



Minutes General Meeting Nov 3, 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 – Beclarra Wine Club | Rob Martino |
| 3. Approval of Agenda as modified | Moved: Colin Nicholson Passed |
| 4. Approval of March 10, 2019 Minutes | Moved: Kevin Bramhoff Passed |

Attendees:

Executive

President	John McMaster - VAWA
Vice President	Kevin Bramhoff - Chilliwack Zymurgy
Secretary	Sharon Bierd - Saanich Sommeliers
Treasurer	John Matkovich - Vinovan - Absent
Chief Steward – 2020 Provincial Competition	TBD
Past President	Mike Leeper –Vinovan
National Director	Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers
Director at Large	Robert Martino
Director at Large	Rino Genzale
Guild Master	Bill Huva – Absent

Appointed Positions:

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

Club

Representative

	Voting	Attendee
Belcarra Wine Makers	Rob Martino	
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Rino Genzale	
Italvino Wine Club	Mike Roman	
Kamloops WineMaker’s Assoc.	Absent	
Langley Fermenters	Absent	
Nanaimo Winemakers	Absent	
Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicholson	
Sunshine Coast	Absent	
VAWA	Larry McIntyre	
Vintners of Coquitlam	Doug Martin	
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)	Mike Leeper	
Number of Voting Members	7	



Presidents Report – John McMaster

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

Treasurer's report - John Matkovich

Financial report attached at the end of the minutes.

Comments:

- There has been \$3600 spent on the purchase of a 5 year supply of medals and this cost is recovered when Clubs purchase the medals from BCAWA.

Treasurer's Report Accepted: Moved: Doug Martin Passed

National Director's report (AWC) – John McMaster on behalf of Doug Markin) and Larry McIntyre as Chief Steward of the National Competition

- There are 4 provinces that actively participate in AWC (BC, AB, ON and NS) and the census of Canadian winemakers has declined over the past five years and continues to decline.
- The 2019 National Competition had a maximum of 210 entries, 178 were registered, 175 were received with three broken and replaced and three that were never shipped and never located. 172 entries were judged with 29 Gold, 51 Silver, and 58 Bronze medals awarded. Don Graham, Nanaimo Winemakers is the 2019 Wine Maker of the Year and BC is the Province of the Year.
- Mike Leeper proposed a toast to thank VAWA for hosting the competition and the BC Guild of Wine Judges for their assistance and a job well done.

Guild Master's report – Mike Leeper on behalf of Bill Huva who was absent –

- The Guild training sessions are going well and Presenters have been identified for all the sessions.

Archivist report – Robin McNeil (absent) – no report

Unfinished business

2019 Provincial Crush Update – Rob Martino

- Grape Selected: Dineen Riesling from Washington State and VAWA and Vinovan purchased 3100 pounds which is considerably less than the 2018 Club Crush of 8 tonnes.
- Everyone is happy and the grapes were good although not a lot of people seemed to be interested in White Grapes.

Provincial / National Competition Funding – John McMaster

- AWC pays for the administration costs of a competition and the host province pays for the other costs from the \$10 entry fee collected.
- There was discussion about BCAWA adopting this model with Club Members in attendance expressing that most clubs were moving away from holding a banquet and dance. As well, VINO VAN is increasing club membership fees and not a holding silent auction.

Action Item: At the meeting Club Representatives seemed to support the notion of raising the entry fee to the BCAWA Provincial Competition to \$10 per entry. Club Members are asked to discuss this with their clubs and report back to the April 2020 General BCAWA meeting.

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

This item is tabled for one year to allow clubs time to discuss with their clubs. Moved: Doug Martin Passed



Okanagan BCAWA Club – Mike Leeper

Motion: BCAWA approves a budget of up to \$300 to support a delegate to visit the Okanagan to promote a new Club. Moved: Doug Martin Passed

New business

Host club for the provincial competition

- Following the 2019 AGM, Kamloops indicated that they would not host the 2020 BCAWA Provincial Competition. Chilliwack is next on the rotation list for 2020 and are undecided on whether they will host.
- Discussion occurred on what would need to happen to enable Chilliwack to host the 2020 Provincial Competition.

Motion: The 2020 provincial Competition will be administered by BCAWA with the intent to develop a new model for running provincial competitions. Moved: Doug Martin Passed

Host Club for the 2020 provincial competition

- For the 2020 provincial competition, Chilliwack will determine if it will host the competition using a new model. Chilliwack would be responsible to provide the Administrator/Chief Steward; choose a date and secure the venue (the Roma Hall is highly recommended) and BCAWA will send out a request for volunteers from other clubs; the BCGWJ will provide the judges and determine the judge allocations.

Motion: Based on the 2020 competition results, BCAWA will consider changes to the provincial Competition Model. Moved: Kevin Bramhoff Passed

Action Item: BCAWA will initiate a review of the Competition Rotation List to determine if clubs will stay as standalone hosts or would join permanently with other clubs to host the provincial competition.

Provincial Competition

- NS advertises that non club members can enter wines into their competitions so they can get their wines judged. These entries are charged a premium fee. NS is the only province where club membership is increasing.

Motion: Non-affiliated members be allowed to enter wine, at a premium price, to the Provincial Competition with the intent to direct the non-affiliated members to a local club. Moved: Doug Martin Passed

Action Item: BCAWA will update the BCAWA handbook to accommodate this change.

National Competition

After discussion, most clubs indicated there was continued support to participate in the AWC.



Provincial Crush

For the 2019 provincial Competition, there were 21 entries for the 2018 Club Crush. 3 Gold, 8 Silver, 8 Bronze and 2 no medal.

Action Item: There seems to be interest in continuing with the Club Crush with most clubs preferring to make red wine. Rob Martino and Larry McIntyre will review options and recommend to the April 2020 general meeting a grape for the 2020 Club Crush.

Wine Maker Magazine

Information regarding subscriptions will be passed on to clubs as it becomes available to BCAWA.

BCAWA Education Fund:

The rules for the BCAWA Education Fund are:

- The Education Activity would be of benefit to all amateur wine makers in BCAWA.
- All BCAWA members would be invited to participate.
- Clubs are asked to not charge a Door Fee.

To secure reimbursement, submit information to the BCAWA Treasurer

Medals for Information:

Vinovan encouraged all BCAWA clubs to recycle medals that were previously won in competitions and a number of medals were returned to clubs at the meeting.

Vinovan indicated that they will provide their club members with a 50% refund of the cost of the medal if they return medals, with the label removed off the back and the ribbon intact, to the club.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2020

Location: Roma Hall

Club Host: Kamloops WineMaker's Assoc. (if possible) or Langley Fermenters.



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Treasurers Report October 7, 2019

Cash Balance as at May 1, 2019	\$ 10,652.08
Inventory July 1 2019	\$ 4,300.00
Total Cash/Inventory July 1, 2019	\$ 14,952.08

Budget Forecast 2019/20 Fiscal Year

<u>Forecasted Revenues 2019/20</u>	Budget	Actual
<u>Returned Funds</u>		
Competition Medals 2019	\$ 771.00	\$ 771.00
Total Returned Funds	\$ 771.00	\$ 771.00
<u>General Revenue</u>		
Club dues	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 235.00
Share of Provincial Competition 2019	\$ 550.97	\$ 550.97
Total General Revenue 2019/20	\$ 2,150.97	\$ 785.97
<u>Total Operating Revenues</u>	\$ 2,921.97	\$ 1,556.97

Forecasted Expenses 2019/20

	Expense	
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00	
Secretarial	\$ 150.00	\$ 25.00
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 353.33	
Meeting Rentals	\$ 600.00	
Filing Fees (2019)	\$ 54.33	\$ 56.93
1100 Competition medals purchased	\$ 3,634.40	\$ 3,634.40
Club Education program allocation	\$ 1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ 9.00
<u>Total Operating Expenses</u>	\$ 6,092.06	\$ 3,725.33

<i>Budgeted Operating Revenue 2019/20</i>	-\$ 3,170.09	-\$ 2,168.36
<i>Cash Available May 1, 2019</i>	\$ 10,652.08	\$ 10,652.08
<i>Cash Balance budget & actual</i>	\$ 7,481.99	\$ 8,483.72

Equity Shares **\$25.18**