

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEB 14th, 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, Steve & Karen Ells, Richard & Donna Paisley, Peter Jackson, Harry Beach, Andre d'Entremont, Terry Bourgeois, Peter Jucker.

Guests: Paula Bourgeois and Frances Jucker

Regrets: Ivan Herbert, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Gary & Pat Constantine

Opening & Welcome:

Brian opened the meeting at 7:04 pm. First he informed everyone of the serious situation that Ivan is finding himself at the hospital in Halifax, having undergone open heart surgery on February 6th.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Jan. 10th, 2018, Minutes. Alan made a motion to have these approved as submitted.

Wine Doctor:

Art brought a blueberry wine just made in the last few months. He described it as sweet yet it was really very pleasant. Roseline brought a 2017 white which she made from a completely unknown variety of grapes found on the Ells property. Brian spotted almost instantly that it must be from a Labrusca vine. Not only the nose, but also the taste was very troubling and someone jokingly referred to it as the first failure from the Ellslea Farms.

Correspondence:

The Club learned on Feb 13, that our request to hold the National competition judging at Kingstec Campus has been approved. A few details will be sorted out between our President and Jason Clark, Principal of Kingstec.

Bob MacDiarmid alerted the Executive of an interesting person by the name of Neslihan Ivit, a member of the Perennia team, specializing in Wine Quality. Steve Ells and Brian will follow up, could be an excellent guest for one of our meetings.

Business Arising:

Unfortunately, we missed discussing Gary Constantine's offer to become an understudy to Ivan. We will definitely need to do that at our next meeting as the issue is of great importance.

New Business: None.

Adjourn Business Meeting: Motioned by Alan Baker, seconded by Peter Jackson.

Technical Session:

We were fortunate to once again have Gina Haverstock talk to us about wine. This time the emphasis was on blending. Gina invited us to make a contribution in the composition of 2017 Gaspereau Vineyard Tidal Bay. First she wanted to know if we could tell what percentage of Muscat was in her sample blend, then she was wondering if we would make any changes to enhance the wine. It was good fun. We were also treated to a blend of Gaspereau Lucie K Rose, easy drinking, nicely balanced, with a hint of sweetness. Thank you Gina for an interesting evening.

Non-Technical Session:

This took place at the home of the President and Suzanne who prepared a nice spread of cheese, fruit and crackers. There was of course plenty of wine, plus sherry and port to enjoy a Happy Valentine's Day. Thank you very much Brian and Suzanne. It was a great idea.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14th, 2018.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances