

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
AT BISHOP HALL**

**Members in Attendance:**

Brian McKibbin, Ivan Herbert, Peter Jackson, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Roseline & Steve Cochrane, Karen Ells, Ross Palmer, Art Ward, Steve Miller, Gray Reeves & Peter Jucker

**Guests:** Steve Ells & Mike Jemmi

**Opening & Welcome:** President Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Wine Doctor:**

Brian McKibbin surprised us with a 2004 Castel from Gaspereau Wines. This predated Gina. We learned that Castel parentage is Gamay and Riparia. An interesting comment was that all commercial NS reds have tannin added at primary fermentation. The wine was very good.

Art Ward brought a bottle of Mead he was given in 2012. There were no notes other than it was made from a kit. Quite a nice drink.

Roseline made a dandelion wine in 2016. Started with 2 quarts of hand picked blossom petals in May. This made one gallon. She had plenty of notes and appreciated the suggestion of being careful to just use zest of the lemon rind, thus reducing the bitterness.

**Correspondence:**

Ivan mentioned that Luckett Vineyards has 200 cases of unused bottles, at \$3. per case. Quite a few members took advantage of the good deal right away. The ad is posted on AVV website.

**Business Arising:**

Roseline and Karen talked about the wine making course they have enrolled in at Kingstec. They sounded enthusiastic and very keen to learn from Bruce Ewert.

**New Business:**

Ivan was asking if June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 was a good time for the Provincial competition. Consensus was 'Yes'. Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> it is, followed by the party the next day.

As to the National Competition, evidently no club in Ontario has offered to host it. Presently the AWC competition is limbo.

Ross Palmer announced the soft opening of his store Grandma Mazel's Cellar Academy on February 8<sup>th</sup>. It is Wolfville's Wine Kit and U-Vint shop located in the former United Church on Main Street.

**Adjourn Business Meeting:**

Motion by Peter Jucker, seconded by Ivan.

**Technical Session:**

This event had been suggested by John Starr when we were making up this years program.

Brian and Peter Jackson prepared 4 bottles, all initially from a 3 litre box of Lindemann Cabernet Sauvignon. The first was straight out of the box. The second was laced with excessive acid, 15 gm/l. The third was sulphited to 10 x the normal average. The fourth had been sweetened with extra sugar.

The exercise was to identify what we were tasting. It was agreed this was a good start to learn how to judge wine. We will do this again in the future, but with more subtle exaggerations.

**Non-Technical Session:**

Snacks were provided by Bob MacDiarmid. Thank you.

**Next Meeting:**

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances