

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOV 8th, 2017
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Ivan Herbert, Alan Baker, Peter Jackson, Gary & Pat Constantine, Art Ward, Steve & Roseline Cochrane, Elayne & Bruce Mott, Andre d'Entremont, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Steve Ells, John Fletcher, John Starr and Peter Jucker.

Regrets: Harry Beach

Opening & Welcome:

Brian opened the meeting at 7:10 pm and welcomed all present, especially the three new members, Vera and Nancy Klokočka, and Brian Nichols.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The October 11th, 2017 Minutes require some additional detail as well as a correction

- a) Alan Baker pointed out that the Minutes failed to mention the colour of the medals won by Andre and PJ at this year's AWC competition. It is 'Gold'.
- b) Andre's 2016 NY Muscat was actually filtered through #2 pads. The Minutes stated it was not filtered.

Wine Doctor:

Roseline presented a cherry wine. It was a very well made fruit wine. The process was carefully documented in her little book and she was sharing detailed steps with the group.

Correspondence:

None.

Business Arising:

There was a discussion about the use of different yeasts and a number of members have found the availability of anything just vaguely different from the usual EC-1118 in the local wine supply shops is often a problem. To that end Ivan offered that he would be very happy to accept orders of different yeasts when we do this again next summer.

New Business:

John Starr has learned of an exercise undertaken by the Dartmouth Wine Circle. The test was to compare the results when using different fining agents and also comparing these against using no finings at all. He thought it would be most interesting if we were able to get the results of this comparison, and in fact perhaps we could ask someone from the HDWC to come and talk with us about it. He also thought that we should elect a Program Chairman to which Alan interjected that we already have one, Peter Jackson.

The Must Party has been confirmed for 2 pm Sunday, November 12th at home of Ivan and Ilze.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Peter Jucker, seconded by Elayne Mott.

Wine Tasting:

There were quite a few different wines going around the table. We had a blackberry blackcurrant from Ivan. There was a sweet blackcurrant made by Vera. There was Art's strawberry. The before-mentioned cherry from Roseline and even a red and blackcurrant/ red wine blend, I believe made by Bob.

It is really interesting how much variance can be tasted even though the ingredients might have been the same.

Technical Session:

Our guest speaker, Dominic Rivard, hails from New Ross, where he started Bulwark Ciders in 2012. Dominic has been in the commercial wine industry for 25 years. He has worked extensively in Asia and he is a founding Director of the Fruit Wines of Canada Association. His presentation was very interesting and we sampled several wines he brought along, as well as many crafted by our members. Dominic kindly offered to make his presentation available online by simply emailing a request to info@wineplanet.ca. This was much appreciated by all the enthusiastic AVV fruit winemakers and it may even tempt some of the pure grape vintners to give fruit a try.

Non-Technical Session:

Bob provided the snacks. Many thanks.

Next Meeting:

There will be no formal meeting in December.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10th, 2018.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances