grapes ordered and everyone seems to be satisfied which was a huge goal.

Clubs are advised that there was a \$50 deposit on each barrel. If that was not paid, please ensure the barrels are returned or provide payment to Rob.

Action Item:

On behalf of BCAWA, Mke Leeper toasted Rob for taking on the job and doing a good job.

An item under new business was the 2018 Club Crush. In preparation for the 2018 club crush, Rob has agreed to take on the role of "Grape Guy" again. He has asked Clubs to identify:

- Preference for Red or White Grapes,
- Preference for a specific type of grape, grapes that are more difficult to source or unusual. If clubs want to consider grapes of this nature, what type and where could the grapes be sourced.

BCAWA Club Crush Training Seminar – Larry McIntrye

The training seminar was well received, the speakers did a good job and their presentation information is posted on the BCAWA web site. Thanks to John Matkovich for arranging the location and lunch and to Bill Huva for picking up attendees from Nanaimo. If there is a seminar next year, a camera could be purchased for approximately \$50 so that the presentation could be broadcast using Skype or Facetime. Gold Medal wines were purchased and given to the presenters as a small token of appreciation.

Unfinished Business

Deferred Membership Dues for 2018

- a. With the BCAWA Financials at the current level, the Treasure made a motion at the AGM for consideration at the BCAWA General Meeting in October 2017, that no membership dues are collected from the member clubs for the 2017 – 2018 calendar year.

The motion is as follows:

"With the BCAWA Financials at the current level, I would like to make the motion for the consideration of the BCAWA General Meeting in October 2017, that no membership dues are collected from the member clubs for the 2017-2018 calendar year."

Action: This motion was circulated as part of the Agenda for the November 4, 2017 General Meeting at which time it would be voted on.

Motion: Moved by Larry McIntrye Seconded by Doug Markin

Vote: For: 6 Against 1. Motion Carried

Review BCAWA Classes in comparison to AWC Classes.

John McMaster prepared a document that compares the classes of the two organizations and circulated it to a few BCAWA members for comments. The results have been compiled and a final document has been prepared.

Action Item:

The summary document will be distributed to BCAWA Clubs and clubs are asked to review and provide feedback to John McMaster by 31-Jan-2018. Recommendations will be voted on and BCAWA Executive will action the changes in the BCAWA Class Description Manual.

If there are recommendations for AWC, a motion would be prepared for AWC to consider.

Review changes required to BCAWA under the new Societies Act

Societies Act - Proposed Bylaw Amendments Societies Act - These proposed amendments are intended to make the BCAWA bylaws consistent with the new Societies Act, which came into force at

the end of 2016. They update various provisions of our bylaws in accordance with the legislation. A copy of the proposed new bylaws will be posted on the BCAWA website.

Special Resolution #1: RESOLVED that effective on transition under the new Societies Act, the existing bylaws of the British Columbia Winemakers Association be repealed and the form of bylaws presented to the members at the annual general meeting be adopted as the bylaws of the British Columbia Winemakers Association.

Special Resolution #2: RESOLVED that the British Columbia Winemakers Association amend its constitution to become a member-funded society upon transition under the Societies Act.

Discussion:

The vote on the Special Resolution #1 will need to be deferred till the next meeting. VAWA is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of their bylaws – which are very similar to BCAWA's. Once this review is complete, BCAWA can complete their review (in a timely manner) and vote on changes required.

The vote on the Special Resolution #2 at this meeting.

Motion:

RESOLVED that the British Columbia Winemakers Association amend its constitution to become a member-funded society upon transition under the Societies Act.

Moved: John McMaster 2nd: Larry McIntrye. Vote: For: 7 Against: 0 Motion Carried

Liability Insurance for BCAWA Clubs

BCAWA will investigate Group Policy Insurance to cover competitions and club meetings.

Doug Markin reported that contact has been made with ProLink Insurance regarding General Liability Insurance for monthly meetings, socials after competitions, the annual competition, and annual events such as the Nanaimo annual picnic.

Action Item: Doug will send to Secretary BCAWA the details of this insurance and that will be forwarded to the clubs for feedback by Jan 31, 2018.

2017 Update of BCAWA Handbook and Competition Classes – Sharon Bierd

A draft has been circulated to John Matkovich and Rick Homer for review. The team will review the final changes and submit a final draft to the next General Meeting.

New Business

Potential for a new Okanagan BCAWA Club in 2018

There are a number of wine makers who belonged to BCAWA clubs living in the Okanagan and there may be interest in forming a new BCAWA club in the area of Kelowna to Osoyoos.

Action Item: Clubs are asked to send a list of wine makers/individuals they know in the Okanagan who might be interested in forming a BCAWA chapter. BCAWA Executive will reach out to these folks to see if there is interest in forming a club. This information is asked for by December 15, 2017.

Wine Maker Magazine

Wine Maker Magazine has approached BCAWA to see if there is interest in allowing Wine Maker Magazine to place a side bar ad on the BCAWA Web Site. The Wine Maker Magazine will pay BCAWA \$14 for each new Wine Maker Magazine subscription obtained due to the ad.

Action Item: John McMaster will contact Wine Maker Magazine for more information and report back.

Director at Large

There is a change in the Director at Large. Kevin resigned. Johnathan Klinck was nominated to replace him.

Action Item: An Election was held for a Director at Large. Johnathan Klinck was elected unanimously.

Next Meeting:

Date: February 25, 2018

Location: Chilliwack – address to be confirmed.

Adjournment

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association
Treasurers Report November 4, 2017

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Forecasted Revenues 2017/18	Budget	Actual	Balance
<u>Returned Funds</u>			
Competition Medals 2017	\$ 612.50	\$ 612.50	\$ -
Total Returned Funds	\$ 612.50	\$ 612.50	\$ -
<u>General Revenue</u>			
Club dues	\$ -		\$ -
Competition Share 2017	\$ -		\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.51	\$ 4.49
Total General Revenue 2017/18	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.51	\$ 4.49
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	\$ 617.50	\$ 613.01	-\$ 4.49

Forecasted Expenses 2017/18

	Expense		Balance
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Secretarial	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 353.33	\$ 353.33	\$ -
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
Teleconferencing	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Filing Fees (2018)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -
AWC Entries	\$ -		\$ -
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,042.07	-\$ 42.07
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 20.00
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	\$ 2,778.33	\$ 1,500.40	\$ 1,277.93

Budgeted Operating Revenue 2017/18	-\$ 2,160.83	-\$ 887.39
Cash Available May 1, 2018	\$12,475.00	
Budgeted Cash Balance Apr 30, 2018	\$10,314.17	
Actual Cash Balance November 4, 2017		\$ 1,587.61

Guild Master's Report – November 4, 2017

Hello Members of the BC Guild of Wine Judges,

The purpose of this e-mail communication is to provide you with an update. Following our AGM of June 10, the members of your Guild Executive met (by audio/video conferencing) on June 28 and have since focused their energies on several projects, information of which is provided below.

MONTHLY TASTINGS:

As your newly-elected Guild Master I have collaborated with Bill Wyngaards, our Statistician, to put together this year's tasting schedule. We have taken into consideration several classes / varietals that have not been the subject of a monthly tasting for some time. Re-introducing them to our roster should be of assistance to a number of our trainees / judges in becoming certified in additional classes. Thank you, Bill, for your assistance.

I have also collaborated with Rick Homer, the Guild's appointed Educator, to assemble a schedule of "mini education sessions" to take place at each monthly tasting. This resulted from trainees indicating their desire for more education at the monthly sessions. These mini education sessions were specifically selected to support the monthly tasting. Thank you, Rick, for your suggestions.

I have also been in touch with the 3 Chapter Stewards and as a result of their efforts we now have a full roster of presenters for the monthly tastings throughout the year. The process of preparing monthly tasting notes and making the wine selections for our monthly wine tastings is an important component to the continuing education of our trainees and newly-certified judges. This year's schedule of monthly wine tastings and mini education sessions is attached for your information.

My thanks to the 3 Chapter Stewards: James Waring in Nanaimo, Sam Hauck on the Mainland, and Colin Nicholson in Victoria. As well, my thanks to those members that volunteered to prepare presentations and/or mentor those preparing presentations (see attached schedule for details of participants).

WEBSITE:

Sam Hauck has been working on developing our new Guild website. He assures me that it will be ready for launching in the very near future. This website is important for both Guild members and members of the general public who may wish to learn more about us. We are all in agreement on the importance of making a good impression the first time! A professional looking website will help us to achieve this.

Thank you, Sam, for your efforts.

WINE JUDGE CERTIFICATION COURSE:

Although we have offered wine judging courses in the past, it has become clear to us that we need to accelerate the process even further. With this goal in mind, Rick Homer has spent hundreds of hours in developing a new Wine Judge Certification course. This course consists of 8 sessions consisting of 4 Saturdays and 4 Sundays [one Saturday and one Sunday back to back per month]. At the end of the 4 weekends, providing the participants have passed their exams, they will become certified as wine judges (with no particular wine classifications attached to their certification). They would then be required to attend monthly tastings with a view to assembling a portfolio of wine classes in which they would be qualified.

Rick Homer will offer the course on Vancouver Island to accommodate trainees from Victoria and Nanaimo (hopefully securing a venue halfway between these two cities). Axel Kroitzsch will offer the course on the Lower Mainland (hopefully securing a venue convenient to all participants from the Mainland).

The tentative dates for the Wine Judge Certification course are: January 6 and 7 (Saturday and Sunday), January 27 and 28 (Saturday and Sunday), February 17 and 18 (Saturday and Sunday) and March 10 and 11 (Saturday and Sunday).

A good deal of consideration has gone into selecting these tentative dates, intentionally keeping certain weekends free so that judges/trainees can participate in scheduled BCAWA Club Competitions during this time period (Saanich Sommeliers, Chilliwack Zymurgy, and Nanaimo Winemakers).

The cost of this course will be \$300 per person (which covers the cost of course materials and all wines to be tasted during the 8 sessions, for a total of 16 tastings). Rick Homer will be sending out more information shortly, which will include a course outline.

Thank you, Rick, for donating hundreds of hours in creating this new course. Also, thank you to Rick Homer and Axel Kroitzsch, both of whom are Master Wine Judges, for agreeing to donate their time to teach this new course.

GROWTH IN THE BC GUILD OF WINE JUDGES:

At the BCAWA AGM in May 2017, members from the Chilliwack Wine Club were in attendance to express their frustration in securing wine judges at their annual competition in February 2017. This unfortunate situation arose as a result of "double booking" competition dates. BCAWA is collaborating with its member wine clubs to avoid this from happening in the future.

Since becoming your new Guild Master I have been in touch with several members of the Chilliwack Zymurgy wine club: Sergio Civitrese, Kevin Bramhoff, and Rino Genzale. Working in tandem with these individuals, I (as Guild Master) and Rick Homer (as Guild Educator) were able to travel to Chilliwack to meet with members of their wine club. During this visit we discussed the possibility of their wine club members becoming trainees with the BC Guild of Wine Judges in the hopes of becoming certified as wine judges.

Following an information session on the workings of the BC Guild of Wine Judges, the level of commitment required to become a judge, and the level of support they would need from the Guild, we participated in an actual tasting with the group. By the end of the evening we believe they had a good understanding of how the Guild works and what is required in a monthly tasting session. It is hopeful that they will join the BC Guild of Wine Judges, participate in the new course offered, and become certified as wine judges. This has the potential of resulting in a fourth Chapter being comprised in Chilliwack, providing they have a sufficient number of participants to support a Chapter. Of course, they will continue to need our support at the time of their annual competitions . . . and we expect to continue to provide them with support as has been tradition in the past.

My thanks to the members of the Chilliwack Zymurgy wine club for their keen interest and to Sergio, Kevin, and Rino for being such great hosts during our visit.

COMMERCIAL WINE COMPETITION:

Our Past Guild Master, Dave Ewen, has been working on a project for some time now regarding our participation in a commercial wine competition; in particular, for those commercial producers of fruit wines (other than grape). Dave pointed out that this would be a good entry point for the BC Guild of Wine Judges, as the fruit wine industry is not able to fully compete in most commercial wine competitions, given that most commercial competitions are driven towards grape wines.

Dave has been working with commercial fruit wine producers for some time, on this project, but specific details have not yet been established. It is Dave's plan to meet in November with a group of fruit wine producers.

Following this meeting, Dave expects to be in a better position to provide the Guild Executive members with more detailed information (i.e. the number of wineries involved, the number of wine classes involved, the maximum number of entries by each producer, the anticipated number of wine entries). Once we have more information available, the Guild Executive members will be able to look at the logistics involved in hosting such a commercial wine competition. We will keep you updated.

Thank you, Dave, for all your efforts on this special project.

FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS:

As you can see, we have been busy! It is my intention to keep you apprised, from time to time, of what is happening at the Executive level. It is important to remember that your local Chapter is a branch of the BC Guild of Wine Judges and that you are also a member of the BC Guild of Wine Judges. As such, from time to time, you will be called upon to donate your time and energy (in some way) for the benefit of the Guild and its members. You may be asked to judge at competitions or prepare a presentation or mentor a trainee or help to support a program. Working together, we can achieve success!