

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOV.7, 2023 AT GASPEREAU BAPTIST  
CHURCH, 2838 GREENFIELD RD**

**Members in Attendance:**

Brian McKibbin, Gary & Pat Constantine, David Green, Peter Jackson, Steve & Karen Ells, Richard & Donna Paisley and Peter Jucker.

**Opening & Welcome:**

Brian opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Previous meeting Minutes from Oct 3, 2023, were approved as submitted.

**Wine Doctor:**

2017 Chardonnay made from Ellslea grapes by Peter Jackson and Brian, picked at 21 Brix, whole cluster pressed, chaptalized to 12.5% alc. Very early it showed bacterial mould in the carboy as well as the airlock. It was racked and treated with KMS and later bottled. Today, 6 years later, it tasted rather nice. Sometimes it pays to be patient.

**Correspondence:**

Allan Jost responded to Brian's email and in doing so offered that HDWC is ready to help in preparing and running the 2024 National Competition.

**Business Arising:**

- Motion by Peter Jackson: AVV together with HDWC will be hosting the 2024 AWC competition here in the Annapolis Valley. Seconded by Pat, and approved unanimously.
- Brian reported that Suzanne has agreed to do a story to attract new members to the Club, but she suggests a better idea would be for the Club to hold an event of irresistible interest that everyone would come to the meeting and bring a potential new member along. Peter Jucker responded that this was no more than wishful thinking.
- Peter Jackson's opinion is that we should go ahead and write the article, and he motioned that when the story is ready it shall be reviewed by the members before publication. Seconded by Peter Jucker, approved by all.
- To avoid the unlikely situation that someone would be inundated with inquiries, Gary will set up a contact email address.

**New Business:**

The Christmas Party.

Brian very kindly offered to have it at his and Suzanne's home on either Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> or Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Decision was reached for Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 till 6:00 pm at 7 Laura Moore Rd. Wolfville.

**Adjourn Business Meeting.**

Moved by Donna, seconded by Peter Jucker.

**Technical Session:**

An interesting and different topic from what we have been doing lately. Members were asked to bring a bottle that brought back a significant memory which then was shared with everyone while tasting the wine.

We all had a good time with this and even learned that Vino Verde Gazelle is an excellent breakfast wine and moussaka just begs to be paired with Retsina.

**Non Technical Session:**

Pat and Gary offered some tasty snacks. Thank you.

**Next Event:**

December 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party.

**Next Meeting:**

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 and we expect a full house.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances.