

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCT 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 164 MAIN ST., WOLFVILLE**

**Members in Attendance:**

Brian McKibbin, Ivan Herbert, Alan Baker, Peter Jackson, Gary & Pat Constantine, Art Ward, John Starr, Steve & Roseline Cochrane, Elayne & Bruce Mott, Andre d'Entremont, Harry Beach, Peter Jucker.

**Regrets:** Bob MacDiarmid and Jim Ferguson

**Opening & Welcome:**

President Brian McKibbin opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Brian congratulated all the medal winners at this year's National AWC competition, in particular Andre for Sparkling Syrah and Peter Jucker for NonVinifera Leon Millot.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The September 13th, 2017 Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Wine Doctor:**

Andre d'Entremont brought a 2016 NY Muscat. It had scored a gold medal in this year's Provincial competition. Early in the summer Andre noticed the wine turning cloudy, showing a haze. It also accumulated a nasty sediment. It had not been filtered. Several possible causes were put forward by a good number of members. It was really a genuine wine doctor exercise. The conclusion was that most likely the wine was re-fermenting in the bottles.

**Correspondence:**

Cristall Wine Merchants have re-emerged as West Side Beer Wine Spirits located at 287 Lacewood Drive, Halifax. They are having an Open House free for all on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Business Arising:**

Our November meeting deals with fruit wine. Brian McK is attempting to book Dominic Rivard, an expert in this field. A back up, nominated by Peter Jackson, is Melanie from Annapolis Cider Company.

Alan reminded us of an earlier e-mail, Marquette and l'Acadie grapes are available from Ross Lloyd.

**New Business:**

Ivan tabled the subject of next year's AWC competition. It is Nova Scotia's turn again in 2018. The 2015 event was at Kingstec in Kentville. We would like to use their facility again and Brian will contact NSCC and ask for the space for the last weekend in August, 2018.

Ivan reminded Brian that as Head Steward of the event he will also assume the role of VP of AWC. Brian seemed quite flattered.

**Adjourn Business Meeting:**

Motion by Peter Jucker, seconded by Peter Jackson.

**Wine Tasting:**

Tonight's samples for the tasting were white blends of primarily hybrid content.

#1 – vinted by Brian      #2 – vinted by Ivan.

The judging revealed a surprisingly consistent result. A marked contrast from similar tastings in the past. Scores this time were pretty much in the 70 to 82 point range. Incidentally, both blends scored in the high 70's.

**Technical Session:**

Ivan's presentation was on wine additives. These fall into two categories, Standard/Essential and Advanced.

A complete summary of his comments and notes have been posted on the AVV website under "Presentations".

Thank you Ivan for bringing everyone up-to-date.

**Non-Technical Session:**

Bob MacDiarmid was unable to attend. Instead, Elayne Mott was kind enough to provide the snacks. Thank you.

**Next Meeting:** November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Minutes prepared by Peter and Frances