

c) Guild Master's report: Mike presented on Bill's behalf as he was unavailable.

d) 2025 Provincial Competition by VAWA in June: Larry McIntyre noted that a Chief Steward and a Registrar have been appointed. The venue will be Dave Wong's house on June 20-21st (how many days will depend on the number of entries). John Matkovich asked Larry for a budget. Larry responded that VAWA executive were meeting next Wednesday and would forward it then. John McMaster asked if BCAWA covered competition deficits, to which Mike responded in the affirmative.

Motion to accept by Doug Markin seconded by Brian McConnell Passed

6) Unfinished Business:

a) Results of Motion to collect \$1 per wine entry for BC Guild of Wine Judges: Saanich and Nanaimo clubs noted that they had not been asked about this and were therefore not responding yet or nay at this time.

c) Guild of Wine Judges to create 1 day Wine Appreciation Workshop for early 2025: see Bill's attached report.

e) Maintenance of Website - it needs refining/upgrading or a completely new system – John McMaster update: Since its inception, it has run entirely on volunteered efforts. There is a legitimate question of its value/relevance (at least as it currently stands). The archive portion has NEVER been accessed. Perhaps a reconfiguration using Sharepoint 360 (or?) would allow for the website to act as more of a conduit? After some discussion, it was decided to have club reps take the idea back for input and then report back to this body. *** The Competition portion of the site is deemed independent, relevant and valuable.

7. New Business

a) BCAWA Clubs request flexibility for determining Competition dates:

Nanaimo – April (although it will be in July, this year only)

VinoVan- November

Saanich- February 21st

VAWA – April 26th

Motion for approval- Doug Markin seconded by Doug Martin Passed

b) 2025 BCAWA Crush Selection Committee: Brian McConnell has asked to be on the committee. First and second choices should be submitted to Brian by March 30th.

Motion- Do BCAWA members wish to buy from US suppliers?

Motion for approval – Doug Markin seconded by Doug Martin Passed

c) Next Meeting (AGM) October 12th at Roma Hall

d) Next Toast/wine: Doug Markin (Nanaimo)

8) Town Hall Session

a) Dwindling Club Members: John McMaster reported that he'd had a conversation with Flory Bosa. She stated that commercial sales had dropped off too, indicating a more general slump in winemaking overall. It appears that both artisanal and professionals may need restructuring to deal with this new reality.

9) Announcements: VinoVan needs 5000 corks. Thoughts? Ideas? Sources? Let them know.

10) Adjourn motion by Doug Markin seconded by Doug Martin

Passed