



British Columbia Artisan Winemakers Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting June 28, 2026

1. Rick Homer brought the meeting to order and announced that Mike Leeper had asked him to chair. Rick asked the attendees if they would like to elect someone else to chair the meeting. This offer was declined
2. Doug Markin gave the toast
3. Approval of June 26, 2026 agenda - Doug Markin / Mary Homer, passed
4. Approval of October 5, 2025 AGM minutes - Mary Homer / Bill Huva, passed
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 - a) Treasurers Report - read by Bill Huva, there were no questions
 - b) National Director - Doug Markin reported that Ontario will host the Nationals, likely in October this year. Doug noted that the National Directors will calculate the Provincial entitlements and therefore need no help from the National secretary in this regard.
 - c) Guild Master – Bill Huva reported that all Guild chapters are now financially stable. They will be changing the way they label the tasting wines to include the varietals. They have purchased new aroma kits for each Chapter.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. 2026 BCAWA Club Crush: looks like it will be Washington Petit Syrah
 - b. 2026 AWC National Competition: merged into the discussion into 5 b) above
 - c. BCAWA Posting Grapevines on the website – no response from the Robinsons.
 - d. 2027 Provincial Competition: It is Vinovan's turn but hopefully a club that has not hosted in while will offer to do so?
 - e. Maintenance of the BCAWA website – John McMaster reported that work is underway to convert to WordPress. Stay tuned.
 - f. Update of new Competition registration system – Rick noted that he and Trevor Curtis had arranged to have a group of 3 students take this on as a term project. Rick is pleased with the work that they are doing. They are due to finish the project in mid-August and it is not yet known if they will be able to deliver a complete product.
6. 2026 BCAWA Elections – Joe Zucchiatti reported that he was unable to find any BCAWA club members willing to stand for any of the positions. Nobody attending the meeting volunteered

either. So seems that all positions will be continue to be filled with the existing incumbents with the exception of Vice President which will now be vacant.

7. New Business
 - a. Next meeting October 2006 at Roma Hall. There were no comments
 - b. Next toast : unresolved.
 - c.
 8. Town Hall Session – no notes on this
 9. Announcements
 - a. Bill Huva reminded everyone of the value of Winemaker magazine and that members can subscribe at reduced rates. There was some discussion of reminding all clubs to make sure that the information contained in the magazine is correct for their club.
 10. Adjourn: Mary Homer / Doug Markin
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- Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the BCAWA AGM. John McMaster generously took notes and forwarded them to me. Except for a colon or two, and a short edit, this is his effort, not mine. Thank you, John. Roger Ford