

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOV. 14th, 2018
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Art Ward, Steve & Karen Ells, Steve & Roseline Cochrane, Andre d'Entremont, Harry Beach, Gary & Pat Constantine, Peter Gnemmi, Donna & Richard Paisley, Peter Jackson and Peter Jucker.

Regrets: Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Bruce & Elayne Mott, Alan Baker and John Fletcher

Guest: Marcel Morin

Opening & Welcome:

The President opened the meeting at 7:04pm.

Gary informed the meeting of Alan Baker's heart attack. He is looked after at QEII in Halifax and he will be there for another week or 10 days. We wish Alan a speedy recovery.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Oct. 10, 2018 Minutes were approved as submitted.

Wine Doctor:

Peter Gnemmi brought an interesting blend of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon, grapes from Luigi in 2016. He fermented on natural yeast, he also uses an absolute minimum of sulphite. Wine was bottled one year ago. It was unusually light in colour (a bit like a Pinot Noir) but everything else was good. A nice wine.

Brian McK. offered a red field blend nouveau. As he does every year he starts with precoce, then keeps adding his other varieties, as they are picked, into the fermenter. This years blend is Precoce, Marquette and Leon Millot. The wine was pressed on Nov. 4, racked on Nov. 11 and has already completed malolactic fermentation. Surprisingly drinkable.

Correspondence:

Brian has had a few messages from John Thomsen, he didn't elaborate.

A number of members reported having bogus emails coming in to "allmembers@avv.ca" account. Peter Gnemmi and John Starr expressed the importants to be extremely cautious. We decided that all outside inquiries concerning AVV be coming in to one person – the Secretary. Gary will organize this.

Business Arising:

In the absence of Chairman Baker, Gary read the report of the Nominating Committee. A copy will be emailed to all AVV members. Elections will be held at the AGM in January, 2019.

Steve Ells gave us an update that Neslihan and Amy are working on the possible offering of a wine appreciation course.

New Business:

Donna Paisley designed a new glass mat and was looking for feedback. They are laminated and thus will last forever, BUT they don't allow for any notes to be made, and having the point divisions on the back could lead to a lot of spillage.

Marcel Morin, a local cartographer, showed us a detailed NS terroire map he has created. It will be unveiled officially at a 4-course dinner and wine event at the Winegrunt in Windsor on November 27th. Tickets are \$70.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Peter Jucker, seconded by Art.

Technical Session:

Craig Campbell, Retail Manager at Gaspereau Vineyards, tackled the topic of demystifying the inter relations between Jost Winery and Gaspeareau Vineyards. We also learned how the different brands, Jost, Mercator, Gaspereau and Devonian are being marketed. Interesting at times, and Craig fielded many questions from the audience. Thank you.

Following the presentation we had our blind tasting and judging. This time it was Chardonnay. We were told they were from France, Chile, Australia and local. The imports were all under \$16., the NS was gratis. (No commercial Chardonnay could be had for that price). The marking were surprisingly varied, i.e. widespread. I believe the Chilean Carta Vieja came out on top. France and Australia next. Roseline donated a bottle of hers. Thank you very much.

We need to do these tastings on a regular basis.

Non-Technical Session: Pat and Gary. Thank you very much.

Next Event: Christmas Party at the President and Suzanne's house on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Details to follow.

Next Meeting: January 9th, 2019.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances