

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 9th, 2018
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Alan Baker, Art Ward, Steve & Karen Ells, Donna Paisley, Steve and Roseline Cochrane, Peter Jackson, Andre d'Entremont, Gary Constantine, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Brian Boutilier, Bruce & Elayne Mott, Brian Saulnier, Peter Gnemmi and Peter Jucker.

Opening & Welcome:

The President opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Alan Baker pointed out the Minutes of April 18th failed to cover, and thus need to be amended as follows:

1. John Starr proposed, then Alan Baker made a Motion that a Committee be formed to evaluate suggestions from the membership on how to establish an appropriate memorial for Ivan Herbert. Motion carried.
2. Andre proposed a toast to Ivan and we all raised our glasses in remembrance of our friend.

Wine Doctor:

Peter Jucker tabled a 2017 l'Acadie. His problem was, not ever having much success in making l'Acadie. He wanted to get an opinion if he was on the right track this time. Consensus was yes. It tastes like l'Acadie. No fault. Steve Ells asked what brix were recorded at harvest. Answer 17.2. Steve suggested for another year to wait until brix are 18 to 18.5.

Brian Saulnier brought 2 samples of 2017 Chardonnay. The first was okay, the 2nd had badly oxydized. Brian was urged not to use plastic bottles in the future.

Correspondence:

There has been an enormous amount.

- NSCC Kingstec to Brian McK. re National Competition
- Allan Jost to Gary Constantine re: Getting up to speed on competition registration/entry forms, etc. Gary and Allan will be meeting on May 10.

Business Arising:

1. The AVV Constitution required amendments to Articles 5, 10, 12 and 15. It will address two positions, Webmaster and Program Co-ordinator. Alan Baker moved the Motion. Seconded by Elayne. Motion passed. Exact wording will be posted on our website.
2. Motion moved by Alan Baker: To expedite distribution, the Meeting Minutes shall be sent out by the Secretary directly to all members@valleyvinters.ca. Seconded by Peter Jackson. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Andre would like to have our vineyard tour at Cape House, Mahone Bay in late June. Preferred days are Wednesday or Thursday. Executive will pick the date.
2. Andre, having learned of the 200th Anniversary of St. John's Anglican Church, proposed a toast to this celebration and at the same time commented on how pleased he was with our meeting facility in this lovely church. We all agree.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Art, seconded by Roseline.

Technical Session:

Our guest speaker Neslihan Ivit is a Wine Quality Specialist with Perennia, a fully integrated Agri-Food and Bio-Resource company, located in Bible Hill, NS with Extension & Food Safety Services in Kentville.

Neslihan works closely with ALAB (Acadia Laboratory for Agri-Food & Beverage). The lab is located on the Acadia U. campus. It offers a wide range of analytical testing for wine, cider and spirits, an extremely valuable asset to the wine, craft beer and cider entrepreneurs in the Valley.

We were encouraged to contact Neslihan via email nivit@perennia.ca. if we think our wine could benefit by using one of the lab's services.

Brian thanked our guest for the interesting presentation.

Non-Technical Session: Karen Ells. Thank you, it was lovely.

Next Dates to Remember:

- Entry deadline for AWNS Competition is June 2nd.
- AVV Competition at Lions Club, Wolfville is June 9th.
- Winemakers tasting, aka the Party, at Lions Club, Wolfville, Sunday, June 10th.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances