



Minutes General Meeting March 18, 2018  
12206 Osprey Drive Richmond

- 1. Welcome to Serve it Right Meeting and Call to Order Mike Leeper
- 2. Toast by Host Club - VAWA Larry McIntyre with the message of "Embracing Change"
- 3. Approval of Agenda Moved: Colin Nicholson. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kevin Bramhoff.
- 4. Approval of November 4, 2017 Minutes Moved: Larry McIntyre. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Colin Nicolson

Attendees:

Executive

- President Mike Leeper - Vinovan
- Vice President John McMaster - VAWA
- Secretary Sharon Bierd - Saanich Sommeliers - Absent
- Treasurer John Matkovich - Vinovan
- Chief Steward - 2018 Provincial Competition Mike Leeper - Vinovan
- Past President Axel Kroitzsch - Langley - Absent
- National Director Doug Markin - Nanaimo Winemakers - Absent
- Director at Large Robert Martino - Absent
- Director at Large Jonathan Klink
- Guild Master Mary Homer - Absent

Appointed Positions:

- Web Site John McMaster- VAWA
- Archivist Robin McNeil Saanich Sommeliers Absent

Club

Representative

	Voting	Attendee
Belcarra Wine Makers	Joe Kecskes	
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Kevin Bramhoff	
Italvino Wine Club	Absent	
Kamloops WineMaker's Assoc.	Absent	
Langley Fermenters	Glen Meyer	
Nanaimo Winemakers	Absent	
Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicholson	
Sunshine Coast	Absent	
VAWA	Clem Joyce	Larry McIntyre, John Read, David Wong
Vintners of Coquitlam	Absent	
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)	Mike Laanela	
Number of Voting Members	6	



BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION  
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*Presidents Report – Mike Leeper*

Welcome and thanks to VAWA and Larry McIntyre for hosting this meeting today and providing the toasting wine. Also thank you to Clem Joyce for providing ferry pickup for Colin Nicholson of Saanich. We have a guest today from Vinovan, Mike Laanela, who recently became a Member at Large and is filling in for Bill Huva, President of Vinovan.

Sharon Bierd, the BCAWA Secretary is rehabilitating her new knee and is unable to attend today. Mike Laanela volunteered to take minutes.

We last met on Nov. 4th some 5.5 months ago. Since then both Saanich and Nanaimo have held successful competitions. Unfortunately Chilliwack decided to cancel their Competition this year and consequently we were not able to hold our BCAWA Meeting on February 24th. However, the Chilliwack Executive has been very busy planning for the future with their Club members such that they had a very impressive turnout for the recent Guild Training session. Chilliwack have assured me that their competition will be held again in 2019.

I have also been in discussions with Kamloops regarding their interest in having both BCAWA and the Guild visit them this year. They have also said that they will be attending the Provincial Competition on May 5th hosted by Vinovan in North Vancouver. Meanwhile we have the VAWA Competition on April 7th followed by the BCAWA AGM and a tasting/dinner/dance.

*Treasurer's report - John Matkovich*

Financial report attached at the end of the minutes.

Comments:

- Cheques for magazine payments are finally all in. It was slow collecting from some.
- Revenues have declined because of last year's decision not to collect dues and there was no revenue generated by the provincial competition.
- Holding BCAWA meetings in homes means a savings of \$350.
- Generally the education budget is not fully spent each year.
- Motion to accept report by John McMaster seconded by Larry McIntyre and passed unanimously.

*Provincial Competition 2018 Chief Stewart's - Mike Leeper , Vinovan*

- Mike and his wife recently recycled several years of past medals from VAWA and Chilliwack by heating them up in the oven to 200 degrees and then peeling off the label and wiping them clean with methyl hydrate. Replacement ribbons are only 90 cents while new medals are \$3 to \$5 depending on how many you order. BCAWA does plan to make a bulk purchase of medals within the next year.
- Judges are being organized for the upcoming May 5 provincial competition hosted by Vinovan. The cut off for entries will be the end of April. Hotel rates are being negotiated and motels will be recommended for those who wish to save money. A silent auction is being organized and members are asked to contribute or make suggestions..



*National Director's report (AWC) - Doug Markin's (absent) notes read by Mike Leeper.*

- Ivan Herbert the Secretary/Treasurer is in the hospital in critical but stable condition. No word on what is wrong with Ivan at this time. John McMaster and John Matkovich have volunteered to assume the duties of AWC secretary and treasurer respectively. I nominated both members to the AWC Executive and the nomination was seconded by Stephen Butt Provincial Director for Alberta Amateur Winemakers.
- The 2018 Amateur Winemakers of Canada Competition will be held Saturday and Sunday August 25th & 26th 2018 at Kingstec Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College in Kentville, Nova Scotia. Entry instructions and regulations will be issued at a later date. Doug & Cathy Markin along with Rick and Mary Homer have volunteered to judge at the AWC competition in Kentville this year. Nova Scotia welcomes the assistance and is looking for a few judges from Ontario as well. Tommy Kucera, Manitoba Provincial Director, has also volunteered to judge at the competition as well. Our fellow judges and winemakers from Nova Scotia are very excited about having other provinces assist with the judging. This will be the first time in long time where we have gotten together to judge wines and discuss winemaking.
- The 2018 Nova Scotia AWC team stated they will organize billeting for the out of Province Judges.
- With Manitoba's Amateur Winemaking organization folding due to lack of membership, future competitions will be hosted by BC, Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia.
- John Matkovich notes BCABA may need to host the nationals next year and asks which club would be prepared to host? More discussion expected on this at the AGM.

*Guild Master's report - Mary Homer (absent) - notes read by Mike Leeper.*

Guild Master report attached at the end of the minutes.

Comments:

- Successful year of training courses. New website is up and running for the guild. Discussion about whether the old link on the BCABA website links to the new Guild website.
- Discussion about Guild judging of commercial wines.

## Unfinished business.

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Review BCABA Classes in comparison to AWC Classes. – John McMaster

A review of BCABA and AWC classes and efforts to identify gaps and increase competitiveness has been undertaken. Clubs were sent a summary document and asked to respond in January. Limited comments were received. Mike Leeper says VINOVA agrees with most of the proposed changes except changing the varietal restrictions to 95% to meet AWC rules.

Motion: Have a small committee realign classes and make changes to BCABA classes. The committee will be lead by John McMaster.

Moved: Larry McIntyre Seconded: Clem Joyce. Vote: For:6 Against: 0 Motion Carried



Review changes required to BCAWA under the new Societies Act

Comments:

John McMaster presented a list of proposed changes to bring BCAWA bylaws in line with B.C.'s new Societies Act which came into force at the end of 2016. All the changes were approved in principle (*please see the detailed list at the end of these minutes*) and the changes will be tabled for a vote at the next AGM.

Liability Insurance for BCAWA Clubs

Comments:

Mike Leeper presented an email from Nanaimo Winemakers detailing two options for BCAWA to manage a liability insurance program for all member clubs or for individual clubs to have coverage under a blanket program. Considerable discussion on the merits of liability insurance and the difficulties of having all clubs buy into a provincial program.

Discussion ended with informal resolution for some members to get more legal advice on the proposal for further consideration.

From: **Derrick Leue** <derrickl@prolink.insure>

Date: Mon, Mar 12, 2018 at 11:31 AM

Subject: Re: NANAIMO WINEMAKERS INSURANCE POLICY

To: Doug & Cathy Markin <dcmarkin1978@gmail.com>

Cc: Taylor Edwards <taylor@prolink.insure>

Thanks for your email. I am away on vacation until March 19th; however, I have included Taylor Edwards from our firm on this email because he can start the proposal process for a liability insurance program for the BCAWA with your approval. There are three reasons why a liability insurance program managed directly by the BCAWA for its clubs makes sense:

1. Cost savings for each Club. I am quite certain that the cost per Club will be 20% to 25% lower through a program.
2. Broader Coverage. BCAWA will have greater confidence in the level and type of liability coverage in place to protect each Club. There is a liability exposure for BCAWA when clubs do not have coverage in a effect. A master program will prevent this exposure.
3. Simple and efficient process for the Clubs. We all understand the time constraints and challenges volunteer organizations face. A master program controlled by the BCAWA will make things easier for your clubs and give BCAWA confidence that coverage is in place.

There are two program options to consider:

1. One Master Commercial General Liability policy covering BCAWA and all clubs:
  - A) more cost effective.



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- B) BCAWA and the clubs share the amount of coverage in the policy. We recommend at least \$5 million of coverage for the year for all clubs. You should likely consider \$10 Million of coverage.
- C) \$5 million of coverage will be approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000 under this option #1.

2. Program With Each Club Receiving Their Own Commercial General Liability policy. The insurer will require that each Club participate in the program.

A) this option is more expensive for each Club vs. Option 1; however, each Club receives their own policy with their own limit of liability.

B) This option will require some administrative work from BCAWA because the insurer will need to receive all liability insurance applications from the clubs at the same time from BCAWA.

C) \$2 million of coverage for each Club will be approximately \$800 to \$1,000 per policy per year. Clubs may wish to consider \$5 million of coverage per policy. \$5 million of coverage would be \$1,100 to \$1,500 per policy per club.

Please let Taylor know if you are interested in appointing our firm to propose a program for BCAWA and it's clubs.

Thanks again.

Derrick

2017 Update of BCAWA Handbook and Competition Classes – John Matkovic

Comments:

Still work to be done in coming month and John will liase with Rick Homer and Sharon Bierd.

Potential for a new Okanagan BCAWA Club in 2018 – Mike Leeper

Comments:

No response from other clubs. Mike Leeper will liaise with Kamloops to help them organize themselves and run educational programs, but effort for new Okanagan club will be put on hold.

BCAWA Club Crush for 2018 - Mike Leeper.

Comments:

- Response from clubs has been dismal with some saying they would not participate.
- Mike Leeper proposed to have BCAWA club crush only every two years. Counter proposal from the table to go forward with Syrah this year.
- Larry McIntyre nominated to seek a supplier and price for BCAWA that would be better than retail prices for members.
- Last year at the first provincial crush 45 drums of Zinfandel were ordered.

Wine Maker Magazine – John McMaster

Comments:

Winemaker Magazine is asking for an ad on the BCAWA website. Revenue from subscriptions would be split 50/50. He got no response to his email reply and it is suspected the effort was dropped after the magazine's intern left. This item is considered closed



## New Business

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Silver pin - nominations due March 31, 2018 to John Matkovich.

### Transportation Logistics of Wine to Competitions – Larry McIntrye

Larry raised concerns about logistics of transporting competition wines to and from events on the island, particularly when there are only a handful. Mike Leeper noted there are also costs for holding BCAWA meetings on the island. Issue put over for discussion at AGM.

### BCAWA Elections – Mike Leeper

Mike Leeper noted BCAWA elections are coming up and he will not be running for president again. Axel Kroitzch is the nominating committee. John McMaster indicated a desire to run for president. John Matkovich would stand again for treasurer. Kevin Bramhoff expressed interest in running for VP. Sharon (absent) was proposed as secretary again.

Next meeting

Date: May 5, 2018

Location: Gloria Dei Church, North Vancouver.

Time: 2:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned



Treasurers Report March, 2018

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association			
Treasurers Report March 18, 2018			
Cash Balance as at May 1, 2017		\$ 12,475.00	
Inventory May 1, 2017		\$ 2,100.00	
<b>Total Cash/Inventory May 1, 2017</b>		<b>\$ 14,575.00</b>	
<b><u>Budget Forecast 2017/18 Fiscal Year</u></b>			
<b>Forecasted Revenues 2017/18</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b><u>Returned Funds</u></b>			
Competition Medals 2017	\$ 612.50	\$ 612.50	\$ -
Total Returned Funds	<b>\$ 612.50</b>	<b>\$ 612.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b><u>General Revenue</u></b>			
Wine Magazine subscriptions	\$ 2,219.00	\$ 1,510.00	\$ 709.00
Club dues	\$ -		\$ -
Competition Share 2017	\$ -		\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 4.00
Total General Revenue 2017/18	<b>\$ 2,224.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,511.00</b>	<b>\$ 4.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,836.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,123.50</b>	<b>-\$ 713.00</b>
<b><u>Forecasted Expenses 2017/18</u></b>			
	<b>Expense</b>		<b>Balance</b>
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00	\$ 145.60	\$ 54.40
Secretarial	\$ 100.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 46.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 353.33	\$ 353.33	\$ -
Wine Magazine Payment		\$ 2,219.00	
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00	\$ 326.42	\$ 273.58
Teleconferencing	\$ 400.00		\$ 400.00
Filing Fees (2018)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -
AWC Entries	\$ 347.60	\$ 347.60	\$ -
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,042.07	-\$ 42.07
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 223.60	-\$ 123.60
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,125.93</b>	<b>\$ 4,736.62</b>	<b>-\$ 1,610.69</b>
Budgeted Operating Revenue 2017/18	<b>-\$ 289.43</b>	<b>-\$ 2,613.12</b>	
Cash Available May 1, 2018	<b>\$ 12,475.00</b>		
Budgeted Cash Balance Apr 30, 2018	<b>\$ 12,185.57</b>		
Actual Cash Balance March 19 2018		<b>\$ 9,861.88</b>	
<b>MEDALINVENTORY NOV 2017</b>			
	<b>BCAWA</b>	<b>Prov 2018</b>	
GOLD	5	50	
SILVER	100	100	
BRONZE	300	40	



REPORT FROM GUILD MASTER MARY HOMER  
BC GUILD OF WINE JUDGES MARCH 18, 2018

**MONTHLY TASTINGS:**

We have had a very successful year of monthly tastings which have included mini education sessions each month in addition to the monthly Presentation Notes provided to our members. We have enjoyed very informative presentation notes and interesting flights of wines prepared by trainees from each Chapter, while being mentored by senior Judges. 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

There remain 3 more monthly tastings to be followed by our AGM on June 10 which will take place in Victoria this year.

**WEBSITE:**

Thanks to Sam Hauck his newly-created website is now up and running. Sam has indicated that it will continue to evolve as materials become available. Thank you, Sam, for your efforts.

**WINE JUDGE CERTIFICATION COURSE:**

Rick Homer and Axel Kroitzsch have now completed the inaugural Wine Judge Certification course. Rick and Axel were assisted by Doug Markin and Sam Hauck. Rick Homer offered the course on Vancouver Island to 14 trainees from Victoria and Nanaimo and Axel Kroitzsch offered the course on the Lower Mainland to 12 trainees from the Lower Mainland and Chilliwack.

After attending 8 full-day training sessions, participating in numerous tastings, having written 7 quizzes and a final exam (all taking place from January 6 to March 11), I am pleased to report that 22 of the 24 participants successfully completed the course and are now certified as new wine judges (without portfolios). They will now be required to attend monthly tastings with a view to assembling a portfolio of wine classes in which they would be qualified.

We requested (and received) feedback from the participants. As the Guild Educator, Rick Homer, will be reviewing such feedback with a view to further improving the education course for future offerings.

Our sincere thanks Rick Homer, Axel Kroitzsch, Doug Markin and Sam Hauck for their time, energy and effort in supporting the further education of our members.

**GROWTH IN THE BC GUILD OF WINE JUDGES:**

The recently offered Wine Judge Certification course has resulted in a number of new Guild members for Chapters on the island and on the Mainland. Also, a number of members from the Chilliwack Wine Club attended the Wine Judge Certification course. While each of them did complete the course successfully, there is insufficient interest at this time to start up a fourth Chapter of the BC Guild of Wine Judges. However, as a Guild, we will be looking at ways in which we can support these new judges from Chilliwack and provide them with the opportunity to develop their wine portfolios.

**BCAWA MEMBER CLUBS:**

The BC Guild of Wine Judges was originally created to support the BC Amateur Winemakers' Association and we, as an organization, continue in this pursuit. This, however, does not limit our members from participating in competitions outside of the BCAWA.

Recently we were made aware that a BCAWA member club, Kamloops Wine Club, has been in touch requesting a visit from BCAWA and the BC Guild of Wine Judges at some point during this year. As Guild Master I will be exploring with the BCAWA President ways in which we can support this request.

**COMMERCIAL WINE COMPETITION:**

Our Past Guild Master, Dave Ewen, has advised that plans for a commercial wine competition in the BC fruit wine industry has been put on hold for the time being. He will keep us updated regarding any movement on this topic. Thank you, Dave, for your efforts on this special project.

**IN CLOSING:**

It has been a very busy year and we are interested to see what the next Guild year will bring. Until then, I will . . .

Keep 'pressing' on, **Mary Homer**  
Guild Master - BC Guild of Wine Judges Tel:250 384 7898 E-mail:[MaryinVictoria@shaw.ca](mailto:MaryinVictoria@shaw.ca)



# Changes to BCAWA Bylaws approved in Principal March 2018

- (h) → "special resolution" means a resolution passed in general meeting by a majority of not less than ~~75%~~ 2/3 of the votes of those members of the Association who, being entitled to do so, vote in person. JM John McMaster  
The Societies Act recommends reducing the approval threshold for special resolutions to 2/3.
- 2.3 → To receive membership as a club in the association the following requirements must be met:
- (a) → A request in writing must be sent to the association requesting membership.
  - (b) → The association shall provide a membership application form plus a copy of the associations constitution and by-laws for the applicant to review.
  - (c) → The completed application must be returned to the association for approval.
  - (d) → The new club must have a minimum of six members when applying.
  - (e) → ~~No more than 50% of the members in the new club can belong to an existing BCAWA club.~~ JM John McMaster  
Do we want to keep this provision? I doubt it's of any practical use.
- 3.7 → At each annual general meeting an election will take place to elect the following directors: ~~a~~ President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Chief Steward, a~~ National Director, and two Directors-at-Large. These directors, together with the Immediate Past President, ~~and the~~ Guild Representative named by the B.C. Guild of Wine Judges ~~and the Chief Steward named by the member club hosting the next Provincial Competition~~ shall comprise the executive. JM John McMaster  
We don't elect the Chief Steward. The Chief Steward is named by the club hosting the next Provincial Competition.
- 6.10 → A director who may be temporarily absent from British Columbia may send or deliver to the address of the Association a waiver of notice of any meeting of the directors and may, at any time, withdraw the waiver, and until the waiver is withdrawn:
- (a) → No notice of meetings shall be sent to that director, and
  - (b) → ~~Any and all~~ meetings of the directors of the Association, notice of which has not been given to that directors shall, if a quorum of directors is present, be valid and effective. JM John McMaster  
Remove 6.10 entirely.
- 7.2 → The Immediate Past President shall:
- (a) → ~~Act as correspondent to the GRAPEVINE.~~ JM John McMaster  
delete.
- PART-11 → GENERAL \*\*\*Delete this in final — here to maintain old numbering\*\*\*** JM John McMaster  
Delete section 11.
- 11.1 → Club invitational competitions and their dates submitted to and approved by the directors shall be publicized as "sanctioned competitions". remove
- 11.2 → It is recommended that clubs inform participants of the results of sanctioned competitions within one week following the judging. remove
- PART-13 → BORROWING** JM John McMaster  
Major change: no longer allow directors to borrow money or issue debentures.
- 13.1 → The directors shall not have any authority to borrow money or issue debentures. approve
- 13.2 → ~~In order to carry out the purposes of the association, the directors may, on behalf of and in the name of the Association, raise or secure the payment or repayment of money in the manner they decide, and, in particular but without limiting the foregoing, by the issue of debentures.~~ JM John McMaster  
Delete this.
- 13.3 → No debenture shall be issued without the sanction of a special resolution.
- 13.4 → The members may by special resolution restrict the borrowing powers of the directors, but a restriction imposed expires at the next annual general meeting.
- 14.1 → Notice of the date, time and location of a general meeting must be sent to every member of the Association at least 7 days before the meeting, and not more than 60 days before the meeting. Notice is deemed to have been sent if:
- (a) → notice of the date, time and location of the meeting has been sent to every member of the Association who has provided an email address to the Association, by email to that email address, and
  - (b) → notice of the date, time and location of the meeting is posted throughout the period commencing at least 7 days before the meeting on a website that is maintained by or on behalf of the Association and is accessible to all members of the Association. JM John McMaster  
New wording — only email / website notification.



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Minutes Annual General Meeting May 5, 2018

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| 1. Welcome to BCAWA AGM a Serve it Right Meeting and Call to Order | Mike Leeper                                                  |
| 2. Toast by Host Club - VAWA                                       | Mike Laaheal, Vinovan                                        |
| 3. Approval of Agenda                                              | Moved: Cathy Markin. Passed                                  |
| 4. Approval of May 13, 2017 AGM Minutes                            | Moved: Axel Kroitzsch. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Larry McIntyre Passed |

Attendees:

Executive

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| President                                   | Mike Leeper – Vinovan             |
| Vice President                              | John McMaster - VAWA              |
| Secretary                                   | Sharon Bierd - Saanich Sommeliers |
| Treasurer                                   | John Matkovich - Vinovan          |
| Chief Steward - 2018 Provincial Competition | Mike Leeper – Vinovan             |
| Past President                              | Axel Kroitzsch – Langley          |
| National Director                           | Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers  |
| Director at Large                           | Robert Martino                    |
| Director at Large                           | Jonathan Klinck                   |
| Guild Master                                | Mary Homer – Absent               |

Appointed Positions:

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| Web Site  | John McMaster- VAWA                    |
| Archivist | Robin McNeil Saanich Sommeliers Absent |

Club

Representative

	Voting	Attendee
Belcarra Wine Makers	Robert Martino	
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Jonathan Klinck	
Italvino Wine Club	Absent	
Kamloops WineMaker’s Assoc.	Absent	
Langley Fermenters	Axel Kroitzsch	
Nanaimo Winemakers	Cathy Markin	
Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicholson	
Sunshine Coast	Absent	
VAWA	Larry McIntyre	
Vintners of Coquitlam	Mike Lesperance	
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)	Bill Huva	Mike Laanela
Number of Voting Members	8/11	



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*Welcome by the President– Mike Leeper*

Welcomed everyone and mentioned the upcoming Provincial Competitions 2019 Nanaimo, 2020 Kamloops and 2021 Chilliwack. Mike thanked the Executive of BCAWA for their hard work and dedication during his tenure. He indicated that after serving as the Vice-President and President he had gained a very good insight into how BCAWA works and appreciated how some things can be done differently. He encouraged all of the Club Reps to look for potential Executive Members in their respective Clubs and to be the change that they want to see in BCAWA.

*Toast by the Host: Mike Laahela, Vinovan*

*Approval of the Agenda:*

Moved- Cathy Markin Passed

*Approval of the Minutes for AGM May 13, 2017 –*

Moved: Axel Kroitzsch Seconded: Larry McIntyre Passed

*Treasurer's report - John Matkovich*

Financial report attached at the end of the minutes.

Comments:

Expenses are tracking as per the budget.

In 2017, there were no dues collected, the Zinfandel Session was expenditure, and there were no revenues from the 2017 Nationals. As a result, there was a deficit.

*Provincial Competition 2018 Chief Stewart's - Mike Leeper, Vinovan*

There were 220 entries received into the competition. The medal distribution was: Gold – 18; Silver – 50; Bronze 89 for a total of 159 medals or 71% of the entries. Club Entries were as follows:

Belcarra Wine Makers	1
Chilliwack Zymurgy	24
Italvino Wine Club	7
Kamloops WineMaker's Assoc.	34
Langley Fermenters	14
Nanaimo Winemakers	27
Saanich Sommeliers	23
Sunshine Coast	12
VAWA	30
Vintners of Coquitlam	5
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)	43

- It was great to see so many entries from the Kamloops Club.
- Thanks to the 18 judges, including 4 new grads, from the recent Guild training course, and the Wine Stewards.
- It is recommended that all wines be entered into a club competition before being entered into the Provincials.



- BCAWA Reps are asked to review the Judges' Comments Sheets with those that entered wines to help wine makers improve winemaking skills.
- There were a total of 65 tickets sold for the supper and dance.

*National Director's report (AWC) - Doug Markin.*

- Ivan Herbert the Secretary/Treasurer passed away..
- The 2018 Amateur Winemakers of Canada Competition will be held Saturday and Sunday August 25th & 26th 2018 in Kentville, Nova Scotia. Entry instructions and regulations will be issued at a later date. Doug & Cathy Markin along with Rick and Mary Homer will be judging.

*Guild Master's Report - Mary Homer (absent) - notes read by Mike Leeper.*

Comments:

The Report tabled at the March BCAWA meeting are still relevant.

Axel Kroitzsch a BC Guild of Wine Judges Educator , commented:

- Training on the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island was held and a comprehensive manual has been developed. The feedback on the course was very positive. A course is 4 weekends long and the cost to put on a course is \$300. 10 students are required. Students will learn a lot about wines and will learn a good methodology to evaluate wine.
- 4 people judged at the 2018 Provincials.
- The Personal Consistency of Judges has improved at the monthly Guild Tastings.
- There continues to be a need to train new judges to ensure there are sufficient judges for BCAWA competitions.

## Old Business

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Review BCAWA Classes in comparison to AWC Classes. – John Matkovich

John Matkovich (not John McMaster as previously stated) will work with Axel and Clem to review the classes by Mid-Fall prior to the Vinovan competition.

Review changes required to BCAWA under the new Societies Act

The following resolutions were put forward

**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.

Moved: Larry McIntyre Seconded: Axel Kroitzsch Passed: Yes – 8

**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.

Moved: Mike Lesperance Seconded: Axel Kroitzsch Passed: Yes – 8



#### 2017 Update of BCAWA Handbook and Competition Classes – John Matkovich

Still work to be done and John will liaise with Rick Homer and Sharon Bierd.

Action Item:

Motion: BCAWA pay reasonable expenses to John Matkovich to attend Victoria and work with Rick Homer and Sharon Bierd to finalize Manual.

Moved: Colin Nicholson Seconded: Larry McIntyre Passed - Yes- 8

#### Potential for a new Okanagan BCAWA Club in 2018 – Mike Leeper

Comments:

No response from other clubs. Effort for new Okanagan club will be put on hold.

#### BCAWA Club Crush for 2018 – Larry McIntyre.

Comments:

- Larry and Clem formed a committee and selected Syrah grapes. Rob Martino will supply the grapes and orders can be made as clubs or individuals. The supply of premium grapes will be limited.
- A training session for Syrah can be delivered similar to the one prepared for Zinfandel providing there is a volunteer to organize it. The 2017 Zin session did have a component on what to do with red wine grapes like Syrah.

#### Transportation Logistics of Wine to Competitions – Larry McIntyre

Comments:

Clubs are encouraged to connect with other clubs to see if there are ways to take advantage of people travelling on the ferry as a way to reduce costs of transporting wine to competitions.

#### Visit to Kamloops by BCAWA and Guild

Members of the Kamloops Winemakers Association don't feel connected or a part to BCAWA. It will be important for BCAWA to build this relationship and provide support to this club as it is to host the 2020 Provincial Competition.

Action Item:

Motion: BCAWA should cover reasonable expenses to visit Kamloops to talk about what BCAWA and the Guild can do to support the club.

Moved: Mike Lesperance Seconded: Larry McIntyre. Passed – Yes = 8.

## New Business

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#### 2019 Provincial Competition

Doug Markin will be Chief Steward and the date will be selected by the end of May 2018.



## Election of Officers

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President	John McMaster – VAWA (acclamation)
Vice President	Kevin Bramhoff – Chilliwack Zymurgy (acclamation)
Secretary	Sharon Bierd - Saanich Sommeliers (acclamation)
Treasurer	John Matkovich - Vinovan (acclamation)
National Director	Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers
Director at Large	Robert Martino
Director at Large	Jonathan Klinck

*BCAWA Executive Not Elected at BCAWA AGM*

Chief Steward - 2019 Provincial Competition	Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers (appointed by club)
Guild Master	Mary Homer –(elected by the Guild)
Past President	Mike Leeper - Vinovan

*Appointed Positions:*

Web Site	John McMaster- VAWA
Archivist	Robin McNeil Saanich Sommeliers Absent

Next meeting

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

Meeting Adjourned



Treasurers Report May 5, 2018

Cash Balance as at May 1, 2017	\$ 12,475.00
Inventory May 1, 2017	\$ 2,100.00
<b>Total Cash/Inventory May 1, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 14,575.00</b>

**Budget Forecast 2017/18 Fiscal Year**

<u>Forecasted Revenues 2017/18</u>	Budget	Actual	Balance
<b>Returned Funds</b>			
Competition Medals 2017	\$ 612.50	\$ 612.50	\$ -
Total Returned Funds	\$ 612.50	\$ 612.50	\$ -
<b>General Revenue</b>			
Wine Magazine subscriptions	\$ 2,219.00	\$ 2,219.00	\$ -
Club dues	\$ -		\$ -
Competition Share 2017	\$ -		\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.08	\$ 3.92
Total General Revenue 2017/18	\$ 2,224.00	\$ 2,220.08	\$ 3.92
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,836.50</b>	<b>\$ 2,832.58</b>	<b>-\$ 3.92</b>

**Forecasted Expenses 2017/18**

	Expense		Balance
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00	\$ 216.00	-\$ 16.00
Secretarial	\$ 100.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 46.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 353.33	\$ 353.33	\$ -
Wine Magazine Payment		\$ 2,219.00	
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00	\$ 392.42	\$ 207.58
Silver Pins		\$ 220.00	
Ribbons for extra medals		\$ 143.00	
Filing Fees (2018)	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -
AWC Entries	\$ 347.60	\$ 347.60	\$ -
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 942.07	\$ 57.93
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 177.68	-\$ 77.68
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,725.93</b>	<b>\$ 5,090.10</b>	<b>-\$ 2,364.17</b>

Budgeted Operating Revenue 2017/18	\$ 110.57	-\$ 2,257.52
Cash Available May 1, 2018	\$ 12,475.00	
Budgeted Cash Balance Apr 30, 2018	\$ 12,585.57	
Actual Cash Balance May 5 2018		\$ 10,217.48

MEDAL INVENTORY NOV 2017	BCAWA	Prov 2018
GOLD	5	50
SILVER	100	100
BRONZE	340	



Minutes General Meeting October 14, 2018  
ROMA Hall, New Westminster, BC

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Welcome to Serve it Right Meeting and Call to Order | John McMaster                                          |
| 2. Toast by Host Club – Italvino Wine Club             | Mike Roman                                             |
| 3. Approval of Agenda as modified                      | Moved: Doug Markin. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Bill Huva.       |
| 4. Approval of November 4, 2017 Minutes                | Moved: Axel Kroitsch. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Larry McIntrye |

Attendees:

Executive

President	John McMaster - VAWA
Vice President	Kevin Bramhoff - Chilliwack Zymurgy
Secretary	Sharon Bierd - Saanich Sommeliers - Absent
Treasurer	John Matkovich - Vinovan
Chief Steward - 2019 Provincial Competition	Doiug Markin - Nanaimo Winemakers
Past President	Mike Leeper –Vinovan– Absent
National Director	Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers
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Director at Large	Jonathan Klinck
Guild Master	Mary Homer – Absent

Appointed Positions:

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Club

Representative

	Voting	Attendee
Belcarra Wine Makers	Rob Martino	
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Jonathan Klinck	
Italvino Wine Club	Mike Roman	
Kamloops WineMaker’s Assoc.	James Pflanz	
Langley Fermenters	Axel Kroitsch	
Nanaimo Winemakers	Doug Markin	
Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicholson	
Sunshine Coast	Absent	
VAWA	Larry McIntrye	
Vintners of Coquitlam	Doug Martin	
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)	Bill Huva	
Number of Voting Members	10	



*Presidents Report – John McMaster*

Welcome and thanks to Italvino and Mike Roman for hosting this meeting today and providing the toasting wine. Also thank you to Larry McIntyre and Bill Huva for providing ferry pickup for Vancouver Island members.

*Treasurer's report - John Matkovich*

Financial report attached at the end of the minutes.

Comments:

- Club Dues are now due and must be paid by VinoVan's competition to be considered members in good standing.
- There are enough medals for at least one year.
- Motion to accept report by John Matkovich seconded by Axel Kroitsch. Passed unanimously.
- Following the acceptance of the Treasure's Report the following motion was made:

Motion:

Stand up a Committee to investigate alternative methods of funding and organizing the Provincial and National competitions Moved: Doug Markin Seconded: Jonathan Klinck

*Action: Doug Markin will establish a committee to explore options and make recommendations to deal with the issue of smaller clubs hosting large competitions and report back to the next general meeting.*

*Provincial Competition 2019 Chief Stewart's – Doug Markin, Nanaimo Winemakers*

- Provincial Competition will be held on May 24 and 25, at the Cavallotti Hall in Nanaimo.
- The budget for the competition will be presented at the March meeting.
- Motion to accept report Doug Markin seconded by Larry McIntyre. Passed unanimously.

*National Director's report (AWC) - Doug Markin's*

2018 was the first time (in my memory) that BC and Ontario were entitled to enter the same number of wines (65) in the AWC competition. Nova Scotia entered their allotted number of entries, Manitoba none (Club folded due to lack of membership) and Alberta only entered half of their allotted entries (not sure what happened there).

I have the great pleasure of announcing that Axel Kroitsch of the Langley Fermenters won top honors as Canadian Amateur Winemaker of the Year for 2018. Congratulations Axel on a job well done.

BCAWA took top provincial honors this year with an impressive 17 Gold medals, 37 Silver medals, 9 Bronze medals and one honorable mention. Members of BCAWA's clubs did very well this year at the AWC competition held in Wolfville Nova Scotia on 25 August 2018. BCAWA entered 65 of 65 eligible entries and received 63 medals and one honorable mention with the 65<sup>th</sup> wine very close to an honorable mention as well.

Cathy and I, along with Rick and Mary Homer travelled to Nova Scotia to assist with judging at the AWC competition. There were several judges from Ontario at the competition as well and the Chief Steward partnered up a judge from each of the three provinces (BC, ON, NS). Judging in threesomes



vice pairs made for more consistent judging (in my opinion) based on my observations at the 2018 AWC Competition.

The NS Amateur Winemakers Association uses a 100 point system for judging, somewhat different than the 20 point modified UC Davis scoring system that members of the BC Guild of Wine Judges are used to. The judges scores had to be within 10 points of each other, if not, there was discussion until an agreement on the score was reached. If no consensus was reached then the Chief Steward settled the issue.

The scores of the three judges were averaged (once they were within 10 points of each other) to achieve a final score for the wine.

The Chief Steward went to great lengths to ensure there was a good environment for judging the wines. Food preparation for lunch was done at someone's house and the food was brought in to the hall just prior to the lunch break. Smokers were careful to smoke at the far end of the parking lot and did not come near the judges after having a smoke. The only outside factor that affected the competition was all the smoke from the BC forest fires. Go figure.

- Motion to accept report Axel Kroitsch Seconded: Bill Huva. Passed unanimously

*Guild Master's report - Mary Homer (absent) – appended at the end of these minutes. Read into minutes by John McMaster.*

- Motion to accept report Doug Markin seconded Jonathan Klinck. Passed unanimously

## Unfinished business.

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Review BCAWA Classes in comparison to AWC Classes and Finalize BCAWA Handbook. – John McMaster

A review of BCAWA and AWC classes and efforts to identify gaps was undertaken by John Matkovich, Clem Joyce and Axel Kroitsch. There have been changes, which are in the BCAWA handbook, made to parameters, descriptors and technical characteristics which bring the classes in line with characteristics found in current commercial wines.

The changes will be brought forward to the AWC, by John McMaster and John Matkovich, for consideration.

There will be a Club Z class. This class will be used in competitions where there is a need for a special class for the competition ex: Zinfandel Club Crush at the 2019 Provincials. Clubs will be able to use this class if required for their competitions.

The BCAWA President will ask the Guild Master to explain the process used when a non BCGWJ person is deemed to be "equivalent to a wine judge". How is the person deemed qualified?

Clubs are asked to read the revised manual and be prepared to vote on it in the revised format.

2018 Provincial Crush Update – Rob Martino

- 6 tonnes of Syrah from Sheridan Vineyards were distributed. Some people didn't get grapes because of the decision making process.
- Wine made will be judged in the 2020 Provincial Competition.



#### Okanagan BCAWA Club

- Mike Roman indicated that Ricardo would help.

#### New Business

##### 2019 AWC Competition – Club Volunteer Required

- VinoVan and VAWA are two clubs that have expressed interest in holding the competition. These two clubs will discuss which club will hold the competition.
- If other clubs are interested, they need to contact John McMaster as soon as possible.

How BCAWA determines the Provincial Winemaker of the Year – Submitted by VAWA  
Moved: Create a committee to discuss the method of calculating Wine Maker of the Year for the Provincial Competition. Moved: Larry McIntyre Seconded Rob Martino Vote: Yes 6 No 3 passed.

Action: Larry McIntyre will form a committee and report back to BCAWA at the next general meeting.

#### 2019 Club Crush

To ensure sufficient time to plan for the advertising and purchase of the grapes, it was determined by the members at the meeting that the 2019 Club Crush will be Dineen Riesling from Washington State. If 5 tonnes are ordered, the members should be able to get a reasonable price for the grapes.

This Club Crush will be judged in the 2020 Provincial Competition.

Moved: Doug Markin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Doug Martin Passed.

#### Next Meeting

March 10, 2019

Location: Roma Hall (TBC)



REPORT FROM GUILD MASTER MARY HOMER BC GUILD OF WINE JUDGES OCTOBER  
14, 2018

**The report contains new and updated information since our last report of March 18, 2018:**

**MONTHLY TASTINGS:**

We completed our tasting year with our AGM in June 2018 which took place in Victoria BC. Members from each of the 3 Chapters were in attendance. After a summer hiatus in July and August, we commenced our new tasting year in September. We continue to have trainees or newly certified Judges prepare the presentations with the support and mentorship of senior Judges. This has provided an improved learning opportunity for the Presenters and has been of benefit to all members (and guests) that attend the tastings.

We have increased our monthly budget to allow for some increased spending for monthly tastings and further increased spending for specialized wine tastings.

This year, we welcome Roger Ford as the new Chapter Steward for the Mainland. As well, a new Chapter Steward will be voted in this week for the Nanaimo Chapter. Our thanks to Sam Hauck and to James Waring for their past leadership as Chapter Stewards.

**WEBSITE:**

Our thanks to Sam Hauck as our webmaster for his continued work in keeping the website updated as materials are made available.

**WINE JUDGE CERTIFICATION COURSE:**

Rick Homer and Axel Kroitzsch are taking a much deserved reprieve from teaching the Accelerated Wine Judge Certification course during this current tasting year. They will review and consider whether or not a need exists for another one to take place in 2020. Anyone interested in taking this course should count the Guild Educator: Rick Homer at [RickinVictoria@shaw.ca](mailto:RickinVictoria@shaw.ca) to register their interest.

**GROWTH IN THE BC GUILD OF WINE JUDGES:**

In support of the newly-certified wine Judges from Chilliwack, the location of the monthly tastings for the Mainland Chapter has changed to Surrey. This makes attending the monthly tastings more accessible for these newly-certified Judges, granting them the opportunity to build on their tasting portfolio.

**BCAWA MEMBER CLUBS:**

The BC Guild of Wine Judges was originally created to support the BC Amateur Winemakers' Association and we, as an organization, continue in this pursuit.

We welcome members from BCAWA wine clubs to participate in our monthly tastings, as members or as guests. Your participation and support is appreciated! As well, we are happy to welcome any such members that wish to begin their journey to becoming certified wine judges.

**IN CLOSING:**

Our current focus is in ensuring each of our three Chapters has a healthy membership of active members and look forward to supporting wine competitions hosted by BCAWA wine clubs and judging other wines as our schedules permit.

In closing, I wish each BCAWA member a successful year of winemaking!

Cheers, Mary Homer Guild Master - BC Guild of Wine Judges Tel: 250 384 7898 E-mail:  
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