



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting October 16, 2022

Roma Hall, 940 Ewen Ave, New Westminster, BC

Attendees:

Member Clubs

Club	Representative	Attendee
Belcarra Wine Makers	Robert Martino	
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Absent	
Kamloops Winemakers Assoc.	Absent	
Langley Fermenters	John McMurchy	Axel Kroitzsch
Nanaimo Winemakers	Doug Markin	
Saanich Sommeliers	Colin Nicolson	
Sunshine Coast	Absent	
VAWA	Larry McIntyre	
Vintners of Coquitlam	Doug Martin	
Vintners of North Van (Vinovan)	Steve Small	

Number of Voting Members

7/10

Quorum? ✓

Executive

President	John McMaster - VAWA
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	John Matkovich - Vinovan
Chief Steward – 2022 Provincial Competition	Bill Huva - Vinovan
Past President	Mike Leeper –Vinovan
National Director (Acting)	John McMaster - VAWA
Director at Large	Robert Martino - Belcarra
Director at Large	
Guild of Wine Judges	Bill Huva - Vinovan
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 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

John noted that as we don't have a host club, we thought we would change the tradition to have the BC Grand Champion Winemaker make the Toast at the AGM.

As the 2022 Grand Champion, Mike Leeper made the toast to the continued longevity and health of BCAWA and its member clubs.

3) Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve - Larry McIntyre (VAWA), seconded by Doug Markin (Nanaimo), CARRIED

4) Approval of the Minutes for AGM May 5, 2019 –

Motion to approve - Axel Kroitzsch (Langley); Seconded Colin Nicholson (Saanich) CARRIED

5) Reports

a) Treasurer's report - John Matkovich

John submitted his Treasurer's report (attached). John noted that BCAWA had received no revenue in 2 ½ years.

Motion to accept Axel Kroitzsch (Langley); Seconded Doug Martin (Coquitlam) CARRIED

b) Provincial Competition 2022 Chief Steward's report – Bill Huva, Guild

In 2019, Nanaimo hosted the Provincial and had 308 entries by 58 entrants; The BC Guild of Wine Judges conducted the Provincial Competition in 2021 and 2022. 2021 had 220 entries by 43 entrants and 2022 had 143 entries by 28 entrants. The timing for the 2022 Provincial was in September later than usual. Under the BCGWJ each of the 3 Chapters received 25% of the entry proceeds and the Mainland Chapter received an additional 25% for organizing the competition.

Motion to accept Doug Markin (Nanaimo) Seconded Axel Kroitzsch (Langley) CARRIED

c) National Director's report (AWC) – Report Submitted by John McMaster.

John reported all AWC activity since his last report:



2019 September 14, VAWA hosts the Nationals, Larry McIntyre was the Chief Steward.

2020 February BC proposes a slight amendment to the formula for allocating entries for each Province. Passed

2020 February – Manitoba reports that they have 3 members and no plans to hold a competition or participate in the Nationals

2020 March – Alberta reports 52 members and that they plan to participate in the Nationals.

2020 March – Ontario reports that due to Covid they have cancelled their 2020 competition.

2020 March – Nova Scotia reports that they have canceled their provincial competition and won't be participating in the National.

2020 March – AWC cancels the 2020 National Competition.

2021 April – Nova Scotia reports that they are considering a provincial competition in the fall.

2021 April – Alberta reports that they haven't considered a provincial competition.

2021 April – Ontario reports that they are planning a provincial competition for the late fall. If there is sufficient interest, they will consider hosting a National Competition.

2021 June – Alberta reports that they haven't thought about a provincial competition for 2021

2021 June – BC reports that they are planning to hold a provincial competition with a very different format. As they are not sure what the outcome will be, BC is not in favour of holding a National Competition.

2021 September – AWC decides to not have a National Competition in 2021.

2022 July – Alberta reports that they will not be holding a provincial competition

2022 July – Nova Scotia reports that they will not be holding a provincial competition

2022 July – Ontario reports that they did have a provincial competition and experienced not problems but suggests that we not hold a National competition this year

2022 July – BC reports that they will be holding a Provincial competition but in light of low Provincial participation moves that we not have a National Competition in 2022.

2022 July – BC's motion passed – there will not be a 2022 National competition.

2022 July – Manitoba reports that they are now down to 2 members.

Motion to accept Larry McIntyre (VAWA), seconded by Axel Kroitzsch (Langley), CARRIED.

d) Guild Master's Report – Bill Huva

Discussed the Guild (and later provided a report).

Rick Homer and Axel will conduct another judging course mid-January to late March and need a minimum of 10 participants at each location. A discussion ensued about how to get more BCAWA members to take the wine course. The suggestion was made to mention that not everyone who takes the course “has to become a wine judge and judge regularly”.



Motion made by Rob Martino (Belcarra) that BCAWA subsidize club members \$100.00 when they complete and pass the Judging course. Second by Doug Markin (Nanaimo), CARRIED.

It was recommended that since the BCGWJ needs new members at their monthly tasting sessions, the Guild should make it clear that all club members are welcome to participate in Guild tasting sessions and that the Guild should provide the Clubs with the judging schedule indicating the dates that specific wines will be tasted and assessed. Over time maybe more club members will attend some of the tasting sessions.

6) Old Business

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

On behalf of VAWA, Larry McIntyre proposed 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 6 points regardless of class of medal. A long discussion ensued. Bill Huva and John McMaster agreed to make a comparison under the present and proposed systems as proposed changes cannot be made today.

Potential for a new Okanagan BCAWA Club – Mike Leeper

Mike reported that due to COVID this activity was not done.

7) New Business

a) Model for 2023 Provincial Competition

Return to individual club hosting or ask the Guild to continue to manage?

A lengthy discussion took place and it was clear that the consensus is that BCAWA Clubs want to continue with the Provincial Competition. Saanich is next in line and Colin will discuss it with the Saanich membership.

Once we receive word from Saanich on if they are willing to host the 2023 Provincial Competition we will know if we have an issue or not.

b) Modify Provincial Competition Entry Classes

Guild Master Bill Huva recommended 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.



Doug Markin (Nanaimo) made a motion to remove classes A – Aperitif Sherry, B – Aperitif and P – Sparkling Cider from the Provincial competition, seconded by Axel Kroitzsch, CARRIED.

c) 2023 Provincial Crush – Mike Leeper

Mike reported that the 2022 BCAWA Crush of Sheridan Cabernet Sauvignon is the most successful yet with over 8.5 tons of grapes purchased. Most of the BCAWA clubs participated. While Cab was not the first choice of any club, it was clearly the overall second choice. The intent of the BCAWA Crush is have a different varietal each year to increase knowledge about winemaking and foster interaction between clubs. Starting 2017 with Zinfandel then 2018 Syrah; 2019 Riesling; 2020 none; 2021 Malbec and 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon. Each club will be polled in late January regarding their first and second choice for the 2023 Provincial Crush.

d) Club annual dues – John Matkovich

John proposed returning to the regular BCAWA fees of \$5per member for 2022/23.

Doug Markin (Nanaimo) made a motion to return to the regular BCAWA fees of \$5 per member for 2022/23., seconded by Axel Kroitzsch, motion CARRIED

8) Town Hall Session

Should BCAWA change its name?

In the past it was suggested that BCAWA change the word Amateur in its name to Artisan as means of attracting more younger members. Bill Huva said that the BCGWJ recommends the change as most younger wine enthusiasts more readily accept the notion of Artisan. Vinovan discussed it at their September meeting and are unanimous regarding adopting “Artisan”. A long discussion ensued.

Colin Nicholson made a motion that each club representative should go back to their clubs to discuss the rationale and determine if they agree. Axel seconded the motion, CARRIED

9) Announcements

Mike Leeper discussed the success of the medal recycling program initiated for the Provincial Competition. Many clubs returned medals for the 2022 Competition which saved the BCGWJ hundreds of dollars. 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.



10) Elections of Officers – Mike Leeper

Mike reported that he'd contacted a number of people to assume the positions of VP, Member at large or National Director. Doug Markin agreed to stand for the National Director position, but others declined due to efforts to strengthen their own clubs. No response from Chilliwack. John McMaster advised that it will be his last term as President.

President	John McMaster – VAWA (acclamation)
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Sharon Bierd - Saanich Sommeliers (acclamation)
Treasurer	John Matkovich - Vinovan (acclamation)
National Director	Doug Markin – Nanaimo Winemakers (acclamation)
Director at Large	Robert Martino
Director at Large	Rino Genzale

BCAWA Executive Not Elected at BCAWA AGM

Chief Steward - 2020 Provincial Competition	TBD
Guild Master	(Elected by the Guild)
Past President	Mike Leeper - Vinovan

Appointed Positions:

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

9) Motion to Adjourn

**Axel Kroitzsch (Langley) moved to adjourn, seconded by Colin Nicolson (Saanich) ...
CARRIED**

Next meeting
Date: TBD
Location: TBD
Time: TBD

Meeting Adjourned