

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MAY 6, 2025 AT BEAUSOLEIL FARMSTEAD, 1469 CHURCH ST., PORT WILLIAMS

Members in Attendance:

Peter Jackson, Steve & Karen Ells, Gary & Pat Constantine, Dave Green, Andre d'Entremont, Angelina Frizzell, Alex Jurbala and Peter Jucker.

Opening & Welcome:

Peter Jackson opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. He introduced Melanie Eelman, who with her husband Jake owns and operates Beausoleil Farmstead. Our meeting today is all about testing and adjusting our wines for SO₂, TA and pH and Melanie kindly offered to show us the process at her in-house lab.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

These were approved as written and distributed.

Correspondence:

AVV heard from Bill Moore about Mark DeWolf's wine tour, a Taste of Tuscany which will happen in September. Mark will make an appearance at HDWC July meeting.

Business Arising:

The AWNS competition is fast approaching. Alex gave us an 'update'. He has 6 confirmed Judges, and one possible. As Chief Steward he will have control over time and scoring at the tables. Allan Jost will be the major scorer. Gary could help, if needed. Allan is also in control of the on-line entries. Competition rules should be announced soon.

New Business:

Wine Tour: The President commented on the fact that many of the wineries are closing early and thus we may make it more of a luncheon event. Peter will follow-up on this and hopes to fix a date and place for July.

Future meeting topics: Peter Jackson will think about some. He encourages others to do the same.

Adjourn Business Meeting:

Moved by Andre and seconded by Gary.

Technical Session/Wine Doctor

We all shared and tasted Beausoleil's initial Tidal Bay entry during the business meeting and it now was the first wine that Melanie tested. The grapes used were 37% l'Acadie, 32% Chardonnay, 17% Geisenheim and 14% NY Muscat. pH 3.2, TA 7.5 and 50 ppm SO₂, very much perfect values.

P. Jucker brought his 2024 l'Acadie. It showed TA 8.6 and 5 ppm SO₂. Melanie showed Peter how he now can raise sulphite to the desired 50 ppm.

Every member brought a bottle of their wine for analysis and Melanie measured and then offered suggestions on corrections that could be made.

It was a very good meeting, the last of the season and the President thanked Melanie for hosting us and being very generous with her time.

Non-Technical Session:

In the absence of Roseline and Stephen, Karen and Steve Ells provided the tasty snacks.

Next Events:

Provincial Competition – June 21 and 22, 2025.

Alan Baker Vineyard Tour – TBA

1st Meeting in the Fall – TBA, but we know snacks will be provided by Pat and Gary.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances.