

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOV 13th, 2019
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Karen & Steve Ells, Gary & Pat Constantine, Peter Gnemmi, Deb Moreau, Jeff Franklin, Bruce & Elayne Mott, John Starr, Peter Jackson, Donna & Richard Paisley and Peter Jucker.

Regrets: Alan Baker, Andre d'Entremont.

Opening & Welcome:

Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:10 pm and welcomed all.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of the October 9th, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Correspondence:

The President has sent letters to NSCC and Perennia thanking them on behalf of the club for being so supportive and accommodating having Amy and Neslihan prepare and deliver a most interesting Three-Part Wine Education Seminar, tailored specifically for the members of AVV.

Lynne Godlien, CEO of Perennia Food and Agriculture already responded and was very happy to hear it was so well received.

Business Arising:

Gary reported that the Committee that is working on the recognition of the most accomplished non-grape winemaker has not yet reached consensus on how to proceed. They are still weighing several options.

We are still waiting to see the list of topics for this winter's Technical Sessions. Program Co-ordinator and VP.

New Business:

Peter Jucker asked Peter Jackson if he has made any progress on the issue of licensing our annual competition event? Amateur winemakers in BC have been successful in obtaining an acceptable solution, it would be very helpful if we could work something out in our Province. P. Jackson will follow up.

Report from Nominating Committee:

Alan Baker, Chair, informed the members via email that both the Treasurer (Donna) and the Member at Large (Karen) have agreed to seek re-election. Alan is waiting to hear from the VP.

Peter Jackson told the meeting that he is not willing to run as he does not want to become President.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Brian McKibbin and seconded by Elayne.

Technical Session:

The cellar tricks promised in the Agenda didn't happen. Bob MacDiarmid was unable to attend the meeting. We did, however, get one helpful bit of trick from Andre via email, reminding people not to be shy to deacidify our white wines by adding some calcium carbonate prior to fermentation. Should the TA still be too high, Andre had some good results by adding some potassium bicarbonate just before cold stabilization also.

To close out the session, we blind tasted 4 Chardonnays. Old World, New World, Our World plus one from Steve Ells. Both Blomidon Estate 2017 and Steve's scored very well against Rosemount Australia, and Fat Bastard from France.

Non-Technical Session: Karen Ells. Thank you very much.

Next Events: Must Party, Saturday, November 23rd – Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7th.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th, 2020.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances