

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JAN. 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018  
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

**Members in Attendance:**

Brian McKibbin, Alan Baker, Art Ward, Steve & Roseline Cochrane, Nancy Wales, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Steve & Karen Ells, Richard & Donna Paisley, Peter Jucker.

**Regrets:** Elayne Mott, Ivan Herbert, Peter Jackson, Gary & Pat Constantine

**Opening & Welcome:**

Brian opened the meeting at 7:05 pm and welcomed all present. Past President Alan Baker, who has rejoined the Club after living in Halifax for a few years, asked some of the newer members to please introduce themselves.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Wine Doctor:**

Art offered a peach wine for comments. He provided his observations and notes, the clearing process being the main issue, even after using K.C, and bentonite twice. Too much pectic enzyme perhaps? In any event, the wine proved to be lovely, not too sweet, good nose, taste and balance. This may very well be a competition entry.

**Correspondence:**

Our President has written to NSCC Kingstec on December 14, 2017, requesting the use of their facilities to hold the AWC (National Competition) on August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Saturday and Sunday morning, with setting up Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. This letter confirmed the arrangements discussed when Ivan and Brian met with Janet Specht on site earlier in the month.

A lady by the name of Amanda wrote to Brian from Berwick where she owns 1.5 acres of grapes, some l'Acadie apparently. Other than that, it was fairly vague, maybe she is looking for help.

**Business Arising:**

In our November meeting, John Starr wondered about an article originating from the HDWC describing the results when using different fining agents.

We have good news. The paper 'fining agents 101' has now been posted on the AVV website under presentations. It looks like an interesting documentation.

**New Business:**

We were thrilled to hear that Gary Constantine has offered to be an understudy to Ivan, and his computer skills as it relates in particular with running competitions.

**Annual General Meeting:**

Brian read his very own President's Annual Report. Then moved to adopt it. Seconded by Peter Jucker. All in favour 'yes'.

Ivan's Financial Report had been posted on the website. There had been no questions raised. Alan Baker moved to adopt it, Bob MacDiarmid seconded. All in favour 'yes'.

**Election of Officers:**

Alan Baker, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported as follows:

Three positions on the Executive open this year were Vice President, Treasurer and one Member at Large. All three sitting officers indicated their intention to remain. No other candidates came forward. Therefore, Peter Jackson VP, Ivan Herbert Treasurer and Elayne Mott are elected by acclamation. In addition, John Fletcher offered to serve the club as volunteer. To accommodate this, the Executive passed a By-Law creating a position of Program Co-ordinator. John will assist the VP in program planning and scheduling. His position will come up for re-election in 2019.

Alan moved the adoption of his report, seconded by Nancy Wales.

**Adjourn Business Meeting:**

Motioned by Alan Baker, seconded by Jim Ferguson.

**Wine Tasting:**

The Agenda called for a comparison tasting and rating of red hybrids.

Wines A, B, C & D required an unusual amount of judging time. As is too often the case, the marks were all over the place, from the 40s to the mid 80s, prompting Alan to remind everyone to be a little more in line with Amy Savoury's motto ....

The wines were identified as A - Brian McKibbin field blend, B – Lockett Phone Box, D – Alan Baker 2016 Leon and C – just to add a little joke, Jucker's 2017 Leon (House Wine) 2<sup>nd</sup> Run.

**Technical Session:**

Brian has found that in the past he had difficulties determining completion of malolactic fermentation in his field blends. For this reason he purchased a set of Paper Chromatography complete with instructions. He proudly demonstrated how it's done and showed evidence on blotting sheets. To many of us, these looked like fingerprints on blueish-green background. Interesting sure, but alternatively one can also check if the tiny bubbles have stopped rising. Thank you for your presentation Brian.

**Non-Technical Session:**

Nancy Wales provided the snacks. Many thanks.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances