

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAR 11th, 2020
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

Members in Attendance:

Roseline Godin-Cochrane, Jim Ferguson, Bob MacDiarmid, Art Ward, Gary & Pat Constantine, Stephen Cochrane, Peter Gnemmi, Deb Moreau, Jeff Franklin, Bruce & Elayne Mott, John Starr, Hester & Howard Gibson, Steve & Karen Ells, Kevin MacIntyre and Peter Jucker.

Opening & Welcome:

VP Roseline opened the meeting and she welcomed everyone. This was her first meeting presiding and she was ready to go at 7:04 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Motion by John to approve the Feb. 12 Minutes as posted. Seconded by Elayne.

Wine Doctor:

We had 4 submissions today.

1. Kevin MacIntyre presented a 2019 California Cabernet-Sauvignon. Grapes from Luigi, perhaps picked before fully ripe. These were not destemmed, but cluster pressed. Steve Ells suggested to give it time, 2 years, as well as adding oak. The wine will improve and Kevin will not need to turn it into Grappa.
2. Gary's 2019 Chardonnay had a funny taste and smell, too acidic. Suggestions were some more cold stabilizing and some oak might soften it.
3. Art brought an Elderberry. Not much wrong with it but did lead to a lively discussion around the table about the many different species of elderberry.
4. Elayne's Crabapple-Cinnamon was mostly cinnamon. It really overpowered.

Correspondence:

Roseline read an email from President Brian who is having a good time in Portugal. Only problem he seems to have is that a freshly pressed orange juice, his new go-to drink, costs two and a half times that of a glass of white wine.

Business Arising:

John Starr paid a fitting tribute to Alan Baker who died on February 23rd at age 89 at VRH. Alan was a good winemaker. He is often credited with introducing the NS commercial wine makers to the blending of red whites. John and Alan founded our Club and over the years Mr. Baker was making sure our meetings were conducted in the most professional manner. Alan's presence will surely be missed.

Peter Jucker, in reference to a question raised in the February meeting, was asking for an explanation why 2019 financial statement shows only \$600 income from membership dues. Something is definitely missing here. We have about 50 members and membership dues were raised to \$20 in January 2019. As the Treasurer was not present, the Executive will need to review and deal with this issue.

New Business:

Art was wondering how can we remember Alan, perhaps by a trophy named after him. Gary immediately replied to this by saying he knows Alan definitely DID NOT want this. Instead Gary proposed and motioned that the tour we make every year in June be called the Alan Baker Vineyard Tour. This was seconded by Art, motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Peter Jucker, seconded by Pat.

Technical Session:

We blind tasted 4 Rieslings – Old, World, New World, Our World. Not sure how the totals ended up, but both Domaine de Grand Pre and Ellslea Vineyards scored really well in this comparison against Australia Yellow Tail and German Mosel.

Non-Technical Session:

Roseline and Stephen Cochrane. Thank you very much.

Next Meeting: TBA – due to COVID 19 outbreak the Apr 8th meeting is cancelled.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances