



Minutes of the General Meeting March 12, 2023

Roma Hall, 940 Ewen Ave, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Member Clubs

Club	Representative	Attendee
Belcarra Wine Makers	Robert Martino	
Kamloops Winemakers Assoc.	Absent	
Langley Fermenters	Pat Zawalykut	
Nanaimo Winemakers	Doug Markin	
VAWA	Larry McIntyre	Clem Joyce
Vintners of Coquitlam	Doug Martin	
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)	Steve Small	

Guests:

Norm Estey, Mike Roman

Number of Voting Members

6/8

Quorum?



Executive

President	John McMaster (VAWA) - present
Vice President	vacant
Secretary	Sharon Bierd (Saanich)
Treasurer	John Matkovich (Vinovan) - present
Chief Steward – 2023 Provincial Competition	TBA
Past President	Mike Leeper (Vinovan) - present
National Director (Acting)	Doug Markin (Nanaimo)- present
Director at Large	Robert Martino (Belcarra) - present
Director at Large	
Guild of Wine Judges	
Appointed Positions:	
Web Site	John McMaster- VAWA
Archivist	Robin McNeil Saanich Sommeliers Absent



1) Welcome by the President– John McMaster

John noted that this was our first general meeting since 2019 due to COVID and thanked everyone for coming today. John also thanked Mike Roman for arranging the space and lunch for our meeting.

2) Toast by the Host Club

Clem Joyce on behalf of VAWA. 2018 Pear Cider from his tree at home.

3) Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve by Doug Markin, second by Pat Zawalykut CARRIED

4) Approval of the Minutes for general meeting November 3, 2019 –

Motion to approve by Doug Martin (Coquitlam), second by Doug Markin (Nanaimo), CARRIED.

5) Reports

a) *Treasurer's report - John Matkovich*

Collected dues from 172 members (315 members in 1999). Expenses have been minimal. Cash balance \$8,161.15. Submitted Treasurers Report.

Motion to accept Larry McIntyre (VAWA); Seconded Stephen Small (Vinoan) CARRIED

b) National Director's report (AWC) –Doug Markin –

Ontario plans to host the AWC Competition in the fall of 2023. Most likely only BC, Ontario and Nova Scotia will host future AWC competitions. After the BCAWA Provincial Competition Doug will select candidates for BC's entries.

Motion to accept by Doug Martin (Coquitlam), second by Stephen Small (Vinoan), CARRIED.

c) Guild Master William Huva – absent

John Matkovich discussed the BCGWJ (Guild). The mainland has about 9 attending members, Nanaimo about 10 and Victoria about 24. The 2023 Training Course did not have enough



applicants to cover expenses, so it was cancelled. The Guild still has sufficient judges to cover all competitions though.

6) Unfinished Business

a) 2023 Provincial Crush – Mike Leeper

Each BCAWA Club was asked to select their first and second choice for the 2023 Crush. Representatives from each Club stated their preference. It was agreed that Carmenere was the popular choice for 2023.

The grapes will most likely come from Inland Desert WA. Clem Joyce has already talked to Jim Canil who thinks that he could supply 5,000 pounds. Rob Martino who can also supply grapes said that grapes would cost about \$2.00 to \$2.10 per pound.

VAWA mentioned that they prefer whole grapes. It was agreed that Mike Leeper would ask each Club to provide a guesstimate of their quantity by March 31st.

Ideally the grapes will be in sufficient quantity so that the Carmenere does not have to be rationed to each Club.

b) Proposed changes to determining Provincial Winemaker of the Year initiated by VAWA

Larry McIntyre (VAWA) moved that BCAWA modify the rules for calculating the BC Grand Champion Winemaker. Instead of counting the scores of both wines in each class, only take the best score. Also give Best in Class (BIC) wines an extra point.

second by Doug Markin (Nanaimo).

CARRIED

c) Modify Provincial Competition Entry Classes

Doug Markin (Nanaimo) moved that BCAWA remove classes A – Aperitif Sherry, B – Aperitif and P – Sparkling Cider from the competition due to lack of use and reduced ability to find or train qualified judges.

Second Doug Martin (Coquitlam)

FAILED

d) Proposal to change the name of BCAWA

At the October 16, 2022 Annual General Meeting, the topic of changing the BCAWA name from: British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association to: British Columbia Artisan Winemakers Association was brought up during the Town Hall session. After some discussion, Colin Nicolson (Saanich) moved to put this on the agenda for the next meeting to allow the club reps time to discuss with their clubs and be prepared to debate and vote on the topic.



John McMaster noted that as this is a motion to change the Association's Constitution, our Bylaws require that this must be presented as a Special Resolution and the member clubs must be given 30 days notice of a Special Resolution.

This Special Resolution will be introduced at the AGM on May 28, 2023 and the clubs will be given at least 30 days notice.

e) 2023 Provincial Competition

John McMaster noted that Kamloops, Chilliwack and Langley are unable/unwilling to host in 2023. Saanich has confirmed 2024 and VAWA 2025. John, on behalf of BCAWA and Bill Huva on behalf of the Guild are proposing the 2023 Provincial Competition be jointly hosted by BCAWA/BCGWJ in May. Registration of entries would open April 8th and closes May 7th. The Competition results will be known by May 30th.

Doug Markin (Nanaimo) moved to accept the BCAWA/BCGWJ proposal. **Seconded by Stephen Small (Vancouver)**

CARRIED

7) New Business

9) Announcements

Norm Estey mentioned that Chilliwack is not meeting as a Club now as it is not practical. Older members are not making wines and only meet socially. Some of the existing winemakers plan to connect with other clubs to continue in BCAWA activities. Pat Zawalykut mentioned that Langley already has two members from Chilliwack.

Mike Leeper noted that to date the medal recycling program has been very successful and has helped to reduce the cost of the Provincial Competition. Please mention to all past and present members to consider recycling their many bronzes, silver, and yes gold medals as they cost about \$4.75 each and could reduce the cost of running competitions. Consider placing your cleaned old medals in the box with your entries so that we can use them in 2023. This includes medals that you won from other BCAWA Clubs. Thank you for your consideration.

9) Motion to Adjourn

Doug Markin (Nanaimo) moved to adjourn. **Seconded by Stephen Small (Vancouver)**

CARRIED

Next meeting: Date: May 28, 2023, Location: Roma Hall, Time: 11:30am