

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCT 10th, 2018
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Alan Baker, Art Ward, Steve & Karen Ells, Steve & Roseline Cochrane, Andre d'Entremont, Harry Beach, Gary & Pat Constantine, Bob MacDiarmid, Jim Ferguson, Bruce & Elayne Mott, Donna Paisley, Peter Jackson and Peter Jucker.

Opening & Welcome:

The President opened the meeting at 7:07pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Sept 12, 2018 Minutes were approved as recorded.

Wine Doctor:

This is an AVV first: A virtual Wine Doctor. Instead of pouring samples, Andre verbally presented with his usual flair, the experience he is having with a Tempranillo from grapes sourced from Central Valley, California. He even showed a photo on his phone. Clearly active fermenting in a gallon jug. Not something he had expected, as it had been sulphited when s.g. dropped to 0.992 a week or so earlier. Consensus: There is little doubt that this had to be the malolactic fermentation, which sometimes can be much more aggressive than expected. Just let it finish and then sulphite again.

Correspondence:

None, but Elayne passed on comments she had received from their friends Donnie & Marlene Conrod, guests at the September meeting. They enjoyed what they witnessed.

Business Arising:

Peter Jucker reported that progress is being made on the Ivan Herbert trophy. He has the right people to work on the graphic design and printing of the hummingbird subject. Next Peter will have to find a supplier of the glass elements, cut to match the design and edges ground to make it look perfect.

Steve Ells has followed up on the question of grooming wine judges in NS. He has been talking with Neslihan Ivit of Perennia and also with Amy Savoury and there is a possibility a course could be offered by Perennia sometime in the future.

New Business:

Alan Baker made an urgent appeal that we need doers in our Club. We have over 50 members and most of the work is done almost all the time by the same small group of Executives. In particular, Alan pointed out that far too much is left up to the President. It should also be noted that in our May 2018 meeting, after amending our Constitution, we elected John Fletcher as a Program Co-ordinator. The following quote is from our amended Constitution:

A program committee shall consist of the Program Coordinator as Chair and two other members appointed by the Chair. The Vice President will serve on this committee.

Past President Baker will be appointing two members of the club to serve with him on the nominating committee.

Alan brought along a supply of Acidex. He is making it available to anyone after the meeting.

Finally, an observation by the Secretary: There is a definite lack of wine to go around the table tonight. So please keep this in mind when coming to the next meeting.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Alan, seconded by Roseline.

Technical Session:

This was touted as a surprise and it turned out the surprise was unable to attend. The President spilled the beans and explained that it was to have been about the reorganization of one of our local wineries and how they deal with the governing NSLC regulations. It is hoped to reschedule the presentation.

In lieu, the focus was on Luigi. What is our Luigi experience? Bob, the storyteller, did a great job recounting in very colourful language his encounters with this wonderful character from Italy who is bringing in grapes from California every year. It all started some 20 years ago. A great story.

Following Luigi, we tasted and evaluated 4 fruit wines. Some nice, some not so. But it should be remembered, we were not asking our members to bring their best. We will do that another time. Has anyone ever made a great dandelion wine?

Non-Technical Session: Roseline & Steve Cochrane. Thank you very much.

Next Meeting: November 14th, 2018.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances