

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 2, 2023 AT GASPEREAU BAPTIST
CHURCH, 2838 GREENFIELD RD**

Members in Attendance:

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

Opening & Welcome:

Brian, looking nicely tanned from his Portugal vacation, opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. He thanked Roseline for her contributions in his absence.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting Minutes from April 4, 2023, were approved as submitted.

Wine Doctor:

Peter Jucker brought a pro forma entry, primarily because he feels we need this important subject of our meetings going. We had no real entries in February, March or April.

Today it was a 2021 Precoce, and by all accounts proved to be a very nice wine. So much so, that it will be entered in the competition.

Correspondence:

There were a number of emails by various members, most with regard to recruiting/confirming judges for the competition.

Business Arising:

All is on track in organizing the Provincial competition.
Peter Jackson did not succeed to commit Mike Mainguy.

New Business:

- Brian presented the following list of Judges for the Provincial competition:
 1. Allen Hatton
 2. Tony Hillman
 3. Jocelyn Lightfoot
 4. Hannah Stuart
 5. Amy Savoury
 6. Tara Laceby

He has contacted Larry Graham and offered him the position of Chief Judge.
- Karen believes that Sacha and John Squair would be happy to judge. She will attempt to confirm this.
- Donna reported AVV has 19 paid members. This led into a lengthy discussion on how to boost membership. (see more below)
- Brian raised the subject of planning Club events for the summer months.
- Peter Jackson felt that due to the severe winterkill, we should forgo the commercial vineyard visit this year. This was agreed by all.
- The meeting also agreed that we need to boost our membership. Just how to best do that is the question. We could not agree on one specific way, but for now remember: word of mouth is tried and true.
- A discussion amongst the Executive might be in order.

- Peter Jucker commented that after 4 months of technical sessions consisting solely of tasting wines, it is time to return to something a bit more varied and in line what we used to do when Ivan, Alan and John were still with us. Something else for the Executive to consider.
- Gary announced that by 11:00 pm tonight, on-line registration for Competition wines will be open. We owe Gary a Big Thank You for getting it all organized.

Adjourn Business Meeting.

Moved by Peter Jackson, seconded by Roseline.

Technical Session:

Tasting of Rose wines, total of 7 plus a late bonus made by Andre. The appearance varied widely, from almost no colour to a deep Burgundy! With one or two exceptions, there was almost zero nose. Several members chose #1 as the high score. It turned out to be Beausoleil. Really nice. The other entries were: 3 + 1 from Club members, one from Italy, one from Chile and one from Canadian grapes blended by Jost.

Non Technical Session:

Peter Jackson. Really tasty. Thank you.

Next Events:

June 3, 2023: Provincial Competition.

June 4, 2023: Awards Party at Ellslea Vineyard.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances