

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JAN 09th, 2020
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

NOTE: The Annual General Meeting was held on the alternate date of January 09th due to inclement weather on the meeting date of January 08th

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Karen & Steve Ells, Gary Constantine, Peter Jackson, Donna & Richard Paisley, Roseline Godin-Cochrane, Steve Cochrane, Jim Ferguson, Bob MacDiarmid, Kevin MacIntyre

Regrets: Alan Baker, Pat Constantine, Peter Jucker

Opening & Welcome:

Before the meeting started we were regaled by a conversation about the 30+ years experience Jim Ferguson has had as a “frottoir” or “washboard” player.

Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:12 pm and welcomed all.
Brian welcomed new member Kevin MacIntyre to the AVV.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of the November 13th, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Wine Doctor

Steve Ells presented a bottle of his sparkling Chardonnay. The wine smelled and looked fine but there was an unpleasant aftertaste. The membership agreed that it was infected with Brettanomyces, a “barnyard” like taste that is quite acceptable in some red wines but not in white wine. Steve remarked that he had done research and had learned that if you store your Chardonnay base for sparkling wine in clear glass carboys that Brettanomyces can occur.

The only suggestion was to age it longer and see what happens.

It was recommended to store the wine in the dark away from daylight to inhibit the onset of bret.

Correspondence:

The president received a letter advising that there was a symposium happening On July 12-16, 2020 entitled **The 10th International Cool Climate Symposium**. If any members are interested in attending the president can supply the details. You can also check <http://iccws2020.ca/> for full details on the symposium.

Business Arising:

Brian announced that he had been asked to look at designing a trophy for the non-grape award more in line with the trophies we presently present. After careful consideration and research Brian presented a drawing of a plaque that he thought might satisfy the needs of the membership. There was some discussion about the proposal but the consensus of the membership was that this might work. The proposal will be discussed by the awards committee and if there is agreement then at the next AVV meeting on February 12, 2020 the committee will put forth a motion to the membership to accept the proposal. To see an example of the plaque please see Attachment 1.

New Business:

Gary Constantine told the membership that there was a problem with the mail system we use at our server for “valleyvintners.ca” (Netfirms). The mail application is sporadic and some members do not get global E-mails that are sent out by the web master. Until a solution to the problem is worked out members should avoid using any NAME@VALLETVINTNERS.CA address. There is no guarantee that what you send will be delivered. Hopefully a solution can be found soon. In the interm all global E-Mails will be sent to your personal

E-mail address as a BCC so you only see your address. If you DO NOT want to receive the E-Mails please let gary.constantine@gmail.com know and he will remove your name from the mail list.

A motion was put forward by Steve Ells to increase the entry fee for national competitions to \$12.50 from the present \$10.00. The motion was seconded by Gary Constantine. The motion was carried by the membership.

Report from Nominating Committee:

Gary Constantine standing in for Alan Baker, Chair, informed the members that the Treasurer (Donna), Member at Large (Karen) have agreed to seek re-election. Roseline Godin-Cochrane has put forth her name to stand for the position of vice president.

As there were no other contestants the entrants all won by acclamation.

Donna Paisley – Treasurer

Karen Ells – Member At Large

Roseline Godin-Cochrane – Vice President

Presidents Report

Please see Attachment 2

Treasurers Report

Please see attachment 3

February Technical Session

Melanie Eelman will be discussing making wine without grapes.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Peter Jackson and seconded by Roseline Godin-Cochrane

Technical Session:

Due to inclement weather there was no technical session available.

To close out the session, we blind tasted 3 red wines.

2 Old World and one Nova Scotia red.

The wines were:

Grande Pre Baco Noir 2018

Portuguese Animus 2017

Italian DOCG Chianti 2018

There was a lot of discussion about the wines and a consensus that the NS Baco Noir was an excellent wine, and in some ways, superior to the Italian Chianti. It was also noted that since 2018 was not a stellar wine year in Nova Scotia that the local Baco Noir was likely enhanced by the addition of Ontario grapes.

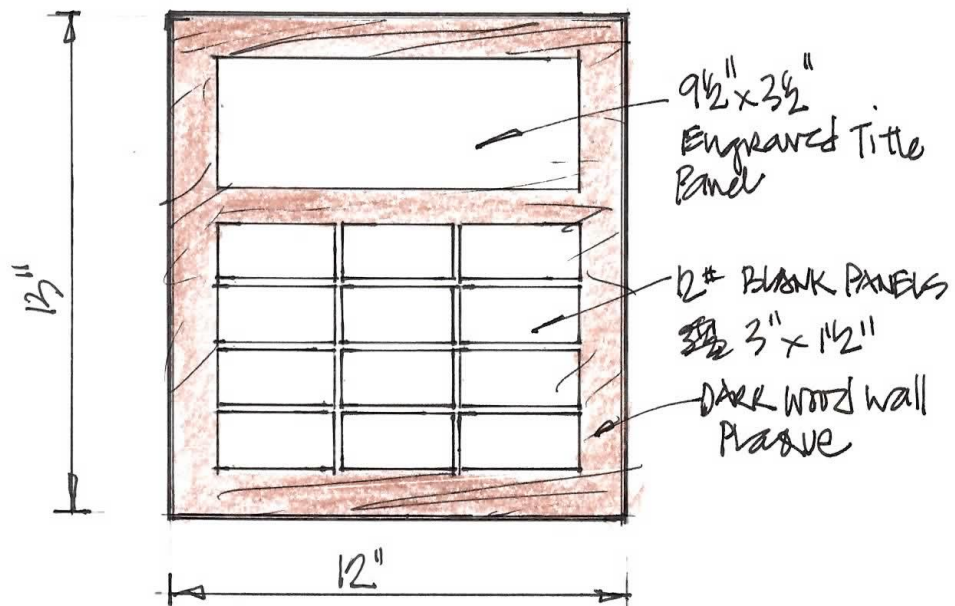
Non-Technical Session: Donna and Richard Paisley. Thank you very much.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th, 2020.

Minutes prepared by Gary Constantine

Attachment 1

AVV Annual Non-Grade Trophy



\$ 65. C/W Blank Panels (12)

Engraved Title Panel included

\$ 15 - \$ 30. Extra for 'SUBLIMATION'
on Title Panel eg colored logo.

Porter's Custom Trophy
and Engraving
KENTVILLE.

Attachment 2

AVV President's Report for 2019

Date: 8 January 2020

I am pleased to report on the activities of another successful year in the continuation of our club. Among the annual highlights each year are the events surrounding the wine competitions, both Provincial and National. Although hosting these competitions provides the club with a healthy source of income, it doesn't come without some hard work on our part. Often the President is called upon to take the lead role as Chief Steward, responsible for running each competition. This is in addition to looking after monthly club activities.

Recently, I met with Alan Baker and John Starr with a view to making life easier for our elected officials, well at least for the President. The position of Chief Steward, responsible for overall organization of the competitions, we felt should not be filled by one of the elected officials but rather it should be someone appointed by the executive. The officials would then simply take responsibility for running the day-to-day activities within the club. We also felt it was important to formalize a how-to manual on running a competition. We already have a detailed report on competition procedure explaining, among other things, on-line registration and the collating of results. To that would be added a list of wine judges who have helped us in the past, along with their contact information.

As you might have guessed by now, this is all a smoke screen to try and encourage some new blood on the executive next year.

COMPETITIONS

- This year the AVV hosted the AWNS Provincial Competition in Steve and Karen Ells' house at Ellslea Vineyard. The interior of their fine old farmhouse has been carefully modified to work as a successful competition venue.
- The annual Grape Growers prize for the highest scoring wine made from N.S. grown grapes went to Harry Beach for his L'Acadie Blanc while the wine maker of the year award presented by the Winery Association of N.S. went to Andre d'Entremont. Both Harry and Andre live along the South Shore and make use of their own locally grown grapes. So much for the claim that the best wines come from the Valley. Andre also was the first winner of the new Ivan Herbert Hummingbird Trophy for the highest score for a Nova Scotia entrant in the AWC.
- Members of our club performed well at the AWC National Competition held in Vancouver this year. We had three Gold Medals and three Best in Class awards. Elayne Mott had a Gold and Best in Class for Aperitif Sherry, Pat Constantine and Alan Baker had a Gold for Chardonnay, Andre d'Entremont had a Best in Class for Country Table Wine and Art Ward had a Gold and Best in Class for Strawberry Social Wine. Bravo!

CLUB ACTIVITIES

- The annual vineyard tour was held at Bent Ridge Vineyard near Windsor. We first had a tasting of their white blend inside the restaurant followed by a tasting of their signature red Marquette outside in the vineyard. Afterwards most of the guests remained to dine on the restaurant's specialty pizzas.
- This year marked the return of the popular Must Party, hosted by Steve and Karen Ells. As always, it was a lively event with members bringing along their latest fermented or partially fermented wines from the recent vintage.
- The annual Christmas Party was held at the President's House in Wolfville. Steven Cochrane provided the musical accompaniment for some fine vocals. Elayne (Best in Class) Mott displayed her not inconsiderable hidden talents in this, another of her areas of expertise.
- Guest speakers at this year's club meetings included winemakers Simon Rafuse and Harold Downey from Blomidon Estate in April and earlier in the year it was Sommelier Amy Savoury who explained for us the role of aromatics in wine appreciation. Our own Peter Jackson gave a most informative talk on the pairings of food and wine and Vera and John Fletcher provided us with a wonderful and fascinating view of their 50 years involvement with wine.
- Nesli Ivit, a wine specialist with bio-research company Perennia, got together with Sommelier Amy Savoury, to enthrall us with a 3-part Wine Education Seminar in October. Spread over three evenings in consecutive weeks and with 30 participants, the event was a huge success. It was held at NSCC KIngstec under the auspices of both NSCC and Perennia.
- I would like to thank all members of the executive for their helpful involvement throughout the year. Peter Jucker for his meticulous minutes and for surviving a near death experience, Donna Paisley for her charm and tenacity as our Treasurer and Peter Jackson for his very competent ability as co-pilot VP. Thanks to Karen Ells and Bob MacDiarmid as Members at Large and may they continue to come up with even more good ideas. To Gary Constantine we owe a huge favour for his tireless work as web master, both on club and competition fronts. And finally to all members. Your energy makes the club what it is.

Brian McKibbin

President AVV

Attachment 3

Annapolis Valley Vintners Financial Statement 2019

<u>BALANCE at 1st day of January 2019</u>	<u>\$ 2,795.52</u>
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INCOME

Yearly Membership Dues	\$ 600.00
Wine Appreciation Course	\$ 540.00
Provincial Competition Entry Fees - 119	\$ 912.50
National Competition Entry Fees - 37	\$ 370.00
Bank Interest	\$ 34.77

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 2,457.27</u>
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EXPENSES

Meeting & Party Expenses	\$ 290.46
Meeting Room Rental \$30 x 8 (2018)	\$ 240.00
Meeting Room Rental \$30 x 4 (Jan-May)	\$ 120.00
Meeting Room Rental \$30 x 4 (Sept-Nov)	Paid Jan 2020
Web Site hosting and renewal [2 yrs]	\$ 238.80
Wine Appreciation Course Expenses	\$ 479.46
Provincial Competition Expenses	\$ 424.25
National Competition Expenses	\$ 597.81

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 2,390.78</u>
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UNPAID 2019 EXPENSES

Meeting Room Rental \$30 x 3 (2019)	\$ 90.00
(Unpaid at end of 2019 - not included in Surplus / Deficit)	

<u>SURPLUS / DEFICIT</u>	<u>\$ 66.49</u>
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<u>BALANCE at 31st December 2018</u>	<u>\$ 2,862.01</u>
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NOTES

- Membership in AVV at 31st December 2019

	30 Paid
	Unpaid
	4 New
	2 Associates / Honorary /
- \$30 rental fee per meeting for 2019 Sept to Nov paid in 2020
- Meeting & Party Expenses include the purchase of wine for tasting, food and supplies for the Party and meetings
- There are no Membership Fees payable to AWNS in 2019
- AWNS bank account as of January 1st, 2019 opening balance \$631.95 plus \$11.54 interest during 2019 less Trophy Expense (\$319.13) for a closing balance of \$324.36
- Respectfully submitted Donna Paisley AVV Treasurer