

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 11th 2017 AT BISHOP HALL

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Ivan Herbert, Peter Jackson, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Roseline & Steve Cochrane, Ross Palmer, David Gardom, Art Ward, Leigh Davison, Karen Ells, Elayne & Bruce Mott, Brian Boutillier. **Regrets:** Alan Baker, Peter Jucker

Opening & Welcome:

President Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:010 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The December 14th, 2016 Minutes were accepted as submitted.

Wine Doctor:

There were three wines discussed.

Art Ward submitted a sample of Blackberry wine which has not yet been bottled. Art provided details of the vintage. The wine was considered to be soundly made, perhaps slightly lacking in acid.

The second wine, a plum port was from Gerry Ward with no details of vintage. The wine was sound but seemed to be lacking in alcohol and could not therefore be considered a port, but would be suitable for Country Social.

The third wine was a retaste of the Zinfandel joint effort by Brian and Peter, this version featuring Rockpile 15 yeast. The wine will now be oaked.

Correspondence:

Alan Baker emailed his regrets, having sustained a fall. Members wished him a speedy recovery. Peter Jucker sent regrets having recently undergone hip replacement surgery and similarly members wished him a speedy recovery.

Business Arising:

The question of someone to understudy the role of competition registrar and statistician was revisited and Ivan indicated that Ian Kaye had offered to help. The need for a volunteer to schedule a member to provide snacks for the “non technical” session was discussed and as no attending member offered the matter was deferred.

New Business:

Karen Ells and Roseline Godin-Cochrane will be attending the wine making course taught by Bruce Ewert at Kingstec and will thus miss the next three meetings. There are still vacancies available for the course.

Annual General Meeting

Brian McKibbin read his Annual Report, a copy of which is attached.

Ivan Herbert presented the Financial Report, a copy of which is attached

Election of Officers

As Alan Baker, Chairman of the nominating committee was unable to attend, he emailed the list of nominations. Brian McKibbin called for nominations from the floor, and thrice hearing non declared the nominees duly elected. The 2017 Executive will be as follows:

PRESIDENT:	BRIAN MCKIBBIN
VICE PRESIDENT:	PETER JACKSON*
SECRETARY:	PETER JUCKER
MEMBERS AT LARGE:	ELAYNE MOTT*
	BOB MACDIARMID
TREASURER:	IVAN HERBERT*

* SUBJECT TO REELECTION IN 2018

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motion by Elayne, seconded by Art.

Technical Session:

Ivan Herbert lead a general discussion on acid, attempting to clarify the relationship between pH and TA, and the importance of both parameters. Ivan used a document published by The Australian Wine Research Institute, downloaded from the Internet, in support of the discussion. There is a link to the document on the links page of our web site. The session generated considerable discussion and, hopefully, clarified the relationship.

Non-Technical Session: Snacks provided by Brian McKibbin. Thank you very much.

Next Meeting: February 8th, 2017.

Minutes prepared by Ivan Herbert

AVV President's Report for 2016

Date: 11 January 2017

2016 was the year the wells ran dry. It was also the year we increased our membership by close to 50 per cent. And it was the year that saw four new alcohol-related businesses in our area: Horton Ridge Malting Company, Barreling Tides Distillery, Annapolis Cider Company, and Wayfarers Brewing Company.

It would appear that everything is fermenting nicely in the Valley.

I'm happy to report on some of the highlights of our club activities over the past year.

COMPETITIONS

- In May, we hosted the Amateur Winemakers' of Nova Scotia (AWNS) Annual Provincial Competition at Ivan and Ilze's vineyard property in Canning. This was followed by the awards party the next day. Another great weekend at the vineyard!
- Two of our members won best in their respective classes at the AWC National Competition in BC this year – Kit Childs with his Pinot Noir, and Ivan Herbert with his Baco Noir, both locally grown (the wines---not the winemakers!)

CLUB ACTIVITIES

- A tour of the Annapolis Cider Company in Wolfville, a joint venture summer picnic at Kit and Ivan's vineyards in Canning with members of the Halifax Dartmouth Wine Circle (HDWC), and a Christmas party hosted by the President and his wife at their new digs in Wolfville
- Guest speakers included Dr. Joe Nasser, from HDWC, Dr. Sean Miles, owner of the Annapolis Cider Company; and sommelier Amy Savoury, who introduced us to wine tasting from a wine judge's perspective

All in all, a successful year for the club as we anxiously await the fruits of that long dry summer.

I thank all of you for taking the time to attend our events and for making our club the success that it is. Special thanks to outgoing VP Gray Reeve, Treasurer Ivan Herbert, Secretary Peter Jucker, and his very capable assistant, Frances.

Brian McKibbin
11 January 2017

**ANNAPOLIS VALLEY VINTNERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
2016**

BALANCE at 1st January 2016 \$2,226.88

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$ 260.00
Provincial Competition Entry Fees	\$ 736.00

TOTAL \$ 996.00

EXPENSES

Meeting Expenses	\$ 459.44
Provincial Competition Expenses	\$ 259.62
Provincial Competition Shared Surplus	\$ 375.38

TOTAL \$1,094.44


DEFICIT \$ 98.44

BALANCE at 31st December 2016 \$2,128.44

NOTES

- Membership in AVV at 31st December 2016 26 paid
5 unpaid
14 new
6 Associates / Honorary / Life
- Meeting Expenses include the purchase of wine for tastings, food and supplies for the Christmas Party and rental of Bishop Hall
- There were no Membership Fees payable to AWC in 2016
- The Provincial Competition Shared Surplus was paid to AWNS
- There we no web site fees this year, they are payable every second year

Respectfully submitted



Ivan Herbert
AVV Treasurer