

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, May 7th, 2011
Hal Rogers Hall, 2025 Summit Dr., Kamloops, BC
Unapproved Minutes

1. Welcome by President Rick Homer

Club voting members: Walter Frith, Belcarra; Colin Nicholson, Saanich; Peter Huyghebaert, Nanaimo; George Gibson, Vinovan; Jim Young, Kamloops; Fran Aryis, Chilliwack; Total attendance: 19 members

2. Toast by Host Club: Jim Young on behalf of the Kamloops Winemakers raised a glass to celebrate the history of BCAWA, gave a toast to the many volunteers who have worked with the association and reminded members of the challenges ahead.

3. Approval of Agenda:

- Additions:** a) Ideas on increasing membership in BCAWA; ie Share the talent, Mall display
b) Liability Insurance
c) Setting a permanent date for the provincial finals

4. Approval of 2010 AGM minutes

Moved/seconded approved

5. Reports:

a) Treasurers Report: (see attached) John Matkovich

John reviewed the financials and pointed out that the \$2604 purchase of medals will eventually be returned to the provincial coffers. Due to the withdrawal of the Cup and Key wine club and the Italian Canadian Winemakers the membership has dropped dramatically. BCAWA is now down to 10 clubs.

Moved/seconded approved

b) Provincial Chief Steward: Art Hooper

290 entries were received down from last year. A suggestion: that due to the poor number of entries in the beer classes that BCAWA consider dropping the beer class from competition. Art congratulated members for the many exceptional wines entered. A full report will follow later.

c) AWC Director: George Gibson: (see attached)

George reminded members that the deadline for entry into the AWC competition is July 17th, 2011. 375 ml bottles will be accepted.

e) Guild Master: Sam Hauck

The guild continues its education and wine tasting sessions in hope of improving the quality of wine judging.

6. Old Business (see #10)

7. New Business

a) Host for the 2012 Provincial Competition.

Chilliwack is scheduled to host the 2012 provincials. John Aryis announced that this is predicated on the availability of the Mason Hall for the May 11 & 12, 2012 dates. John will be the chief steward if all goes well.

b) Share the talent.

Sharing educational presentation notes, notifying clubs of educational videos available on YouTube, developing a speaker list and posting educational seminars on the web and in the Newsletter, are suggestions of way to improve communication among clubs. Also, club representatives are

encouraged to email information to their members including newsletter announcements and BCAWA minutes.

ACTION: A volunteer to coordinate the information and pass it onto the webmaster and newsletter is needed.

c) Other Ideas on increasing membership!

Mall Displays, night school courses on winemaking, advertising in the Winemaker magazine, sending wines to the Winemaker magazine competition were other suggestions.

ACTION: Rick Homer will investigate placing an ad in the winemaker magazine.

d) Insurance.

The insurance issue was once again up for discussion. John Matkovich has researched the subject extensively. Because transporting homemade wines or serving homemade wines in a public place is illegal under British Columbia law no insurance company will cover any accident related to the event. Clubs are encouraged to look after their own insurance needs.

e) Provincial Competition date.

Mary Homer proposed a motion: to amend the bylaws to set a permanent date for the provincial competition. This date would be the weekend between Mother's Day and the long weekend in May.

Moved/seconded Question?

It was brought to council attention that bylaws cannot be changed unless prior notice has been given before the AGM.

It was then moved that: an amendment be placed in the Handbook *suggesting* a permanent date for the provincial competition be set for the weekend between Mother's Day and the long weekend in May.

Moved/seconded approved

8. Executive Elections for 2012

President	Rick Homer
Vice President	
Secretary	Shelagh Frith
Treasurer	John Matkovich
Directors at Large:	Ron Thorne, Axel Kroitzsch, Joe Kecskes

9. Announcements

Guild Master	Sam Hauck
Past President	Helmut Berner
National Director	George Gibson
BCAWA Web Steward	Jack Ziebart
BCAWA Archivist	Charles Plant

10. Old Business revisited

At the March Council meeting Sarah Lefebvre of Chilliwack Zymurgy (an IT person) suggested using social media to entice new members.

ACTION: Rick will contact Sarah to see if she will undertake this duty.

Sam thanked the judges and stewards for their help at the competition.

Rick thanked the Kamloops Winemakers for all the work in putting on the Provincial Competition. Well done!

11. Motion to adjourn 4:10 pm

Moved/seconded carried

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting, March 20, 2011
Fort Wine Company, 26151 84th Avenue, Langley, BC
Unapproved minutes

1. Welcome by President, Rick Homer

Clubs represented: Fran Ayris, Chilliwack, Colin Nicholson, Saanich, George Gibson, Nanaimo, Mike Leeper, Vinovan, Clive Evans, Belcarra, John McMaster, Vancouver, John Thompson, Coquitlam, Riccardo Pellizzari, Italvino, Art Hooper, Kamloops, Martin Cook, Sunshine Coast, Pat Zawalykut, Langley. Total attendance: 21 members

2. Toast by host club: Pat Zawalkut, on behalf of the Langley Fermenters proposed a toast and thanked the Fort Winery for hosting the meeting. Pat also thanked the BCAWA executive.

3. Approval of the Agenda *Approved*

Added to the agenda: update on the Winemaker Magazine subscriptions.

4. Approval of October 17, 2010 Council Minutes

Approved

5. Reports

a) Treasurer's Report: John Matkovich (see attached)

Rick Homer briefly reviewed the budget in John's absence. Sam Hauck brought attention to the line item for education. Any club willing to put on an education program for BCAWA members may request funds from the \$1500 budget.

Moved/seconded Approved

b) Provincial Chief Steward's Report: Art Hooper

The provincial competition is scheduled for May 6-7. Judges have been contacted.

In order to achieve a break even budget entry fees will be \$5 per entry. 375ml or 750ml bottles will be accepted.

A light lunch will be served prior to judging Friday afternoon. Meet and greet will start at 5 pm. Friday evening.

Judging will continue 8:30 until lunch Saturday. AGM will follow approximately 2 pm. Saturday evening activities including a silent auction will begin at 6 pm.

c) National Director: George Gibson (see attached)

The 2011 Amateur Winemakers of Canada competition will be hosted by Nova Scotia August 27-28. Beer classes have been eliminated from the competition this year.

d) Guild Master: Sam Hauck

The guild website has been updated. Sam asked for suggestions to improve the site. Several members noted difficulty accessing presenter's notes for wine tasting events both current and archived. Members also requested that guidelines for compensating judges (for example: subsidized travel expenses, free banquet tickets) be posted on the web.

The good news is that several new members have joined the guild.

ACTION: Sam will contact the webmaster with these suggestions.

6. Old Business

a) Advertising for new members: Rick reported that Craig's list proved to be a disaster! A discussion on ways to improve membership ensued. Several suggestions such as linking BCAWA website with blogs of wine reviewers such as Gismondi, Shriner etc. or making use of social networking such as face book were made.

ACTION: Rick will contact BCAWA webmaster, Jack Ziebart, and will inquire about social networking links.

b) Winemaker magazine: Walter Frith reported that a 191 club members signed up and that a digital list is now available for magazine subscriptions. This digital list will be sent to club representatives in the fall for updating. Many subscription requests were late coming in resulting in the delay in the subscription order. If any members have not received the March magazine please contact Walter at frithie@telus.net

7. New Business

a) Helmut Berner, past president made a plea for members to put their name forward for election to the BCAWA executive. Rick Homer has agreed to stay on as president and Joe Kesckes will stay on as a director at large. Walter Frith resigned his position as vice president.

b) **Club liability insurance:** The question regarding the issue of liability is once again up for discussion. There appears to be no definitive answer. Being responsible at wine tastings and competitions is a good start.

c) What can BCAWA do for clubs? Members pointed to the education fund, magazine subscription, online newsletter as some of the advantages of belonging to BCAWA.

Mike Leeper announced an education seminar to be held by Vinovan, April 27th 2011. Dr. Alan Marks, PhD, now working with Scott labs will be the guest speaker.

Motion to adjourn 12:10 pm:

Moved/seconded carried

National Director's Report to BCAWA Council Meeting March 20, 2011

After the death of President Larry Paterson at the end of November 2010, the future of the Amateur Winemakers of Canada looked rather bleak. Only Ontario and BC were willing or able to host an annual competition with the large number of entries (about 500+) resulting from the 2009 increase in entry eligibility. BC had hosted the competition in 2009 and Ontario in 2010. Neither was willing to host again immediately nor were they willing to accept Larry Paterson's call for a motion to distribute entries throughout the provinces for judging. BC and Ontario were able to reach agreement on a compromise that proved acceptable to all provinces, at least on an interim basis for 2011,

The terms of this year's competition are as follows:

That the 2011 Amateur Winemakers of Canada Competition be carried out with the following requirements:

- a) That there will be about 250 entries, the provincial totals not to exceed - Ontario 80, British Columbia 50, Alberta 30, Manitoba 30, Quebec 30, and Nova Scotia 30.
- b) That the classes will be the 19 wine classes A to J2 and Sparkling Cider.
- c) That the AWC entries may be selected from the highest scoring wines in each provincial competition, irrespective of class.
- d) That the Grand Champion Winemaker will be the competitor with the highest medal value total (G - 100, S - 58, B - 33.64) from his/her five (5) best wines and the Winning Province will have the highest medal value total of its top twenty (20) wines.

Interestingly, and, I hope, not ominously, Ontario failed to cast a vote on this proposal and has been completely silent on all issues since it was passed in early January.

Nova Scotia has offered to host the 2011 Competition on August 27-28 in Wolfville. Their deadline for receipt of entries is August 6, so my deadline for entries will be July 17. The Entry Fee is \$9.00. Nova Scotia will accept 375ml bottles which, along with the maximum of 50 bottles from BC will reduce shipping costs considerably,

Winexpert responded positively to my plea that they consider continuing their sponsorship of the medals for the National Competition.

A major issue will arise soon when AWC is forced to come to grips with the problem of who will host the AWC website. It seems very unlikely that Larry's widow, Barb, will want to maintain it. There's 40 years of records on that site and it would seem a shame to lose them.

Brian Lundeen, the AWC acting President, informed me this morning that he was able to contact a member of the wine club Larry belonged to and was also able to solicit substantial suggestions from Manitoba Director Tommy Kucera who feels we need to find out rather urgently how long the data will remain "alive" and arrange to burn the entire archive directly from the server to a DVD.

George Gibson

National Director's Report to BCAWA AGM May 7, 2011

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Winexpert will continue their sponsorship of the medals for the National Competition.

Thanks to John McMaster the AWC website hosting by Kawartha Graphics has been renewed for another year. AWC Acting President Brian Lundeen would like to see a replacement site designed and managed commercially.

On the controversial subject of judging he has expressed the following position, "I would ask that the larger provinces and their elaborate judging societies not try to hold the smaller organizations to their lofty standards. Let's strive for participation, rather than perfection, and just accept the results that you get in any given year with a minimum of (at least public) grouching."

In reference to Term C of the above 2011 AWC Competition Regulations I intend to select our 50 AWC entries based on the 50 highest scoring wines rather than ensuring we send forward the most equitable representation from every class. That should give our competitors the best shot at AWC Grand Champion.

George Gibson

BRITISH COLUMBIA AMATEUR WINEMAKERS ASSOCIATION

Executive meeting, October 20, 2011

Held by telephone conference

Members present by phone: Rick Homer, Axel Kroitzsch, Helmut Berner, Joe Kesckes, Shelagh Frith, John Matkovich **Regrets:** Ron Thorne, John Ayris

1. Approval of Agenda

Item added under new business: 5(e) silver pin nominations

Approved

2. Approval of Executive minutes *Approved*

3. Reports:

a) Treasurer: John Matkovich

John reviewed the financials. The provincial competition earned approximately \$575. A full report will be ready for the council meeting to be held November 6, 2011.

b) National Director: Rick Homer (interim representative)

Rick reported that Ivan Herbert has replaced Charles Plant as AWC treasurer and that John Star AWC director for Nova Scotia has resigned.

Nova Scotia suggested a motion for discussion to have a double gold for best in class in the event of a tie for points in the competition.

Next year's competition host has not been decided.

c) Past Chief Steward:

The executive reviewed Art Hooper's report on the provincial competition.

d) Chief Steward: John Ayris N/A

e) Guild Master: Sam Hauck N/A

4. Old Business

a) Winemaker Magazine: Walter Frith will contact each club for an update on subscriber list.

5. New Business

a) National Director replacement: Axel volunteered to assumed the position. Rick will notify Brian Lundeen president of the AWC.

b) Guidelines for shipping wine to the AWC competition. To avoid excessive cost a recommendation was made that in the future wine be shipped by ground only.

ACTION: Axel will investigate the cost of shipping by refrigerated truck.

c) BCAWA vice president; a volunteer is needed for this position.

d) BCAWA News publisher; should BCAWA continue the newsletter. If so a volunteer is needed.

e) Silver Pin Nominees: Nominations are open for silver pin awards.

Council meeting will be held Sunday, November 6; 10:00 am at Cheers Restaurant, 125 E. 2nd Ave, North Vancouver.

Meeting adjourned: 9:10 pm.

British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association				
Treasurer's Report March 5, 2011				
Cash Balance as at May 31, 2010			\$ 11,019.66	
Inventory September 28 2010			\$ 2,940.00	
Total Cash/Inventory September 28, 2010			\$ 13,959.66	
<u>Operating Activities 2010/2011 Fiscal Year</u>				
Revenues 2010/2011	Budget		Revenue	Balance
<u>Returned Funds</u>				
Competition Medals	\$ 762.00		\$ 762.00	\$ -
Repayment of 2011 Competition Loan	\$ 1,000.00			
Total Returned Funds	\$ 1,762.00		\$ 762.00	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Actual Annual Revenue</u>				
Club dues	\$ 2,200.00		\$ 1,675.00	-\$ 525.00
May 2010 Seminar	\$ 1,440.00		\$ 1,440.00	
Competition Share 2010	\$ 476.60		\$ 476.60	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 6.00		\$ 3.20	-\$ 2.80
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 5,884.60		\$ 4,356.80	\$ 472.20
<u>Less Operating Expenses 2010/2011</u>				
	Budget		Expenses	Balance
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00		\$ 72.00	\$ 128.00
Secretarial	\$ 100.00		\$ 66.62	\$ 33.38
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00
Meeting Rentals	\$ 500.00		\$ 170.00	\$ 330.00
Teleconferencing	\$ 250.00		\$ 105.62	\$ 144.38
National Competition	\$ 463.77		\$ 463.77	\$ -
Filing Fees (2010)	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ -
AWC Dues	\$ 300.00		\$ 232.00	\$ 68.00
May 2010 Seminar	\$ 1,665.00		\$ 1,459.98	\$ 205.02
Purchase of Provincial Medals	\$ 2,604.00		\$ 2,604.00	\$ -
Club Education program	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 1,100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00		\$ 204.98	\$ 45.02
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 8,107.77		\$ 5,803.97	\$ 2,303.80
<u>Net Operating Revenue 2010/2011</u>	-\$ 2,223.17		-\$ 1,447.17	
<u>Cash/Inventory Before Allocations</u>	\$ 11,736.49		\$ 12,512.49	
<u>Allocations</u>				
Education Program	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 400.00	\$ 1,100.00
<u>Balance Cash/Inventory</u>	\$ 10,236.49			
Less Inventory	\$ 2,940.00		\$ 2,940.00	
<u>Unallocated Cash Balance Year end May 31, 2011</u>	\$ 7,296.49			
<u>Total Cash Available March 5, 2011</u>	\$ 8,796.49		\$ 9,572.49	

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<u>Operating Activities 2010/2011 Fiscal Year</u>				
Revenues 2010/2011	Budget		Revenue	Balance
<u>Returned Funds</u>				
Competition Medals	\$ 762.00		\$ 762.00	\$ -
Repayment of 2011 Competition Loan	\$ 1,000.00			
Total Returned Funds	\$ 1,762.00		\$ 762.00	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Actual Annual Revenue</u>				
Club dues	\$ 2,200.00		\$ 1,670.00	-\$ 530.00
May 2010 Seminar			\$ 1,393.00	
Competition Share 2010	\$ 476.60		\$ 476.60	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 6.00		\$ 4.53	-\$ 1.47
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 4,444.60		\$ 4,306.13	\$ 468.53
<u>Less Operating Expenses 2010/2011</u>				
	Budget		Expenses	Balance
Ferry/Travel	\$ 200.00		\$ 72.00	\$ 128.00
Secretarial	\$ 100.00		\$ 41.62	\$ 58.38
Web Site Maintenance	\$ 250.00			\$ 250.00
Meeting Rentals	\$ 500.00		\$ 170.00	\$ 330.00
Teleconferencing	\$ 250.00		\$ 105.62	\$ 144.38
National Competition	\$ 463.77		\$ 463.77	\$ -
Filing Fees (2010)	\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00	\$ -
AWC Dues	\$ 300.00		\$ 190.00	\$ 110.00
May 2010 Seminar	\$ 1,664.98		\$ 1,664.98	\$ -
Purchase of Provincial Medals	\$ 2,604.00		\$ 2,604.00	\$ -
Club Education program	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 787.00	\$ 713.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 250.00		\$ 204.98	\$ 45.02
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 8,107.75		\$ 6,328.97	\$ 1,778.78
Net Operating Revenue 2010/2011	-\$ 3,663.15		-\$ 2,022.84	
Cash/Inventory Before Allocations	\$ 10,296.51		\$ 11,936.82	
<u>Allocations</u>				
Education Program	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 787.00	\$ 713.00
Balance Cash/Inventory	\$ 8,796.51			
Less Inventory	\$ 2,940.00		\$ 2,940.00	
Unallocated Cash Balance Year end May 31, 2011	\$ 5,856.51			
Total Cash Available May 5, 2011	\$ 7,356.51		\$ 8,996.82	