

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCT. 9th, 2019
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

Members in Attendance:

Brian McKibbin, Jim Ferguson, Bob MacDiarmid, Art Ward, Karen & Steve Ells, Gary & Pat Constantine, Steve & Roseline Cochrane, Peter Gnemmi, Deb Moreau, Brian Saulnier, Bruce & Elayne Mott and Peter Jucker.

Opening & Welcome:

Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:11 pm and welcomed all.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of the September 11th, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Wine Doctor:

Art was interested in member feedback on his 2018 Elderberry wine. It had scored a bronze at this year's Provincial and Art thought it deserved better. So, he entered it in the Nationals where it was not judged. It appears that it was one of several bottles that were broken before or during the competition! While we tasted the wine and found it perfectly fine, very nice in fact, the discussion was sidetracked somehow when Peter Gnemmi brought up the name Tim Hanni, who says food and wine pairing is bullshit. Look up www.thedrinksbusiness.com.

Back to Art. We hope he will get an explanation from Vancouver.

Correspondence:

Most of this was in connection with the 3-Part Wine Appreciation Course presented to AVV by Amy Savoury and Neslihan Ivit at NSCC Kingstec campus

Business Arising:

We got confirmation that Brian McKibbin is representing AVV and Terry Rowell is the HDWC delegate. The two are the Nova Scotia members on the Board of AWNS. The AWC Constitution which states that there is only one rep from each province on the AWC Board. That member for NS is the Provincial Director, (Allan Jost at present). The Provincial Director is also the chair of the AWNS Board, so the AWNS Board currently has three active members: Brian, Terry and Allan. I hope this clarifies this most complex arrangement for all AVV members.

The Committee to study the need/desire to recognize the most accomplished non-grape winemaker has been formed.

It is Chaired by Gary Constantine. The other members are Brian McKibbin, Art, Roseline, Pat and Alan. Gary gave us a quick update on what progress has been made so far.

New Business:

The list of topics for the Technical Sessions this winter has not yet been published. Brian gave us a preview. Next year's vineyard tour will be Mercator. Steve and Karen Ellis offered (after some smooth talking by the President) to host the Must Party at their home on November 23rd at 3 pm. Thank you Steve and Karen. We did not have one last year and it was certainly missed.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Motioned by Peter Jucker and seconded by Art.

Technical Session:

Once again, the presentation of wine yeast choices did not happen. John Fletcher sent his regrets.

Instead, Roseline jumped in to help. She brought along 2 bottles of Riesling, both coming from identical wine kits. They were made approximately two years ago. The first was started with EC 1118, as supplied with the kit. For the second, Roseline used a wild yeast she got from Peter Jackson.

At an early sampling of the finished wine, the one with the wild yeast fell short on nose and taste when compared to EC 1118.

Now, after aging in the bottles, the wild yeast has changed the wine considerably and it was declared much nicer than the other. Thank you, for helping out last minute, Roseline.

Next, we blind tasted 3 Pinot Noirs. One Old world, one New world and one Our world. It was an interesting exercise, and I believe the Marlborough NZ, Kim Crawford scored the highest.

Too bad that Steve Ells 2017 was not part of the judged wines, as it would likely have scored really well.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13th, 2019.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances