

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 9th, 2016
AT BISHOP HALL**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Ivan Herbert, Peter Jackson, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, John Starr, Alban Walsh, Alan Baker, Roseline & Steve Cochrane, Ross Palmer, Gary Constantine, Jerome & Kelly MacIsaac, Conny Bishop.

Regrets: Peter Jucker

Opening & Welcome: President Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The October 12th, 2016 Minutes were accepted as submitted. They are posted on our website.

Wine Doctor:

Strangely no candidates although Jerome MacIsaac produced a fine example of a faulted commercial wine from a now defunct NS winery later in the meeting.

Correspondence:

There was an invitation to the club to arrange a group subscription to WineMaker magazine. It was decided to leave this issue up to individual club members.

Business Arising:

The President confirmed that Amy Savory will attend the meeting on December 14th where she will give a talk on how to judge a wine. Amy is a professional sommelier and instructor at NSCC.

New Business:

It was decided to hold the Christmas Party on December 3rd, 2016 at 7 Laura Moore Rd., Wolfville, home of the President. Motion by Conny Bishop, seconded by Peter Jackson. Further information to be posted on the website.

Ivan Herbert offered to obtain sodium hydroxide in quantity for distribution to members. Ivan similarly offered to obtain quantities of Sihadex, an acid reducing agent similar to Acidex, which has proved difficult to find this year.

Report from Nomination Committee:

Past President, Alan Baker, presented his report for election of officers for 2017. The election will take place at the January 2017 meeting when the positions of President and Secretary come due. President Brian McKibbin and Secretary Peter Jucker have indicated their willingness to continue in their respective roles.

In addition, the Vice President, Gray Reeve, has given notice that he intends to relinquish his position in January 2017. Peter Jackson has agreed to put his name forward for election to fill that post.

Alan also gave notice of a motion that he wishes to bring forward at the next meeting which would involve a modification to the constitution. The modification would involve adding 2 members at large to serve on the executive. At present both Elayne Mott and Bob MacDiarmid have agreed to run for these positions.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motion by Jim Ferguson, seconded by Alan Baker.

Technical Session:

Brian McKibbin provided us with a simple experiment to explain the basic make-up of wine. He showed us a bottle of colourless liquid consisting of vodka diluted to 10% alcohol with the addition of Tartaric Acid at 6 grams per litre.

The resulting mixture of alcohol and acid, although lacking the nuances and complexities of the aromatics obtained from the grapes themselves, is something that is common to all wines.

This was followed by a tasting of 4 red wines:

1. A blend of red hybrids by Ivan Herbert
2. A blend of red hybrids by Alan Baker.
3. A commercial blend of red hybrids by Grand Pre.
4. A single varietal of Zinfandel grapes from California by Peter Jackson.

Non-Technical Session: Snacks provided by John Starr. Many thanks John.

Next Meeting: December 14th, 2016.

Minutes prepared by Brian McKibbin and Frances