

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON APR. 18th, 2018
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Alan Baker, Art Ward, Nancy Wales, Steve & Karen Ells, Richard & Donna Paisley, Peter Jackson, Andre d'Entremont, Gary & Pat Constantine, John Fletcher, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, John Starr, Brian Boutilier, Bruce & Elayne Mott, Brian Saulnier, John Thomsen and Peter Jucker.

Guests:

Peter Gnemmi, Joanne Moran

Opening & Welcome:

This promptly happened at 7:03 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Feb. 14th, 2018, Minutes were approved as submitted.

Wine Doctor:

Pat and Gary presented a 2017 Chardonnay. The first wine they ever made from fresh grapes. The comments were predominantly positive. The wine was well balanced. Gary asked about time of bottling, and the answer was aging in carboys for a few more months would be the recommendation.

Correspondence:

There has been a flurry of activity between Brian and Wine Judges for both the Provincial as well as the National competitions.

In addition, Allan Jost, AWNS Director, Glen and Karyn have been corresponding with Gary Constantine in order for him to take over the AVV computer related duties (website access, competition programs, etc.)

Business Arising:

Alan Baker has led the search for an appropriate venue for the AWNS competition. It will take place at the Wolfville Lion's Club on Saturday, June 9th. Setting up on Friday, the 8th, and Winemaker's Tasting (Awards Party) on Sunday, June 10th. We have a signed contract for \$240. total. Well done. Thank you Alan.

New Business:

Peter Jucker made a motion to welcome Gary C. as the new webmaster. Seconded by John Starr. Alan Baker made a motion to elect Donna Paisley as the new Treasurer of AVV and AWNS as well as a member of our Club's Executive. Seconded by Brian McK.

Andre refreshed our memory that this year's Vineyard Tour will take place in Mahone Bay at his Cape House vineyard. A date will be set at our May meeting.

Brian asked the assembly to consider homes for billeting some of the judges that will come from as far away as BC for the National Competition in late August.

Alan Baker indicated that the position of Program Co-ordinator (John Fletcher) will require an amendment to the AVV Constitution. We should vote on this at the next meeting.

Andre had a special treat for us to taste. His very own Greenhouse Shiraz 2016! Beautiful! Really special!

Brian knew what was on everyone's mind – Ivan was no longer with us.

He opened a dialogue on how we could best remember Ivan, his love for tending his vineyard and passion for winemaking. We will need some time, but a couple of proposals like naming a trophy or a special achievement after him were put forward. All members are asked to come up with suggestions on how AVV can truly commemorate our dear friend.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Art, seconded by Jim Ferguson.

Technical Session:

Brian introduced our Presenter, Alan Baker, who surely is the Club's most experienced winemaker (made his first competition entry in Ontario in 1978). Alan talked about all there is to know when preparing one's wine so it is ready to enter a competition.

Non-Technical Session: Donna Paisley. Many thanks.

Reminders:

Two reminders on protocol at our meetings. Both were transgressed tonight.

1. We do not pour or drink wine before wine doctor evaluation is complete.
2. Snack time is after not during any other part of the meeting.

The idea is to have a good social time amongst all present.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 9th, 2018.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances