

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8TH, 2017
AT BISHOP HALL**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Pat & Gary Constantine, Alan Baker, Elayne & Bruce Mott, Art Ward, Peter Jucker

Regrets: Ivan, Peter Jackson, Roseline, Karen Ells & Ross Palmer

Opening & Welcome: President Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The February 8th, 2017 Minutes were accepted as submitted.

Wine Doctor:

Bob MacDiarmid brought a 2014 Ruby Cabernet. Art Ward offered a sweet strawberry wine. Elayne Mott presented a 2014 blend of blueberry, cranberry and alderley. Peter Jucker was asked to bring his 2016 Ortega another time. Reason: our guest presenter's arrival was fast approaching.

Correspondence:

An email received recently indicated that Ontario will in fact host this year's National Competition.

Business Arising: None.

New Business:

A short conversation as to possible locations for our annual summer outing ensued. We are soon running out of vineyards. Karen Ells' property was described as a beautiful spot.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motion by Alan, seconded by Elayne.

Technical Session:

Amy Savoury came, as always, well prepared.

First we all had to prepare our noses. 10 tiny bottles with concentrated contents that relate to l'Acadie Blanc were circulated. The goal was to match the 10 numbers with the list ranging from lemon to cut hay, not easy.

We then were asked to judge one of 4 commercial l'Acadies, keeping in mind not to be subjective but objective. It was a very good exercise.

Amy was leading us through the process with lots of tips and suggestions, from appearance to overall impression. It was an excellent wine, 2015 Planters Ridge, an All-Canadian silver medal winner, Amy told us.

Wines B, C & D were then judged in a flight. In the end, with just 2 exceptions, the scores came in averaging in the low 80's.

I think we all learned to appreciate the characteristics of l'Acadie. It really is quite a nice wine. The pride of Nova Scotia. Amy received a well deserved round of applause.

Non-Technical Session:

Snacks were provided by Jim Ferguson. Thank you.

Next Meeting: April 12th, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances