

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING

January 25, 1976 1:00 p.m.

Present were Tom Robinson, Franz Brunnhofer, Roy Stoner, Joan Collings, Jim Lord, Frank Hancock, Ed Beck and Harry O'Reilly.

Minutes of the previous executive meeting were adopted as read.

Business arising out of the minutes was deferred for later discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Penticton Grape Cluster: Jack Mertz

Jack inquired as to what the correspondence with the Pilgrim House was all about. Complete copies will be mailed to him and will be available for perusal at the next Council Meeting, but for all who are wondering...clubs who were staying at the Pilgrim House were unhappy with many things. a. The empty pool and many unsatisfactory explanations. b. The long waits and poor food in the dining room particularly at breakfast, together with the refusal of service to well mannered young children of guests (go to the A & W). c. Denial of the existence of a BCWA Conference (go to the Peach Bowl). d. Poor reservation system, even though prepaid and twice confirmed. e. Extremely long, wet grass not cut until the conference was in secession and people were outdoors eating lunch. f. We spent over \$300000 on the hospitality room, banquet and lodging excluding meals while the manager attended a football game. g. The response to our letters was hysterical and insulting although no BCWA representative received any comment during the weekend.

2. Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association to Bacchus Alumni

..querying the date and expressing concern for the success of both competitions as Bacchus has announced its' competition is be held only one week before that of the VAWA contrary to the general agreement at Penticton. Franz will telephone for an explanation.

3. Saanich Sommeliers: offering to host the first council meeting of the year on February 15th. To be accepted.

4. Revelstoke Winemakers Guild: final financial statement for the Penticton Conference enclosing a cheque for their profit, \$49.71. Excellent budgeting!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Franz has been writing letters to follow up on ideas discussed in October's executive meeting.

The German Wine Institute has films and slides available to clubs, but no reply on Wine Seminar information. We will obtain more details.

He also wrote to the California Wine Institute who sent back several interesting pamphlets but couldn't help on local wine festivals.

An official welcome has been extended to the Langley Wine Fermenters and the Delta Vintners.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom Robinson

Tom has been busier than usual speaking to many clubs..including the Seymour Wine Cellar in December where he spoke on making wine from grapes; the Langley Wine Fermenters who have received so many membership inquiries they are over-subscribed, where he spoke on beer making, something quite new to the Langley Club. Tom finds then a refreshing and enthusiastic group. He plans on attending the next meeting of the Cup and Key and will be accompanied by Bert Demonty, VAWA.

Bob Smith, of Halifax, has been in correspondence, saying they are considering hosting the 1977 or 1978 National Competition. Great!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank Hancock

Very briefly, we started the new season with \$516.58 and with dues paid so far, \$110.00, receipts from the Provincial Competition, \$157.54 and the Penticton Conference, \$49.71, we have well over \$800.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joan Collings

I was somewhat hampered by the mail strike but have carried on trying to keep the clubs informed.

My husband and I attended the December meeting of the Langley Wine Fermenters where I spoke on the function of BCWA and Bill led a discussion on the racking and storing of wine. We agree with Tom on the enthusiasm and energy expressed by this group.

A report has been prepared and circulated to the Executive and the Competition Committee on trophies..who, when, where, and how much. We require four more wine challenge trophies and, at present, have none at all for beer.

OTHER REPORTS:

Roy Stoner, Vice President, reported on his investigations into the LAB Act. He was able to verify that letters has been written in the past making inquiries but was unable to obtain actual copies of these or the replies. It was concluded that we should continue to maintain our "low profile" in this regard.

Ray Lipp reported by telephone on the progress of the committee for organizing a BC Wine Judges Guild. He has had a committee meeting and is planning on meeting with various winery vintners to verify and test their knowledge. He has suggested a judging panel of 4 to 5 people, and will keep us informed as to progress.

Charles Plant, Archivist, was unable to attend.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Adrian Tulip, Vinovan, and this year's Conference Chairman, reported on his group's research on this year's facilities. He has contacted as many clubs as possible to find out their requirements and to discuss the question of date, facilities and time of year. Many ideas have been exchanged...moving to another Okanagan city such as Kelowna which has the beautiful Capril Motor Hotel, or Osoyoos which is probably too small. Penticton would still appear to be the favourite and suggestions as to motels and banquet facilities (the El Rancho and the Golf Club) were discussed. Moving the date to later in the year, Thanksgiving weekend, when more grapes and a longer stay would be possible, were also suggested. To allow time for reservations and planning, a decision is to be made at the Council meeting.

Provincial Competition: Jim Lord, Harry O'Reilly and Ed Beck led an interesting discussion on this year's competition. It was moved by Tom Robinson and seconded by Roy Stoner that this year's competition be held at the Royal Oak Inn, 4680 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria, on May 15th. Fifty rooms will be reserved, the cost of which will be: single \$20, double \$24, quadruple \$30. Good facilities at \$40 are available for the judging room, a smorgasbord dinner at reasonable cost in the caberet with a dance band at no cost are included. The problem is that homemade wines will not be permitted in the caberet or judging room after 9:00 p.m. as it is open to the general public but arrangements will be made for a hospitality room for Friday and Saturday night to fill any "gaps".

Judging was confirmed to be on the two judge per class system.

The committee made a strong request that attendance numbers be indicated, if possible, by the February Council Meeting to assist them with their planning. Reservation cards for rooms will be available at that time.

Assistance with obtaining trophies, perpetual and keeper, was requested. Executive members will help as in the past.

An advance of \$200 was given to the Committee to reserve the hotel facilities and to assist with other early expenses. A budget will be forthcoming.

The Steward is concerned as to his responsibilities to the National committee in shipping wines of Provincial winners. A Vancouver collection centre will be established under the guidance of the Provincial director.

ADJOURNMENT: with thanks to Franz and Adrian and our good friends from the Island for all making it such an exciting meeting.

FEBRUARY 6, 1977

The meeting was hosted by the Seymour Wine Cellar at the home of Tom and Wendy Byrom. There were 74 delegates, observers and executive present.

Margaret Fairholm presented the opening toast - "to committee chairpeople."

All lower mainland and Vancouver Island clubs were present with the exception of Cup & Key, Delta Vintners and South Vancouver Island Winemakers Society.

The resure of the last council meeting minutes was adopted as read.

Correspondence-The Grape Cluster in Penticton has dissolved as they were down to 4 members. However, they are continuing to make wine.

We have received a letter from Casabelle, as will all clubs, requesting information about the types and quantities of wine made by amateur winemakers. Joan will reply to the letter and try to get further details as to why this information is being requested. It was recommended that clubs do not reply to the letter until Joan contacts them.

EVE has notified us that they will host the provincial competition in 1979. Great! They'll also be holding a "Zin-in" on Oct. 3. This is a mini-competition for 1st and 2nd run Zinfandel only. Details to be sent to clubs soon.

President's Report-The Penticton '77 conference is to be hosted by Capilano Winemakers and Seymour Wine Cellar, our two newest clubs.

The idea of BCAMA service pins, as mentioned in the meeting minutes of Jan. 23, is still being investigated.

Joan has written to Leon Adams, the California wine author and consultant, telling him about BCAMA as he expressed great interest when she met him in December.

Treasurer's Report-Our present balance is \$1320.48, including \$300.00 which has been deposited in a savings account. To date, there are 13 clubs with dues paid.

Steward's Report-basically the same as stated in the executive meeting minutes of Jan. 23. Detailed information concerning the Provincial to be sent to individual clubs soon.

Guild of Judges-Lou began his presentation by telling us that he was the only person to speak against the proposal in Penticton. As a result of this outbreak, he found himself elected chairman, "obviously it's more wise to drink than talk!"

Ron Taylor of Andres has been retained as the technical consultant for a fee of \$1000.00 - \$500.00 now and \$500.00 at the completion of the program. He has already obtained rent-free premises for the lectures at UBC. He will plan the program and obtain the wines, probably for a lower price than they would be available to the general public. He will spend approximately 30 hrs. teaching, 22 hrs. traveling and 15 hrs. preparation. This averages about \$15.00 per hour.

There will be a textbook provided for each candidate - "Wines - Their Sensory Evaluation". Any candidate who already has this book will be reimbursed for it by BCAMA. The course will consist of 15 sessions in all, from 17 Feb. - 9 June, Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:30 (excluding the week of the California Wine Tour). The lectures will be held in the Food Science Bldg. at UBC. The fee is \$100.00 per student, payable in advance. The total cost of the course is budgeted at \$2,000.00 (based on 12 candidates).

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| Consultant | \$1,000.00 |
| Wines | 500.00 |
| Lab tests etc. | 100.00 |
| Textbooks | 150.00 |
| Postage, printing | 150.00 |
| Diplomas, etc. | 100.00 |
| | <u>\$2,000.00</u> |

Lou asked the council for an advance of \$800.00. Complete accounting will be turned over to BCANA and monthly reports will continue to be given.

At this time, a lengthy discussion ensued, with the main point of argument coming from delegates from the Island and the other out of town areas. Naturally, they were concerned as to when, if ever, a program or seminar could be brought to their areas. Bill Collings and John Russell were also there to answer questions and more or less assured them that the Guild, once formed, would make some arrangements to include the outlying clubs in a future training session. Lou pointed out that he and his committee don't have the power to make any definite commitments, as their job is complete once the Guild is formed. Ken Sleeman moved and Frank Smith seconded the motion that the proposal from the "Committee to form the Guild of Judges" be accepted and the \$800.00 advanced to them. Carried.

Calgary Bus Tour-EVE Club - Everything is settled providing they have 47 passengers. All clubs have the information sheet. Remember to notify Bill Kenyon by March 1 to make your reservation.

Marg Kerry of Vinovon has written to the KOA campground in Calgary (the one nearest the stampede grounds). They do require reservations (minimum stay is 3 days), with full payment in advance. For further information write: Calgary West KOA, Box 10, Site 12, RS #1, Calgary, Alta. T2M 4N3.

California Wine Tour-Ted Underhill reported they now have 33 paid deposits, and expect to have 8 or 10 more within the week which will fill the bus.

Presentation of Trophy-Ted Underhill and Robin McNeil presented to Jack Kouwenhoven, our BCANA steward, a beautiful silver trophy in the form of a press. This will be presented to the winner of the Sweet aperitif Class. It was donated by the Victoria Winemakers' Guild and the Saanich Sommeliers. The class will undoubtedly have more entries this year than ever before! Many thanks for a most attractive and unusual trophy.

Penticton '78 Hosts-Ted Underhill says southern Vancouver Island clubs will get together and co-host. Anyone for '79?

European Wine Tour-Jim Steele of Seymour Wine Cellar answered questions concerning his planned tour in Sept. '77. All clubs should have the brochures by now.

Other New Business-Please take any Bacchus Alumni (Abbotsford) trophies in your possession, to the council meeting on April 24, in Langley. The Abbotsford competition is April 30.

There was a motion to raise the host clubs' council meeting allowance to \$30.00. Carried.

It was brought to our attention by Camron McLean, that there has been a gentleman's agreement of sorts, not to enter a winning wine in future Provincial competitions. He felt that if this were indeed the wish of the members, it should be in writing. Quite a discussion followed, indicating it was definitely not the wish of the general membership! It was moved that BCANA recommend not to exclude previous winning wines from future Provincial competitions. Carried.

Program-Seymour Wine Cellar had arranged to have a representative from Argentine Airlines show a film on Argentina and supply us with some Argentinian wines. This did not come to pass. Very frustrating, as he offered, we didn't ask him. However, we did have a case of Chilean wine and a film on London. We at Seymour did feel this program might be a welcome change, perhaps it would have been, had it actually taken place. It definitely seems that a program of any sort is completely unnecessary, as those present just want to talk to each other after the business is completed.

Many thanks given to the Byrons, our hosts, for their hospitality. Also to Lou and his committee for their tremendous effort in getting the Guild of Judges program on its way.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SAANICH, B.C. FEBRUARY 14, 1976

Hosted by Saanich Sommeliers and held at the home of Lin Pollock, the meeting was called to order by President Franz Brunnhofer who asked Jim Lord, the Steward, to give the toast...To the 1976 BCAWA Competition, may the best wines win and grant that there be no ferry strike!...

Introduction of the Executive, all of whom were in attendance, was followed by the roll call of clubs. Present were delegates and observers from 11 of the 20 affiliated clubs:

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| Bacchus Alumni | Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Assoc. |
| Chilliwack Zymurgy Club | Victoria Winemakers Guild |
| East Vancouver Enologists | Vinovan |
| Wine Fermenters of Langley | Vintners of Coquitlam |
| Saanich Sommeliers | Vinegar Flies |
| I.O.F. Amateur Winemakers of Nanaimo | |

Bill Kenyon moved that the minutes of the previous Council meeting of May 4, 1975 be adopted as circulated with the correction of the date to read 1975 rather than 1976.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from Wine-Arts requesting a copy of the BCAWA Club Directory for circulation through its stores to those interested in contacting fellow winemakers. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Frank Hancock

A complete statement will be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary for distribution. We began the year with \$516.58, collected dues, received contributions from the Provincial and Penticton Committees, and sundry credits for a total of \$354.13. Disbursements included an advance of \$200 to the competition committee and postage, total \$232.24. Our present balance is a nice healthy \$638.47.

Adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Franz Brunnhofer

Franz quickly reviewed this year's coming events:

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| Feb 28 | Chilliwack Competition |
| April 3 | Abbotsford Competition |
| April 10 | Vancouver Competition |
| April 25 | Council Meeting, North Vancouver |
| May 15 | Provincial Competition, Victoria |
| Sept | Penticton Conference (date to be announced) |

STEWARD'S REPORT: 1976 Competition Jim Lord, Harry O'Reilly, Ted Underhill

Jim and his committee have their plans well in hand for the Provincial Competition. Rules for the Competition itself will follow the guidelines set down in the Provincial Handbook. The committee requested from the Council and was granted permission to make minor changes in the regulations but not in the wine classes. The Steward also requested permission to compete, which was granted with the understanding that a committee of judges be called to

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settle any disputes in categories in which the steward is competing.

Confirmation was also given that some funds are available to assist with the expenses of out of town judges. (As approved in Penticton 1975)

The Competition is to be held Saturday May 15th at the Royal Oak Inn, 4680 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria. Competitors will be free in the morning and afternoon to enjoy sightseeing in Victoria while the judges and stewards are hard at work. Of course, a Hospitality room will be available Friday night and possibly Saturday as well. The Social Hour will commence fairly early Saturday in the Thatch Cabaret, to be followed by a smorgasbord dinner, guest speaker, prize presentation and dancing. Depending on the number attending, we may be able to reserve the Cabaret for the entire evening and drink our own wines (Plan A). If sufficient numbers are not available, the cabaret will be open to the public after 9:00 pm and our wines must retire to the Hospitality Room (Plan B). Early registration and purchase of banquet tickets is essential...a decision will be made based on the number of tickets sold by April 25th at the Council Meeting. Information will be going out to the Clubs in the next week or so.

The Executive will serve as Collection Centres and will take wines over on the Friday evening. Registration of bottles will be in advance as in previous years.

Ted Underhill has a pretty tight budget to follow the expenditures expected to total \$3000. With this in mind, all Clubs are asked to purchase tickets on a "buddy" system...invite another couple, not necessarily winemakers.

The Victoria Ladies' Auxiliary will be providing lunch for the judges at Harry O'Reilly's home.

PROVINCIAL GUILD OF JUDGES: Ray Lipp

Ray and his committee have been working since September to come up with a list of acceptable judges. They have come to the conclusion that a guild is not feasible until our best noted winemakers retire from competition, judge exclusively, and are free to assist in training - amateur winemakers being the best judges of amateur wines. With this in mind, the committee is hoping to establish a program of wine tasting and judging for amateurs..

CHILLIWACK ZYMURGY CLUB TROPHY: Janet Stoner

On behalf of the Club, Janet presented the BCWA with a beautiful new challenge trophy. It was moved and passed that this be awarded in the dessert wine category.

AMATEUR WINEMAKERS OF CANADA: Cameron McLean

On behalf of the 1975 National Competition Committee Cam presented the Association with a cheque for \$312.78 being one third of the profit of the competition. (one third to the host club, VAWA; and one third to AWC).

G&M commented that his committee is still very much concerned with the problem of judges, and will assist wherever possible.

The AWC Committee will shortly be publishing a newsletter to be called THE NATIONAL FERMENT, of which Keith Kerry, Vinovan is the Editor. To be looked forward to.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Cameron McLean on behalf of Charles Plant

Unfortunately the 1976 National Competition will be somewhat of a "non-vent". Although tags and entry forms will be given to successful competitors at the Provincial Competition, and wines are to be delivered to Chas. by a specific date, competitors are advised that no definite date has been set for the National as yet and wines may have a long resting period.

Tom Robinson was asked to comment on this as he had recently attended a Club meeting in Ontario. He stated, with some vehemence, that the report was true.

Copies of correspondence with Tom Walsh, Ontario Director, have been circulated to those attending the Council and will be mailed to all other affiliated clubs. These will explain some of the problems.

1977 National Competition will be held in Calgary approximately July 1st. Their committee is formed and working.

1978 National Competition to be held in Nova Scotia. Their plans are already being formulated and include such possibilities as lobster or wild hen dinners a cruise on the "Bluenose", and a trip to the famous Peggy's Cove. It sounds like fun and if a Nova Scotia holiday is in your 1978 future, even possibly, write to Bob Smith, Halifax Wine Circle, 119 Downs Ave., Halifax B3N 1Y5

ANNUAL CONFERENCE (PENTICTON OR NOT?): Adrian Tulip

Adrian and his committee have been trying to find alternate arrangements to the Pilgrim House and have not had too much success. Some motels checked are too small, others have no facilities such as a hospitality room or banquet room, or are not available at the required time. The committee presented to the council the question of when and where. A heated discussion followed with all delegates in turn presenting their club's views. It was moved and passed that this year's annual conference again be held in Penticton in conjunction with the Grape and Harvest Festival.

Ed Norman will advise the committee of available facilities in Penticton and the final decision will be up to the committee.

1977 CALIFORNIA WINE TOUR: Ted Underhill

Ted has been approached by Budget Travel on the possibility of arranging another tour during the spring school break next year which would include some wineries visited in 1975 together with some new ones. Costs last year for transportation and first class accommodation was \$200. Add a bit for inflation, food and drink. Anyone interested write Ted, c/o Victoria Wine-makers Guild, 1050 Laburnum Road, Victoria V8Z 2N8. Delegates to the April Council meeting are requested to bring back some indication of interest.

ADJOURNMENT: With a mutual and somewhat noisy expression of thanks to Lin and the Sommeliers for hosting the Council the meeting adjourned to be followed with delicious food, more wine and conviviality.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: 12:00 p.m

A brief executive meeting was held at the home of Franz Brunnhofer prior to the luncheon and the Council meeting.

A letter of authorization was given to Ed Beck to enable him to deposit cheques for ticket sales and bottle entries made out to BCAWA to the special competition account.

Confirmation was given that should the Council approve the sole use of the Cabaret during the Banquet the Association would share any loss.

The schedule for judging at the Competition was approved. It was noted that more stewards were still needed.

A discussion on free tickets for judges concluded that only those who were not members of BCAWA affiliated clubs should be sponsored.

We were advised that Vinovan would be requesting an advance to arrange deposits for the Penticton Conference.

The matter of excess funds in the treasury and their possible use was deferred for discussion at the next Executive meeting.

Adjourned to Adrian Tulip's home where luncheon was served.

COUNCIL MEETING: 2: p.m.

The Executive were all in attendance together with delegates and observers from all clubs.

The meeting commenced with a toast from Harry O'Reilly, Victoria Winemakers Guild, to the success of the upcoming meeting and Provincial competition.

The minutes of the Council Meeting of February 15, were adopted as circulated.

Correspondence--announcement of Bacchus Alumni Competition April 30, 1977

President's Report--Franz has attended all 3 competitions this year, Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Vancouver and noted that the wines were of increasingly high quality making winning harder. All events were followed with a very pleasant and successful social evening.

Which leads him to believe that the Provincial Competition in Saanich will undoubtedly be a huge success due to the dedication, organization and support of all involved.

Franz visited the Delta Vintners and is looking forward to a meeting with the Lanley Ferments soon, previously postponed by weather.

Treasurer's Report--Frank Hancock stated we have an actual cash balance of \$1,026.25 with receivables due for advances to the Provincial Committee of \$200. Some clubs are still in arrears for dues and are reminded that all clubs competing in the Provincial should be in good standing.

Provincial Competition Committee--Jim Lord, Steward, read the proposed list of judges and reminded competitors that beer would be judged on Friday night.

Harry O'Reilly spoke on the excellent facilities and was grateful for the support he had received from individuals and clubs in organizing the event. (he had attended the Vancouver Competition and was favourably impressed.). Advance entry forms should be mailed very quickly and are obtainable from Victoria delegates. Due date, May 1. Babysitting facilities at Saanich could be arranged by direct contact with him. Seating reservations at the Banquet can be arranged for groups of 6 or more but should be done soon. A reminder that arrangements can be made to meet foot passengers on ferries.

Ed Beck, in charge of ticket sales, did several counts and concluded that approximately 200 tickets were reserved making sole use of the Cabaret certain and financially feasible.

A discussion followed on the matter of free tickets for judges. It was moved and passed that only judges from outside BCAWA clubs be so sponsored. It was also suggested that in view of high costs, the matter of free tickets be brought up at the Penticton Conference.

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Ted Underhill reported on Challenge Trophies. This year has seen the addition of three new ones contributed by:

Fermenthouse, Victoria..Champion Beer Maker
Andres Wines, Rose
Chilliwack Zymurgy Club..Dessert

Trophies are lacking for the apperitif categories but good support has been received from several wineries in cash and donations of wines for the Banquet.

A motion that BCAWA purchase trophies for the remaining categories was defeated. It was felt that the opportunity for other clubs to present a trophy should be left available.

All present trophies to be returned to Joan Collings, 3825 West 19th Ave, Vancouver, phone 228-9186 by May 10th for inclusion with pickup of wines.

National Competitions..Chas Plant, B.C. Director

The 1976 competition date is still unknown but prizes are to be awarded at a Dinner Dance to be held in Waterdown Ontario on September 25, 1976. Entry forms for the Competition will be presented to the possible contenders (winners of the Provincial) on May 15th. Wines, together with the entry form and \$2.00 per entry should be delivered to Chas, #040 West 36th Avenue, Vancouver, phone 261-1703 before June 6 (or to any other executive member). Chas. will look after shipping and will try to keep people informed of the judging date.

The 1977 Competition appears certain to be held in Calgary during Stampede week, July 8, 9, 10. Accommodation and other information hopefully ready for Penticton.

1978 in Nova Scotia still looks good and will be about July 1st.

Archives--Chas is still looking for pictures and other memorabilia for the files. Include dates and names, please.

1977 California Wine Tour--Ted Underhill has as yet had no direct response from club members and asks for some indication by the Penticton Conference to enable the Committee to start serious planning. John Fitzgerald will again be the driver. The tour will include the Novitiate Winery at Los Gatos together with some not visited in 1975. A visit to several California missions, Carmel, San Francisco, and Sonoma is also planned. Write Ted, c/o Victoria Winemakers Guild, 1050 Laburnum Road, Victoria, V8Z 2N8

Penticton Conference--Adrian Tulip reported that 36 rooms had been booked for September 17 and 18th at the Stardust Motel, 1048 Westminster Ave W., Penticton, at a cost of \$20 with most having cooking facilities. The hospitality and convention room are included free and the pool WILL have water. Make your reservation direct to the motel, \$20 deposit.

Banquet..Prime Ribs of Beef at the Penticton Inn, 333 Martin St., Penticton.

Cost: Convention, registration and banquet \$25 per couple complete.

Advance of \$200 moved and approved by Council.

Please advise the Executive by Labour Day of numbers planning to attend.

The Council meeting was then adjourned with a heartily concurred to toast of appreciation given by Frank Hancock to Adrian and Barbara Tulip and to the members of Vinovan for a delightful luncheon and meeting.

BCAWA - RESUME OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - NORTH VANCOUVER - APRIL 25, 1976

President's Report - Franz reported on competitions and club meetings he had attended.

Treasurer's Report - Frank Hancock - cash balance \$1026.25. Some clubs still in arrears with dues.

Provincial Competition Committee - Jim Lord, Harry O'Reilly and Ed Beck, spoke on judging procedures, hotel and banquet facilities etc. for the Provincial. It was moved and passed that only judges from outside BCANA would be given free tickets.

Ted Underhill noted new trophies this year from - Fermenthouse, Victoria - Champion Beer Maker, Andres Wines - Rose, Chilliwack Zymurgy - Dessert. Trophies for appetitif classes still lacking. A motion that BCANA purchase trophies for remaining categories defeated. Other clubs will want to present them.

National Competition - Chas Plant - Competition date unknown, prizes will be awarded Sept. 25, 1976 in Waterdown, Ontario. Entry details and deadlines discussed. 1977-Calgary, July 8,9,10. 1978-Nova Scotia, approx. July 1.

1977 California Wine Tour - Ted Underhill asks for response from clubs by Penticton conference. Visits to some missions will be included in the itinerary.

Penticton Conference - Adrian Tulip - Rooms booked for \$20 per night at the Stardust Motel. Banquet details given.

Meeting Adjourned - Hearty vote of thanks to Adrian and Barbara Tulip and Vinovan!

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES--EXECUTIVE MEETING--SEPTEMBER 12, 1976

The last executive meeting of the old term was held at the home of Joan Collings. Present were Franz Brunnhofer, Tom Robinson, Roy Stoner, Frank Hancock, Charles Plant and Joan.

Correspondence was recorded as being sent to Frank Hancock, as Treasurer; Andrews, of the British Guild of Judges; condolences to Mrs Larry Ransome; to Ted Underhill and Harry O'Reilly, Victoria, concerning proposed tours and reports on the Provincial Competition. Letters were received from Jim Lord, Steward; Ray Lipp, Guild of Judges Committee Chairman; and Bill Collings, VAWA.

President's Report--Franz reported a busy summer, but nicely on the social side as he attended many of the annual garden parties and barbecues sponsored by the various lower mainland clubs. Franz will also be directly involved with the formation of a new North Shore club to be known as the Woodyville Vintners and to be "decanted" early next year.

Treasurer's Report--Frank advised our finances continue to be very healthy, showing a bank balance of \$1,153.58. A complete statement to be presented in Penticton. It was decided by the Executive not to require the statement to be audited.

Steward's Report--Jim was unfortunately unable to attend but had left instructions on an earlier visit. These concerned revisions to the Competition Handbook which were deferred to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS--Competition Handbook--Jim presented a very complete revision which was studied in great detail by the Executive, in fact, page by page and clause by clause. Many suggested amendments were agreed to. Others, such as the method of Wine Registration, were not passed. Charles Plant spoke on the necessity of determining an official method of declaring the Provincial Champion. As required by the Handbook, this method will be presented to the Conference next week as a Resolution. A new Handbook will be forthcoming and will be forwarded to each member club. Jim and his Committee are to be commended on the amount of work and thought required in their presentation.

Guild of Judges. Franz presented a suggested Constitution for the Guild which was read with interest and will be passed on by the Penticton Conference to the Delegates and the 1976-1977 Chairman or Committee for study.

Bill Collings, VAWA, wrote a letter requesting his presentation for the formation of a Guild be accepted as a Resolution. The paper is a rather lengthy and detailed one; and with minor changes, will be reprinted for discussion and possible adoption by the Council.

Penticton Conference--Executive and Committees wishing to give reports were requested to have them ready for inclusion in the Agenda. A discussion followed on Nominations for next year's executive. It is hoped there will also be nominations from the floor.

The Useage of Excess Funds, deferred from the financial report, was felt to be concomitant with the formation of the Guild of Judges and was tabled pending the Penticton Conference.

As we had now been talking and thinking for more than 3 hours, the meeting was adjourned.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION...MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, STARDUST MOTEL, PENTICTON, BC

SEPTEMBER 18, 1976 10:30 P.M.

The President, Franz Brunnhofer, gave greetings, and called for a roll call of the Delegates. They were as follows:

Alpine Grape Stompers
-no delegates

Bacchus Alumni of Abbotsford
-Dena Wichers
-Greg Hall

Chilliwack Zymurgy Club
-Janet and Roy Stoner

Cup and Key
-no delegates

Delta Vintners
-no delegates

East Vancouver Enologists
-Bill Kenyon
-Doug Fry

Grape Cluster
-no delegates

I.O.F. Winemakers of Nanaimo
-Leo Poirier
-Dick Weismiller

Penticton Winemakers Guild
-no delegates

Pugest Sound Winemakers of Tacom
-Tom Wekell

Langley Fermenters
-Audrea Collings
-Rinky Fowler

Revelstoke Winemakers Guild
-Bill and Joan Ferguson

Saanich Sommeliers
-no delegates

Seymour Wine Cellar
-Joe Jerczynski
-Arch Reynolds

South Vancouver Island Winemakers
-no delegates Society

Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Assn
-Lou Curnick
-Cam McLean

Victoria Winemakers Guild
-Geoff Gamble
-Jim Lord

Vinovan
-Margret Kerry
-Ed Dye

Vintners of Coquitlam
-Bob Gibson
-Gordon Roth

A number of observers from various clubs, including Calgary, were in attendance.

Tom Robinson, gave the Toast--a toast to the present and to us.

The minutes of the 1975 Annual General meeting were adopted as circulated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT..Franz Brunnhofer

Four years ago, BCAWA was born here in Penticton and today we have 18 clubs affiliated with us, "The Langley Fermenters" being the last one to join the organization. But new clubs are in the forming stages and I am happy to announce today the formation of a new club on the North Shore which will affiliate in the new year.

The Executive held regular meetings during the year and two council meetings were held, one hosted by the Saanich Sommeliers and one by Vinovan.

Four Invitational Competitions and the Provincial Competition gave us a chance to compete and socialize with our fellow wine makers. All Competitions have been very successful and the winning bottles of the Provincial Competition were sent to Ontario for the National, which outcome is not yet known.

During the year I visited many clubs and gave lectures on wine making and I have also served as a judge in all competitions. A special thanks to the Langley Fermenters, The Vancouver Amateur Winemakers Association and the Seymour Winecellar for inviting me and my wife to their Barbeques. I regret that I couldn't make it to the Seymour Winecellar Barbeque due to other commitments.

The Committee for the formation of a Provincial Guild of Judges met a few times during the year and we have worked out a preliminary Constitution. I had correspondence with the founder of the "National Guild of Judges" in England, Mr S.W. Andres and received from him a syllabus for the examination of judges and for their training program which may be helpful in the future.

I really enjoyed being your President for the past year and I like to thank all Executive and Council members for their co-operation which made my job much easier and more enjoyable.

Thank you for your trust in me and it was my pleasure to serve you.

TREASURER'S REPORT---Frank Hancock

A complete statement is on file but briefly:

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| Total receipts | \$ 953.64 | |
| Disbursements | <u>311.64</u> | |
| Excess of receipts over disbursements | | 642.00 |
| Forward from 1975 | | 516.58 |
| Balance | | <u>1,158.58</u> |
| Receivable from Vinovan | | 200.00 |
| Total cash and receivables - September 16, 1976 | | <u>1,358.58</u> |

Treasurer's Report, continued..

It was moved by Bill Kenyon, seconded, Bill Ferguson, that the Executive instruct the Treasurer to invest excess funds in an interest bearing account. Passed.

A discussion also followed on ways to use some of the extra cash, such as in support of Concil meetings. No decisions were arrived at.

STEWARD'S REPORT--Jim Lord

A complete report including names of judges and committee members was read. The Secretary has also received a financial statement and a trophies report from the various chairmen. The Committee has also made many suggestions for the revision of the Competition Handbook, which is now in the hands of the Executive for reprinting. The 4th Annual Competition report, excluding various lists, follows:

The Victoria Winemakers' Guild and the Saanich Sommeliers Clubs jointly hosted the 4th Annual Provincial Competition which was held in Victoria at the Royal Oak Inn on May 15, 1976.

The Competition was a pleasant, successful affair. The weather co-operated in being warm and sunny and the 277 wines and 28 beers and gdtouts good to excellent. The Banquet, attended by 223 contestants and friends, consisted of a tasty smorgasbord followed by a lively presentation of awards many of which went to the East Vancouver Enologists Club.

The evening concluded with an interesting address by Dr. B.W. Hoeter on European wines, a raffle in which many of those present won a bottle off good commercial wine or other worthwhile gifts, and wound up with a pleasant dance to the notes of a good band.

Your Competition committee wishes to express many thanks to all the willing judges and stewards and also to the many workers on the various committees of both wine clubs. The entire event went well with excellent co-operation building a strong team spirit throughout the affair and ended with the pleasant realization that it had been a job well done.

Looking toward future competitions, the wine clubs of lower Vancouver Island are joining together in presenting a Challenge Trophy in the near future. It will be designated as the trophy for the Sweet Aperitif Class for which presently theree many be no Challenge Trophy.

A list of suggestions then followed for future competition committees which was discussed in detail by the delegates. These will be passed on to next year's host club for consideration.

SPECIAL REPORTSNATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT--Charles Plant

Charles advised that he was not going to make a report himself as we had with us Carol Feitz, chairman of the 1977 National Competition with us who would present a progress report, on behalf of the Alberta Amateur Winemakers. That report follows:

Special Reports:

1977 National Competition Progress Report-Carol Feital

Almost a year has passed since a group representing the four Calgary Wine Guilds met to form what is now the Alberta Amateur Winemakers. Prior to this time several Alberta Directors had been appointed by the National Executive, but no formal organization existed in our Province. One of our foremost concerns was the planning of a National Competition, to be hosted by Alberta in 1977. Towards this end, we have been working these past months and it seems that a progress report on this important project would be fitting at this time.

It was decided in the early stages of planning the 1977 Nationals that a low key approach should characterize our activities, mainly because of our lack of numbers and limited finances. At the same time, we hoped to incorporate a truly Alberta flavour to any social events and utilize the Calgary Stampede as a special attraction to winemakers from other parts of Canada. In view of this, we have selected the first weekend of the Calgary Stampede for "the Nationals", namely, Friday, July 8th, Saturday, July 9th, and Sunday, July 10th. For the early arrivals, the Stampede parade on the morning of the 8th would provide unique and colourful entertainment. Friday evening has been earmarked for registration and an opportunity to chat with old friends and meet new ones in the hospitality room. Saturday will be set aside for judging. But for those uninvolved guests, we will try to keep them entertained with, perhaps a seminar, or a tour, if these can be arranged. Or, maybe, one would just let the fun and excitement of a day at the stampede-aptly billed as "the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth"-suffice. Sunday evening will see the competition winners receiving their well deserved awards at a delightful western barbecue, with all the trimmings to make it a happy happening. Monday will be a travel day and a chance to relax and reflect on what we hope will be the highlight of your summer season.

For your added information, we have been checking out accommodation as to suitability, price, and location. We have tentatively booked 30 rooms in the York Hotel, located in downtown Calgary. Prices seem right at \$20-\$25 per double room, children under 13 are free, but there is a charge of \$4 for children over 13 for the use of a cot. We will continue to pursue this matter further.

One problem still to be overcome is the question of the legality of hosting a wine competition in the Province of Alberta. Alberta laws do not allow the importing of home made wines, the transportation of wines outside the home of the winemaker, or the testing or the consumption of home made wines in a public place. Replies from the Alberta Liquor Control Board and the Solicitor General to our letters only reiterated existing legislation and have left few avenues to explore. We are planning to submit a brief to the Premier of Alberta this week to urge changes in the present rules, or at best, obtain cabinet approval to host our event without flaunting the law.

In conclusion, we thank you for the opportunity to present this progress report and for your kind attention. Please remember that we are a young group and inexperienced in an undertaking of this magnitude, and so we ask you for your patience and your support in order to ensure that the Amateur Winemakers of Canada 1977 National Competition enjoys the success it deserves.

Report prepared by Keith Spence, Director, Alberta Amateur Winemakers.

1977 National Competition Report..continued

Carol continued that the brief had been presented and they were awaiting results.

It was moved and passed that the President send a letter of support to Keith Spence.

Question to Chas..what if the competition is legally not possible? No real reply, except that the judging could "go underground".

1977 CALGARY BUS TOUR--Bill Kenyon

EVE's Club has tentatively arranged a tour to attend the National Competition, leaving Thursday morning, July 7th and travelling direct to Calgary. Four nights accomodation and the bus trip return \$130. Forty-eight people are required to enjoy this mobile hospitality and to make the trip assured.

1977 CALIFORNIA WINE TOUR--Harry O'Reilly

Harry had unfortunately been called back to Victoria and was not in attendance. Joan Collings reported on his behalf.

Victoria Winemakers Guild will definitely sponsor a trip to visit the wineries of California. The tour will commence Friday evening, March 25th and end Sunday evening, April 3rd. Plans are to include some of the favourite wineries from last year but with enough new ones to make it worth repeating to those who had been before. Arrangements are being made and will include stopovers at different cities than before, and 3 or 4 nights in San Francisco, a slightly different route will also be followed and will include the Monterey Peninsula. Costs are not yet available, but judging from last year and adding for inflation, would appear to be about \$250 including bus fare and accomodation.

1977 WINE TOUR OF PORTUGAL--Ted Underhill

Ted, although unable to attend, had advised Joan Collings that on reconsideration, this was too big an undertaking for a club to handle, partly because of the cost to the traveller and the difficulty of making arrangements. He hopes that BCWA could with the assistance of a good travel agent undertake to sponsor such a trip in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE--has been handled by the Executive as required.

OLD BUSINESS

GUILD OF JUDGES REPORT--Ray Lipp

Franz Brunnhofer made the report on Ray's behalf. A letter was read asking for assistance from the individual clubs. The committee has also been thinking of having two delegates selected from each club to form part of the guild. Information has been received from the National Guild of Judges in England and a proposed Constitution has been worked on and has been passed to each delegate for discussion with their home club.

The report was accepted.

NEW BUSINESS--- RESOLUTIONS

+ Vinovan--Ed Dye, Margret Kerry resolved that in vew of the increasing cost of competitions, be it resolved that BCAWA recommen@ to tis member clubs that they discontinue the practise of giving competition banquet tickets to judges and their spouses excepting judges who are not BCAWA affiliated.

Passed.

+ resolved that BCAWA take a look at the rising cost of individual recognized competitions and study alternatives to the format of competitions sponsored by individual clubs..

Withdrawn for discussion through the media of the Grapevine.

+ VAWA and Victoria Winemakers Guild--Chas Plant and Jim Lord resolved that BCAWA adopt the 58% system of rank points for the Provincial Competition. This system was circulated in writing to all delegates.

Passed.

+ VAWA and Vintners of Coquitlam--Bill Collings and Bob Gibson resolved that a new chairman, qualified according to the circulated proposal, be appointed by the convention to be responsible for establishing a Guild of Judges..and that the proposal be the basis upon which and by chwich the chairman is guided but not bound.

Passed.

ELECTION OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN then followed with Lou Curnick accepting the role after some discussion as to the responsiblity of the position and the involvment of all clubs.

RECESS

+++++Bill Ferguson, Revelstoke Winemakers Guild, advised us of the sudden death of Karl Sjodin and proposed a toast--to K&L, the good friend, good winemaker and good man. We all stood to salute and to remember this man who will be sadly missed by all, a man it was a joy to know.+++++

NEW BUSINESS continued

Dates for sanctioned 1976-1977 Competitions

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| Vinovan..November 6 | Bacchus..April 30 |
| VAWA March 19 | Provincial..May 28 |

Chilliwack as Provincial Hosts will probably not have their own competition this year.

CALL FOR HOST CLUBS

1977 Penticton Conference--none
1978 Penticton Conference--none
1979 Provincial Competition--none

PLEASE ASK YOUR CLUBS

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NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1976-1977

President--Joan Collings
Vice President--Robin McNeil
Secretary--Sheila Jerczynski
Treasurer--Bob Gibson
Steward--Jack Kouwenhaven
Archivist--Charles Plant

Past President--Franz Brunnhofer

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Gibson moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Executive for their good work.

Adrian Tulip, Chairman of the Host Club organizing committee received a well deserved thank you from all.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS' ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES NOV. 7, 1976

The first executive meeting of 76/77 was held Nov. 7. Joan Collings, Robin McNeil, Bob Gibson, Franz Brunnhoffer, Jack Kouwenhoven, Charles Plant and Sheila Jezzynski were present.

Correspondence was received from Bacchus Alumni. Joan will send a letter to Keith Spence in Alberta, asking if he would like us to try for some support from our LAB, in relation to the difficulties they're having with the Alberta LAB over next year's national in Calgary.

Past President's Report - Franz announced the revised name of the new North Shore club as Capilano Winemakers. They have elected their executive and will restrict the membership to 30. Franz had a recent meeting with Don Sebastiani of California. AGOR Franz mentioned that our wine tour would be there next year, he stated he would be most pleased if we included Sebastiani Wineries in the itinerary.

President's Report - Joan assures us the revised Competition Handbook is on its way to the printer and should reach you in December. Lou Curnick has chosen John Russell (VAVA) and Bill Collings (VAVA) as his committeeto form the Guild of Judges. He regrets having to reject other offers of help, but feels he can "get the job done" with these two.

Treasurer's Report - Present balance \$1173.58. A lump sum will be put into a term deposit, leaving adequate funds available for chequing.

Steward's Report - Provincial Competition in Chilliwack, May 23 1977 - plans well on their way. Jack says they're planning to have a wine and cheese booth on the Saturday afternoon (2:00-4:00), sponsored by Casebelle. How do you feel about it? Will you be there early or not until evening? They would like some idea of numbers.

Penticton 1977 & 78 - We're still seeking hosts. Seymour Wine Cellar and Capilano Winemakers to be asked to co-host 1977.

Council Meetings - host clubs required. Langley Fermenters and Seymour Wine Cellar to be approached. BCAMA will give a standard \$15.00 allowance to clubs acting as hosts.

It was suggested that one person be selected annually to receive a "Winemaker of the Year" award. This person wouldn't necessarily be a great winemaker, but one who had made outstanding contributions to amateur winemaking in general. After a lengthy discussion concerning the possible ramifications, it was decided to table the suggestion until the next executive meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Past President's report!

The new club on the North Shore has held its 3 rd meeting on November 4.76 and an executive for the coming year was elected and a clubname chosen. The club shall be known by the name of

" Capilano Winemakers"

and the executive for 1976-77 is as follow:

President: Ernst Kron, 1162 Shavington, N.V. V7L 1K9, 985-4445
Vice President: Franz Brunnhofer, 546 W 20 th Str. N.V. 985-4012
Treasurer: Richard Neumann, 337 E 21 st. Str. N.V. V7L 3B9 985-4394
Secretary: Alice Woods, 1025 Lynn Valley R. N.V. 987-4520.

The membership stands now at 23, including wives, and is restricted to a total of 30 members.

A vote to affiliate with B.C.A.W.A. was taken and it was unanimously approved. Dues to B.C.A.W.A. will be paid as soon as funds are collected.

In regards to other clubs, I intend to visit a few of them in the new year.

Recently I was invited to a wine tasting party of Sebastiani Wineries and at this occasion I was talking to Don Sebastiani about our next winetour of California. He would be glad if their winery would be included into the tour and he promised a good reception for it.