

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

**Members in Attendance:**

Peter Jackson, Alan Baker, John Starr, Jim Ferguson, Bob MacDiarmid, Karen Ells, Donna & Richard Paisley, Andre d'Entremont, Harry Beach, Gary & Pat Constantine, Brian Saulnier, Steve & Roseline Cochrane, Doug Watling, Steve Ells, John Fletcher and Peter Jucker.

**Regrets:** Brian McKibbin

**Guest:** Betty Kratky

**Opening & Welcome:**

The Vice President, Peter Jackson opened the meeting at 7:07pm.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The April 10 Minutes need to be corrected as follows:

Members in Attendance: Add John Starr

The Minutes were then approved as corrected.

**Wine Doctor:**

Today it was cider brought in by Bob MacDiarmid. It was fresh juice sourced from Sterling's last November. Bob keeps excellent notes and he described the problems he is having with this batch.

It just didn't want to clear, so in April it was put through a 5 micron filter, but the haze still remained.

It was John Fletcher, who knows a bit or two about cider, that explained what happened. Last summer's weather caused apples to produce larger amounts of pectin than normal. This should have been corrected by adding a larger amount of pectic enzyme at the outset.

Bob appreciated now knowing how to avoid pectin haze.

A very good Wine Doctor session.

**Correspondence:** None

**Business Arising:** None.

**New Business:**

John Starr proposed that we eliminate the names of the members attending from our meeting Minutes. He thought that we just give the number attending would suffice. John brought up security and protection of peoples' privacy as the reason.

Gary thought that the Club has made sufficient changes to address this issue by not having emails available on the AVV website.

Peter Jucker said listing names of people attending meetings is the norm in the business world.

Peter Jackson summed up the overall opinion around the table that there was no need to make this change. He did thank John Starr for bringing it up.

Gary reminded everyone of the May 25<sup>th</sup> deadline for AWNS Competition entries. The online entry portal will shut down at midnight.

**Adjourn Business Meeting:**

Motioned by Alan Baker, seconded by Donna Paisley.

**Technical Session:**

It was announced as “Changes we endured in the Canadian Wine Industry from 1969 from one end of the country to the other”.

In reality, John Fletcher took us on an unbelievable ride, talking about his involvement in the wine scene for the past 50 years. I will not attempt to recount John’s adventures, there were just too many. One fact that must have been surprising to many was that the Canadian Wine Industry is primarily owned and controlled by multi national mega concerns, often including beer and distillery giants. It will be interesting to see how long it will take before the NS vineyards will be gobbled up.

It is certainly obvious that John has a wealth of experience and knowledge and we are very proud to have him as our Program Co-ordinator at AVV.

John’s talk was enhanced by a huge amount of beverage samples, representing the various trends and preferences as time moved on.

The closing part of the presentation was on the Hillside Estate Winery in Penticton, Okanagan Valley, where John and Vera produced some wonderful wines before moving on to NS.

John Starr thanked the speaker on behalf of the Club. There was a hearty round of applause.

**Non-Technical Session:** Vera & John Fletcher. Thank you very much.

**Next Events:** Provincial Competition, Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, followed by Party on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Vineyard tour date and place to be announced.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances