



British Columbia Amateur Winemakers Association

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

NOTE: These minutes have not yet been adopted.

Date: May 28, 2016

Location: St. Helen's Church Hall
3871 Pandora Street, Burnaby, BC

BCAWA Executive:

Present:	President:	Axel Kroitzsch - Langley (Chair)
	Vice President:	Mike Leeper – Vinovan
	Secretary	John McMaster - VAWA
	Treasurer:	John Matkovich - Vinovan
	Guild master:	Dave Ewen - VAWA
	Chief Steward:	Ron Thorne – SCAWA
	National Director	Doug Markin - Nanaimo
	Director at Large:	Pepe Kubon - VAWA
Absent:	Past President	Sandy Bellows – Saanich
	Director at Large:	Larry McIntyre – VAWA

Clubs / Representatives Present (Voting Members):

Belcarra Wine Makers	Doug Brain
Chilliwack Zymurgy	Vashti Garcia
Italvino Wine Club	Riccardo Pellizzari
Kamloops Wine Assoc.	[club not represented at this meeting]
Langley Fermenters	Axel Kroitzsch
Nanaimo Winemakers	Cathy Markin
Saanich Sommeliers	Rick Homer
Sunshine Coast	Ron Thorne
VAWA	John McMaster
Vintners of Coquitlam	Mike Lesperance
Vinovan	Bill Huva

(10 voting members present at this meeting)

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kroitzsch called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm and welcomed all present.

2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3 PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the minutes of the BCAWA Annual General Meeting Dated May 23, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5 REPORTS

5.1. PRESIDENT – Axel Kroitzsch

The President noted that while we didn't get as much done as we had hoped, it was a good year. He further stressed:

- Social get-togethers are a good thing and seem to be appreciated by all
- The Guild has produced some very good training
- BCAWA continuing to reach out to Clubs, attracting new membership and interaction with Clubs is a good thing
- The \$1500 education fund is seldom used – clubs should make use of it
- There has been a turnaround as we have not lost any BCAWA Clubs
- There continues to be some interaction with commercial ventures

5.2. TREASURER – John Matkovich

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.3. CHIEF STEWARD – Ron Thorne

The Chief Steward reported that this year's competition was successfully concluded at approximately 1:30pm today. There was a total of 278 entries judged with 28 Gold, 78 Silver and 100 Bronze medals awarded.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Chief Steward's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.4. NATIONAL DIRECTOR – Doug Markin

The National Director reported due to the declining membership Manitoba, this may be the last year for them to participate in the National Competition.

The National Director noted that the John Starr, a former AWC president, had written to the AWC Directors encouraging them to consider moving away from the medal system and reverting to the rank ordering (1st, 2nd, 3rd, ...) method of scoring entries in the

National Competition. John explained that he felt that winemakers would be much more interested in the competition if the scoring system determined the best wines in the competition rather than simply distributing medals.

The National Director indicated that he was interested in reviewing the way that that Winemaker of the Year is calculated.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the National Director's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5.5. GUILD MASTER – Dave Ewen

The Guild Master reported that they had been much more proactive in assigning judges to all member club competitions in the past year. The Guild has had 2 training sessions this year, organized by Axel Kroitzsch and Rick Homer. He went to report that the Guild has begun to build its reputation outside the BCAWA clubs and has recently participated in judging at a commercial wine competition.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the Guild Master's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. Proposal to have BCAWA and the Guild host the 2016 National Competition

There have been a number of emails on this topic – most clubs have expressed support for it and none have requested any further changes in format so a formal vote of approval is requested.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the BCAWA and the Guild host the 2016 National Competition.

CARRIED

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1. HOST CLUBS FOR FUTURE PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

2017 – Itlvino and Coquitlam (confirmed)

2018 – Vinovan

2019 – Nanaimo Winemakers

2020 – Kamloops Wine Association

2021 - Chilliwack Zymurgy

2022 – Langley Fermenters

2023 – Saanich Sommeliers

2024 – VAWA

2025 - Belcarra/Sunshine Coast

2026 – Itlvino

7.2. It was MOVED and SECONDED

That when a club hosts the National Competition this would count as their next

Provincial turn. The list would be moved up a year from that point meaning that all clubs would host the Provincials one year earlier.

CARRIED

7.3. It was MOVED and SECONDED

That all BCAWA member clubs provide 3 contact names (rather than the current 1) and that BCAWA send all email notices to all three contacts.

CARRIED

8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John McMaster ran the election in Sandy Bellows absence. He thanked the current executive and carried out the elections for the new executive.

The following are the results:

President	Mike Leeper (Vancouver)	by acclamation
Vice President	John McMaster (Vancouver)	by acclamation
Secretary	Sharon Bierd (Saanich)	by acclamation
Treasurer	John Matkovich (Vancouver)	by acclamation
National Director	Doug Markin (Nanaimo)	by acclamation
Directors at Large (2 positions)	Robert Martino (Belcarra) Jonathan Klinck (Chilliwack)	by acclamation
Appointed Positions		
Guild Master –	Dave Ewen (Vancouver)	
Past President –	Axel Kroitzsch (Langley)	
Web Master	John McMaster (Vancouver)	
Archivist	Robin McNeil (Saanich)	

9 NEXT MEETING

The next BCAWA General Meeting will be held Sunday October 16, 2016 at 11:00am
Location: #8 - 7788 - 132nd St, Surrey, BC. V3W 0H5 (Axel's Office)

10 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED