

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2023 AT GASPHEREAU BAPTIST CHURCH, 2838 GREENFIELD RD**

**Members in Attendance:**

Brian McKibbin, Gary & Pat Constantine, Stephen & Roseline Cochrane, Donna & Richard Paisley, Steve & Karen Ells, Peter Jackson and Peter Jucker.

**Regrets:** Andre D'Entremont, Harry Beach

**Opening & Welcome:**

Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:04 pm and welcomed all.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Approved as written

**Wine Doctor:** None

**Correspondence:**

Brian has started to contact potential Judges for the competition.

**Business Arising:**

1. Gary reported that obtaining the program Jotform is much more money than he anticipated. Allan Jost may have this software, so Gary will contact him now. Jotform is really essential for running competitions.
2. Peter Jucker asked on the status of the Program Co-ordinator. This position is presently vacant. It was decided that we do not need to look for a replacement at this time.
3. **A second reminder that membership fees are due.** Please send \$20 to AVV Donna Paisley via e-transfer – [donnapaisley@hotmail.com](mailto:donnapaisley@hotmail.com)

**New Business:**

1. The President will continue with the recruiting of Judges.
2. He will also issue a package of competition material (rules, regulations, entry forms, instructions) to all AVV members.
3. Gary will contact Lily to make sure she is available for June 3, 2023, the competition date.

**Adjourn Business Meeting.**

Moved by Roseline, seconded by Karen.

**Technical Session:**

A tasting of Chardonnay coming from the Old World, New World and 3 artisanal wines made by AVV members.

Prior to the blind tasting, Brian told us what the commercial wines were. (NSLC prices from \$26.50 to \$15.)

From Nova Scotia: Planters Ridge  
California: Bread & Butter  
France: Fat Bastard  
Chile: Montes  
Australia: Yellow Tail  
Plus the 3 from our Club Members.

We were tasting 8 wines in 20 odd minutes. A massive task for many of us. Not surprising the opinions differed quite a bit but there was consensus that the 3 samples from our Club (the Ells, Peter Jackson, Gary & Pat) were holding their own comfortably. There were a few surprises for some when the 8 bottles were revealed at the end. It was a fun event but I think too many for one go.

**Non Technical Session:** Pat & Gary. Thank you very much.

**Next Meeting:** March 7, 2023

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances