



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Membership Meeting

January 25, 2014 @ 10:00 am

Welcome by President

Sandy Bellows

Thank you to Host Club

Sandy Bellows

Approval of Agenda

Rick moved: Alex seconded- Adopted and Carried
Unanimously

Approval of AGM Minutes

Colin moved John McMaster 2nd– Moved to Accept
and Carried Unanimously

Attendees – Executive

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Past President
6. Chief Steward 2014 Provincials
7. National Director
8. Director at Large
9. Director at Large
10. Guild Master

Sandy Bellows
Doug Markin
Sharon Bierd
John Matkovich
Rick Homer
Rick Homer
Axel Kroitzsch
Ron Thorne
John McMaster
Sam Hauck

Other Roles Supporting the Executive

Web Site

John McMaster

Archivist (Appointed)

Robin McNeil

Attendees:

Mary Homer – Saanich Sommeliers

Larry McIntyre - VAWA

Colin Nicholson - Saanich Sommeliers

Joe Kugler - VAWA



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Reports

Treasurer John Matkovich

- Copies of the Treasurer Report was distributed to the Executive and Clubs were provided with one copy at the meeting
- Budget Highlights:
 - Medals are purchased on an as required base and are available to clubs for cost. There should be sufficient medals for this year's competition and next year more medals will be required.
 - Estimated that Victoria will make \$1000
 - Balance is \$12,000 and forecast is that there will be a carry forward of \$10,800
 - Bank Statements are available to view at John's house and will be brought to the quarterly meetings

Moved: Axel Kroitzsch; Seconded: John McMaster

Provincial Chief Steward

A Summary of the Report from Rick Homer, Provincial Chief Steward:

Date: May 2 (Meet and Greet) May 3 (Judeing and Supper/Dance)

Location: May 2 - Starling Lane Winery; May 3 Prospect Lake Hall

Accommodations: Billeting is offered to out of town guests with a preference given to Judges. Ken Stepushyn is the Coordinator. The Howard Johnson Hotel is close by and has reasonable rates.

Insurance: Liability insurance has been arranged and glass rentals have been reserved.

Ticket Prices: Tickets will be \$62 per person. This will provide for a break even for the event. The silent auction will be the profit.

Ticket Sales: The hall can accommodate seating for 120. Mary Homer will be contacting clubs for ticket sales.

Supper and Dance: Moonlight Catering is the caterer for the Saturday evening gourmet buffet and

Music has been booked. It is canned music by the same DJ that did the last provincial competition in Victoria.

Committees: The various committees are fully staffed and are busy working on their duties.

Silent Auction: Items are beginning to trickle in. We welcome items for the silent auction!

Competition Notice: The notice for the competition will be posted soon and the online registration will go live on March 10 and close on April 18.



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Judging: I will be contacting the various BCGWJ's chapters soon to solicit judges.

Moved John Matkovich; Second Larry McIntyre

National Director Axel Kroitzsch

There is no President for AWC – major duties are the National Competition and Budget. Anyone can apply. There is information on the web site for the role and Club Members are asked to canvass their groups for interest. There is advantage to have an AWC present from BC.

The Archives have been recently reviewed and scanned and are available to the Executive due to privacy concerns.

Guild Master Sam Hauck

Nanaimo group has stabilized; Victoria is stable and Mainland Chapter is trying out different locations.

Web Steward John McMaster

Summary of highlights:

Average number of visits to the web site per month are 10,000 visits per month;

Total number of annual visits 122,592 with 98,000 unique visitors annually.

75 % of the hits came from Google and the most common words used to search “wine”; phrase “words to describe wine”;

The BCAWA site is used as a source for documents that help people making wine.

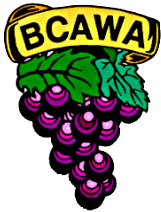
Suggestion: It might be worth reviewing those documents for users and consider putting basic wine making articles.

Old Business

BCAWA News via Alternative Multimedia Forums

There was discussion about the media used to get the message of BCAWA out.

Action: A Communications Committee will be created and this topic will be referred to the committee.



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VAWA Motion to BCAWA By-Laws

In May 2013, The Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association put forward a motion to amend the BCAWA By-Laws to provide that no person elected or appointed as a director shall be eligible to succeed himself or herself in the office if he or she has served in the office for two consecutive one-year terms.

Specifically:

- Insert paragraph 5.8.1: “No member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive one-year terms. Serving for part of a term shall, in this regard, not be considered a whole term.”

At the January 24, 2014 meeting, VAWA provided the following text:

- 1) Amend Part 5 by inserting after Section 5.8:

5.8.1 No member shall hold the same office for more than two full terms in succession. Serving for part of a term shall, in this regard, not be considered a whole term.

- 2) Amend Part 5, section 5.9:

Current Wording is:

5.9 The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.

(a) A director so appointed hold office only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting of the Association, but is eligible for re-election at the meeting.

Amend wording to:

5.9 The directors may at any time and from time to time appoint a member as a director to fill a vacancy in the directors.

(a) A director so appointed hold office only until the conclusion of the next following annual general meeting of the Association, but is eligible for re-election at the meeting. **The period served as a replacement Director is not included when determining the maximum term limit for a Director.**

Club Representatives were canvassed:

Saanich Sommeliers – Discussed the motion at their AGM. The club consensus was that it was not obvious how it would improve getting members to step up and take on the new roles.

Langley Fermenters – Discussed the motion and came to the same decision that Saanich Sommeliers came to.

VAWA – the proposal doesn't mean that the position would remain vacant. VAWA works under these bylaws. This is the third year in a row there is a full executive slate. VAWA has found that if the Nominating Committee was effective then there will be full slate of members. If this bylaw is in place, it is not so hard for members to step forward. Maybe the clubs can do a round robin in providing Executive Members to BCAWA. VAWA will provide additional information to the Executive to distribute as information to the clubs.

BACAWA –



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- There is need to ensure that the terms of reference for roles and responsibilities need to be posted on the Intranet so that members understand what they would be taking on if they accept the positions.
- The spirit of the motion is supported. Do Clubs need this for the health of the Clubs?
- Current executive discussed the challenges about finding replacements for BCAWA Executive Members.
- If there is no need perceived by the Clubs to provide executive members to BCAWA, then there will be no interest which in term asks why is BCAWA needed.
- It is recognized that there are only two clubs represented by Club Reps. Individuals in Executive roles do not count as Club Reps.
- Clubs need to consider 5.8 along with the motion.

Action:

- Tabled pending a redraft by VAWA.

Financial support to BCGWJ training

Discussion:

How many individuals are interested? Victoria – 3; Vancouver – 3; Nanaimo – has not responded. Canvass clubs and BCGWJ to see who is interested.

Alex will provide an Outline to BCAWA for review.

Decisions regarding the funding of this will be made by the BCAWA Executive.

Sponsorship for Provincial Competition –

Discussion will be moved to Communications Committee

Proposed change to Social Class description

Technical Characteristics for Social Class do not reflect the current market of Social Style wines.

Sam presented information on the market comparisons.

Rosé can be included in the class and it is suggested that members be reminded that it is possible.

How does this fit in with the National Classes?

It was discussed that the name of the class should change to Off Dry or Social Off Dry.

Accept Research under advisement, consult with Nationals and propose to the Nationals.

BCGWJ joint training session

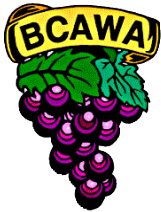
June is the target month. The session will be similar to Nanaimo – this will be open to all (clubs, Judges, and others).

Change of BCAWA name

- This will be discussed in new business.

Action Items:

- Clubs are asked to:



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- Discuss this within their clubs to determine interest and report back to the next meeting.

Club Mentoring

- By offering wine making mentorship, clubs will be able to increase the club members.
- VAWA has done a really good of their mentorship program.

Post BCAWA Minutes of Meetings on the Web Site

- Completed

New Business

Communications Committee

There are members on the committee: Jack, Joe Kugler VAWA, Sam Hauck, Doug, and Sandy. If you would like to be a member of a communication team, please send additional names to Sandy.

Archivist Report

Robin has taken on the role of the archivist. There are 7 large boxes of information that contains a lot of information that people will not look again. Retain only minutes of Executive Council, AGM and items of interest ex: 1st BC competition handbook and a few pictures which will result in one box (approx).

Propose adding a complete set of Grapevines. The goal will be to eventually produce an electronic copy.

Robin will proceed and will reach out to clubs if documentation is missing.

Victoria Fermenters Guild

A member of the Victoria Fermenters Guild is a member of the Victoria Chapter of BC Guild of Wine Judges (BCGWJ). The Victoria Fermenters Guild is a member of Fermenters Guild Trade Show.

Discussions are underway to out to the Fermenters Guild and develop a relationship between the Guild, BCAWA and BCGWJ, possibly provide some education programs and maybe judge annual competitions for their organization by the BCGWJ. There is no intent to take away business from the UBrews.

Letters from Chilliwack

Chilliwack Group – submitted a letter that will be used as the foundation for the work of the Communication Committee. The letter contains information on the betterment of amateur wine making in BC. Sandy will approach the authors of the letter to join the Communications Committee as a means of moving these good suggestions forward.

Aroma Kit – Does BCAWA have one? Yes, talk to Axel.



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Next Meeting – There will be an Executive Meeting on Monday March 24, 2014 (via conference call) at which time it will be determined if the meeting tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2013 is required.

Meeting Adjourned:

Moved by: Rick Homer; Seconded by: Axel Kroitzsch