



Minutes General Meeting March 10, 2019
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 – Vintners of Coquitlam | Mike Lesperance |
| 3. Approval of Agenda as modified | Moved: John Matkovich Passed |
| 4. Approval of October 18, 2018 Minutes | Moved: Larry McIntyre Passed |

Attendees:

Executive

President	John McMaster - VAWA
Vice President	Kevin Bramhoff - Chilliwack Zymurgy - Absent
Secretary	Sharon Bierd - Saanich Sommeliers
Treasurer	John Matkovich - Vinovan
Chief Steward - 2019 Provincial Competition	Doug Markin - Nanaimo Winemakers
Past President	Mike Leeper –Vinovan
National Director	Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers
Director at Large	Robert Martino - Absent
Director at Large	Jonathan Klinck – Absent
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	Absent	
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Absent	
Italvino Wine Club	Mike Roman	
Kamloops WineMaker’s Assoc.	Absent	
Langley Fermenters	Absent	
Nanaimo Winemakers	Doug Markin	
Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicholson	
Sunshine Coast	Absent	
VAWA	Larry McIntyre	
Vintners of Coquitlam	Mike Lesperance	
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)	Mike Leeper	
Number of Voting Members	6	



Presidents Report – John McMaster

Welcome and thanks to Italvino for the facility and Mike Lesperance for hosting this meeting and providing the toasting wine. Also thank you to Larry McIntyre and Mike Leeper for providing ferry pickup for Vancouver Island members.

Treasurer's report - John Matkovich

Financial report attached at the end of the minutes.

Comments:

- Clubs can put together an Education Program and request reimbursement of funds to cover the costs of the program.
- Wine Maker's Magazine: In the past Doug Brain has been compiling the orders. Effective immediately, Clubs and/or Club Members will need to independently order the magazine. The cost will remain the same.
- There is a general decline in membership as a decline in revenue from membership dues.

Treasurer's Report Accepted: Moved: Mike Leeper Passed

Motion:

As a result of changes at the Hong Kong Bank, it is moved that the BCAWA Bank Account be changed to Blue Shore Financial.

Motion to Accept: Doug Markin Passed

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

- Provincial Competition will be held May 25, 2019 at the Cavallotti Hall in Nanaimo.
- The proposed budget for the competition is appended to the minutes.

Motion to accept report Larry McIntyre Passed unanimously.

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

- Tommy Kucera from Manitoba has expressed interest in coming to the Nationals in Vancouver this year.
- Doug has offered to find billets for out of province judges for the Nationals.

Motion to accept report Colin Nicholson Passed

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

- Motion to accept report Mike Leeper Passed

Archivist report – Robin McNeil (absent) – appended at the end of these minutes. Read into minutes by John McMaster.

Motion: Archived information will not be published on the BCAWA Web site.

Moved: Colin Nicholson Passed



Unfinished business

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

BCAWA Classes

Motion: Accept the revised BCAWA Classes and Descriptions as circulated.

Moved: Doug Markin Passed

BCAWA Handbook

Motion: The Competition Handbook will be accepted as circulated with the following amendment:

“All judges should be selected from the BC Guild of Wine Judges. If a non-BCGWJ person is deemed “equivalent to a wine judge” or if a trainee is used, then they should and shall be paired with a certified BCGWJ to maintain consistency”.

Moved: Doug Markin Passed

2019 Provincial Crush Update – Rob Martino

- Grape Selected: Dineen Riesling from Washington State
No Update
Action Item:
When are the orders for the 2019 Club Crush due?

Provincial / National Competition Funding – Doug Markin

This committee will submit a report to the fall meeting after the Provincial and National Competitions are held.

How BCAWA determines the Provincial Winemaker of the Year – Submitted by VAWA

Report deferred to October 2019 BCAWA General Meeting

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

New business

2019 AWC Competition

- VAWA will host the competition. Larry McIntyre will be Chief Steward and Paul Arcand will be Assistant Chief Steward.
- If other clubs are interested, they need to contact John McMaster as soon as possible.

2019 BCAWA Provincial Competition Class Description for the Z Class

- In the 2019 Provincial Competition this class will consist of wines made from the 2017 Provincial Crush which was Jessie Grove Zinfandel grapes.
- Entries must be made from 100% Zinfandel grapes received through the Provincial Crush program. No blending is allowed.
- While winemakers could choose to make any style of wine from the grapes, for the purpose of this competition the intended style of the wine is dry red, with a description similar to that of E4, but with the restrictions noted in the paragraph above.



2019 Silver Pin Mike Leeper

A reminder should be sent out for the Silver Pin Award. This award will be presented at the May 2019 BCAWA Provincial Competition.

Email Requesting Nominations Sent March 18, 2019 to all clubs.

Rotation of General Meeting Host

BCAWA General Meetings will be held at the Roma Hall 940 Ewen Ave, New Westminster, BC V3M 5C8. This hall is a location that is easy to access for those coming from Vancouver Island and it is very accessible for Mainland members. Each general meeting requires a host.

Motion: There will be a club rotation established to bring the wine for the toast. The BCAWA Secretary will prepare the list. Moved: Doug Markin Passed

The Club Rotation List is below and will be posted on the BCAWA Web Site.

Belcarra Wine Makers	2019 Fall General Meeting
Chilliwack Zymurgy	2020 Winter General Meeting
Italvino Wine Club	2020 Fall General Meeting
Kamloops WineMaker's Assoc.	2021 Winter General Meeting if possible*
Langley Fermenters	2021 Winter General Meeting
Nanaimo Winemakers	2021 Fall General Meeting
Saanich Sommeliers	2022 Winter General Meeting
Sunshine Coast	2022 Fall General Meeting
VAWA	2023 Winter General Meeting
Vintners of Coquitlam	2023 Fall General Meeting

*Given the logistics of attending and getting the wine to the meeting, the schedule will be adjusted if Kamloops is able to provide a wine for the meeting.

Next Meeting

BCAWA Annual General Meeting May 25, 2019

Location: Cavallotti Hall, Nanaimo



Appendixes to the BCAWA General Meeting March 18, 2019

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association Treasurers Report February 1, 2019

Cash Balance as at May 1, 2018	\$ 10,098.57
Inventory May 1, 2018	\$ 1,800.00
Total Cash/Inventory May 1, 2018	\$ 11,898.57

Budget Forecast 2018/19 Fiscal Year

<i>Forcasted Revenues 2018/19</i>	Budget	Actual	Balance
<u>Returned Funds</u>			
Competition Medals 2019	\$ 304.00	\$ 304.00	\$ -
Total Returned Funds	\$ 304.00	\$ 304.00	\$ -
<u>General Revenue</u>			
Wine Magazine subscriptions	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 2,415.00	\$ -
Club dues	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 210.00
	\$ 62.78	\$ 62.78	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.76	\$ 4.24
Total General Revenue 2018/19	\$ 4,082.78	\$ 3,868.54	\$ 214.24
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	\$ 4,386.78	\$ 4,172.54	-\$ 214.24

Forcasted Expenses 2018/19

	Expense		Balance
			\$
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00	\$ 194.90	5.10
Secretarial	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00	-\$ 25.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 353.33		\$ 353.33
Wine Magazine Payment	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 2,415.00	\$ -
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 475.00
Filing Fees (2019)	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -
AWC Entries	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	\$ 5,008.33	\$ 3,099.90	\$ 1,908.43

Budgeted Operating Revenue 2018/19	-\$ 621.55	\$ 1,072.64
Cash Available May 1, 2018	\$ 10,098.57	
Budgeted Cash Balance Apr 30, 2019	\$ 9,477.02	
Actual Cash Balance Feb 1, 2019		\$ 11,171.21

MEDALINVENTORY NOV 2018	BCAWA
GOLD	47
SILVER	154
BRONZE	330



2019 Provincials Competition and Social Event Budget

EXPENSES	BUDGET	COMMENTS
Competition Expenses		
Morning coffee and pastries	\$50.00	
Lunch expenses for judges/stewards	\$150.00	
spritzer's & pop (no beer)	\$50.00	
Hall rental	\$500.00	
Competition supplies & Chief Steward expenses	\$125.00	
bread for judges	\$20.00	
Travel expenses for Judges not attending banquet	\$200.00	
Wine glass rental	\$300.00	
Purchase of medals from BCAWA	\$480.00	\$3 for each medal handed out
Postage - mailing medals	\$75.00	
Engraving trophies	\$100.00	
Wine preserver & corks	\$50.00	
Total Competition Expenses	\$2,100.00	
Sat. Evening Food & Wine Extravaganza		
Liquor license	\$25.00	
Triple T rentals (table cloths, high tables, coat rack)	\$325.00	
Catering Saturday Social for 100	\$4,850.00	includes 8 comp tickets for judges
Music, microphone, speaker rental	\$175.00	
Entertainment	\$400.00	
Candles & balloons for tables	\$65.00	
Misc. expenses (paper napkins, tickets, invite)	\$50.00	
Additional water dispenser	\$15.00	
Total Social Expenses	\$5,905.00	
Silent Auction Expenses		
Silent auction expenses misc.	\$50.00	
Credit card fees	\$60.00	
Tablecloths/napkins from Triple T	\$180.00	
Raffle Wines	\$150.00	
Total Silent Auction	\$440.00	
Total All Expenses	\$8,445.00	
REVENUE		
* Competition wine entries	\$1,000.00	estimated at 200 bottles x \$5.00/bottle
* Tickets sold (92 tickets sold)	\$5,520.00	
* Silent auction sales estimated	\$2,000.00	
Not so silent auction	\$900.00	
Raffle wines	\$300.00	
Total Revenue	\$9,720.00	
Profit	\$1,275.00	
60% Nanaimo Club	\$765.00	
40% BCAWA	\$510.00	



BC Guild of Wine Judges Guild Master's report, March 2019

The report contains new and updated information since our last report of October 14, 2018:

MONTHLY TASTINGS:

Our monthly tastings have taken place as planned. Presenters are assigned from the Guild's pool of trainees or newly certified Judges with the support and mentorship of senior Judges. During my two year tenure, a great deal of focus has been placed on the educational component of these presentations for the benefit of the Presenters as well as the benefit to all members (and guests) that attend the tastings.

CHAPTER CHANGES:

In Nanaimo, since our last report, Cathy Markin has become the new Chapter Steward for the Nanaimo Chapter. She is doing a fine job filling the role of Chapter Steward and ensuring the monthly education topics are made available to their members. and in communicating with Executive members.

In Victoria, we are sad to report that Colin Nicholson (due to medical issues) has stepped down as the Victoria Chapter Steward. He is currently unable to participate in the monthly tastings but it is his/our hope that he will, in future, be able to return to the Guild and participate to whatever degree he chooses. Colin's contribution has been vast and we will certainly miss his contribution at our monthly tastings.

The Victoria Chapter is now seeking a new "Chapter Steward." In the interim, Rick Homer and myself will share in this duty (until the end of our tasting year in June) and are willing to support (and provide guidance to) the candidate that takes on this task (beginning with the new tasting year in September).

NEW WINE JUDGES:

Recently two trainees have reached their goal in becoming certified as wine judges. Our congratulations to:

Luke Jamieson (Nanaimo Chapter)

Jan Nilsson (Nanaimo Chapter)

As well, two certified Judges have been promoted to Master Judges. Our congratulations to:

Elaine Peligren (Nanaimo Chapter)

Peter Huyghebaert (Nanaimo Chapter)

AN INVITATION TO BCAWA CLUBS' MEMBERS:

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.

APPROACHING OUR YEAR-END TASTING and AGM

On June 9, 2019 members from the BC Guild of Wine Judges will meet in Nanaimo to participate in the last monthly tasting of the tasting year. On this same day, following the tasting and a luncheon, the Guild will hold its Annual General Meeting, electing a new Guild Master and possibly other Executive positions.

IN CLOSING:

The focus of my two year tenure has been to:

- ensure each of our three Chapters has a healthy membership of active members;
- ensure our members are available to support wine competitions hosted by BCAWA wine clubs;
- participate in the judging / analysis of other wines as our Judges' schedules permit;
- level the playing field by ensuring each Chapter is experiencing their monthly tastings in the same manner (i.e. Chapter members using the same glasses, the use of pouring spouts, etc.) which aids in setting standards (which in turn helps to increase the wine portfolios of our members);
- ensuring that our yearly tasting schedule is fairly representative of all of the wine varieties referenced in the Guild (which in turn helps to increase the wine portfolio of our members);
- support the Guild Educators (Rick Homer and Axel Kroitzsch) in their offering of the Accelerated Wine Judge Certification course. 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 contact Guild Educator: Rick Homer at RickinVictoria@shaw.ca to register their interest. Why is it important for you to know? Because all of the above-noted items result in more Judges becoming certified and better Judges being available to participate in competitions hosted by the BCAWA wine clubs.

In closing, I wish each BCAWA member a successful year of winemaking! Until we meet again . . .

Keep pressing on, **Mary Homer** Guild Master - BC Guild of Wine Judges

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BCAWA Archivist Report – March 2019

For many years Charles Plant was the archivist and, when I was appointed, I fell heir to about 8 file boxes full of material he had collected. As reported earlier, I culled this to material which I felt might be useful in posterity and was left with one box which consisted almost entirely of minutes of meetings of the Executive, Council and Annual General Meetings. These have now all been digitized into searchable PDF files, one per calendar year. I expect that the webmaster will make room for them somewhere on the website – perhaps a new “archives” tab at the top level. Every meeting I have been able to get hold of is represented, but there are probably some still missing. Most of those that I suspect are missing are recent, probably exist on computers, and could easily be added to the archive. In particular I was not able to find some executive and council meetings that probably occurred in the last 15 years – I say probably as, having no record, I don’t know if they happened!

In addition to the minutes I have prepared files for the archives including:

1. An index of the contents of the minutes archive
2. A file containing a few items of historical interest – it starts with an index
3. A history of the evolution of the BCAWA Constitution
4. The original BCAWA Competition Handbook – how far we have come!
5. A table of the BCAWA office holders from 1972 to 2018

There are already some items on the website that should be included in any archive section including:

- the list of silver pin awards,
- the winners of the “BC Wine Trophy” (which needs to be updated) and
- the History article.

I have also scanned to PDF files all 39 volumes of the Grapevine and would dearly love to see these posted on the website. However, Sal Robinson is of the opinion that her father, Tom, who was the editor for every issue of the Grapevine, was adamantly opposed to their publication on the BCAWA site due to privacy and copyright problems. It is a great pity that all this work lovingly put together over the years by Tom and the rest of the Grapevine crew cannot be made “public.” I would be happy to make these files available to anyone with a bona fide interest.

The Future:

It seems to me that the role of the traditional archivist is over and that the role of archivist should be part of the duties of the Webmaster now that everything is electronic. The Secretary should make sure that all minutes are forwarded to the webmaster who would then keep the relevant files up to date. I do not propose to keep paper copies of that which I have digitized.

Robin McNeil, February 2019.