



# CELLAR CLUB INC.

PO Box 13521 Johnsonville, Wellington 4

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 1994

8.00 PM

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 1993 Annual General Meeting held on 12 May 1993
3. President's Report
4. Financial Statement for the year ending 31 March 1994
5. Membership Subscription for 1994-1995 \$20
6. Election of Officers for 1994-1995
7. The nominations received to date are:

President: Alan Evans *re-elected*

Vice-President: Charles Ell " "

Treasurer: John Angus " "

Secretary: Pat Ell " "

Committee: Francesca Menzies  
Frank McCarthy  
Cecelia Parker  
Derek Thompson  
Sam Lawrence  
*7 left as is*

8. Election of Honourary Auditor for 1994-1995

*Wayne Kennedy*

9. General Business:
  - Format for meetings
  - Membership
  - Other Business

*20/11/94  
Mentimeter 20/9/94  
Wine Festival*

14th MAY 1994

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CELLAR CLUB (INC)  
HELD AT THE "NITECLUB" BRODERICK INN JOHNSONVILLE ON 14TH MAY 94.

THERE WAS AN ATTENDANCE OF 39 MEMBERS.MUCH BETTER THAN THE LAST MEETING OF THE SAME SORT.

The President gave a short welcoming address and thanked everyone for attending.

#### 1.APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from the following people Ms B Young, Graeme and Joyselyn Fountain,Chris and Les Newman,Victor Stagpoole and Don Morris.

Greetings were extended to two prospective members who came as guests .These were Sudha Roa and Garry Page brought by Rick and Fay Julian and Phil.Glen.

#### 2.MINUTES OF THE 1993 AGM.

The minutes of the 1993 AGM as tabled.Were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.  
An apology was extended to John Angus for the omission of his position in the meeting notice.

SAM.LAWRENCE/SALLY ANGUS

#### 3.PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The President spoke to his tabled report.This report set out the achievements of this last 12 months meetings.It commented that the competition we had expected from the up rise in "Wine Clubs" of the sponsored type had really had no lasting effect.

He touched on the fact that we must remain aware of the other clubs and try to maintain our convivial atmosphere and avoid any clashes meeting wise .The cheque balance was declared satisfactory and the cellar costed out at \$906.13 quite reasonable when you consider that we had very few donations to the cellar during the year.

A short vote for most popular meeting for the year was taken the winner being "Food and Wine compatibility "with Grant second "A Touch of Italy" a very interesting result.Charlie was thanked for the management of the cellar.

PAT.ELL\FRANK.McCARTHY.

#### 4.FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement showing a small profit of \$217.00 for the year was tabled.A far happier result than previously.We also still have a small interest bearing deposit of \$600.00 and the

value of the wine racks and cellared wine.  
The financial statement was accepted as correct after a querie  
regarding the \$3.00 general expenses was answered by Wayne.  
SAM.LAWRENCE\RAY.JULIAN

#### 5.SUBSCRIPTION 1994/95

The committee recommended that the subscriptions for this  
current year remain the same.

JOHN ANGUS\CHARLIE Ell

#### 6.ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

As the full committee with the exception of Vic Stagpoole all  
presented them selves for re-election the officers remain as  
follows:-

President.	Alan Evans
Vice Presidentt	Charlie Ell
Treasurer.	John Angus
Secretary	Pat Ell.
Committee.	Francesca Menzies Frank McCarthy Cecilia Parker Sam Lawrence Derek Thompson

#### 7.HONOURARY AUDITOR.

Wayne Kenedy was again unanimously elected to this position.  
The president thanked him for his services over the past year and  
presented him with 2 bottles of wine.

#### 8.GENERAL BUSINESS.

Carol Hinton inquired if vintages from inhouse stocks for  
tasting could be a possibility.

Reply.We would need a 3 bottle collection of each one to do this  
unfortunately it was not possible to collect from earlier  
vintages than 89.However we do have some Dry River etc.We could  
therefore do a tasting comparison with a basic theme of Rongopai  
and Dry River.

Fay Julian suggested the purchase of a block of tickets for the  
Martinborough Festival.This to be gone into through Bass at a  
later date.

Francesca stated that at the Hastings auction she was greeted  
with pleasure as an independant representative of a wine club  
touring at earlier and later times than auction advertisers.  
Carol Hinton suggested that a subsidy could be made to President  
and wife if the Air NZ Awards dinner was again in Wellington.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1993-1994

The past year has again been extremely successful. Attendances at monthly Club tastings have remained at a very viable level and the Club's finances remain in a healthy state.

Last year's report detailed the competition now evident from trade sponsored "wine clubs" and the entry of the "Burma Cellar Club" to supplement the Johnsonville Liquorland "Cellar Masters" and the wine club at Superliquor, Johnsonville. These trade sponsored clubs usually heavily subsidise their cover charges (if any) in the hope of increased product sales. It is pleasing to report that the Cellar Club Inc., the only independent non-trade allied club in the district, has maintained excellent attendance levels because of the support of our members.

We must remain aware of these other wine appreciation activities in our area when determining our function programme for the year. It is vitally important that we maintain our convivial atmosphere and avoid theme clashes with these other clubs.

The Committee has once again continued the basic policy that each Club tasting or function should be self-funded, i.e. the cover charge should be set as low as possible but must cover all operating expenses including room hire, etc. Because of the moderate loss of the 1992/1993 financial year the Committee had determined that we should budget for a breakeven result for the 1993/1994 year so that the reserves of the Club are maintained. The financial report shows that a modest profit for the year of \$217.00 was actually achieved by careful control on expenditure during the year. In particular, the cover charges for each function were carefully assessed depending upon the cost of wine, etc, and the implementation of the policy of controlled wine servings as outlined at last year's AGM.

The size of tastings has been maintained at approximately 35-38ml which means that normally 2 bottles are sufficient unless attendance exceeds approximately 40 members. As average attendance has been somewhat less there is normally some wine left over for those who wish to partake at the end of the evening.

The Committee has again endeavoured to maintain the Club's "cellar" so that there are sufficient bottles to be used as conversational wine at the commencement of each monthly meeting and in particular to build up a cellar of wines that will be suitable for future theme evenings. The cellar will be added to when reserves permit to complement the existing stock. The Committee would again like to thank our Honorary Cellar Master, Charles Eil, for maintaining the cellar for us. Tastings and functions this year have been:

April 1993	"The American Connection" Wines from California with Mr Bill Barnes from the American Embassy
May 1993	1993 AGM
June 1993	"Gold Medals from the Royal Easter Show 1993"
July 1993	"Mid-year Dinner at Fraser's Restaurant, Shamrock complex
August 1993	Jacksons Estate from Marlborough A presentation by Warwick Stickbury 2

September 1993	Food and Wine Compatibility with Grant Jones from Regional Wines	Me 1	Club (1)
October 1993	Tom van Dam from Rongapai Wines of Te Kauwhata		(2)
November 1993	Recent Releases from the Corbans Group "The Wine Game" presented by Alex Campbell		
December 1993	End of Year Christmas Dinner at Marbles Restaurant		
January 1994	"Start the New Year" Barbecue at Derek Thompson's place		3
February 1994	A refresher course with Baxter Fagan, wine consultant (regional differences)		
March 1994	Te Kairanga wines from Martinborough with Andrew Shackleton		
April 1994	A Touch of Italy Wines from Boscaini and Terre del Tempo presented by Brett Newell from Eurowine	3	(2)

The Committee has endeavoured to maintain a balance of events during the year and has included visits from 3 New Zealand wineries, a further session of the "wine game" with Alex Campbell and some examples of imported wines (Italian) and as a special treat an evening on food and wine compatibility with Grant Jones which was a huge success. We have certainly had some interesting speakers and wine to appreciate. An analysis of the above functions shows that we have tasted over 60 wines, of which 10 were imported, excluding wines at the Club dinners, AGM and conversation wines!

The policy of 2 Club dinners per year has been maintained: The mid-year dinner in July and an end of year Christmas function in December. These have been well supported by members. Venues close to home have been given greater consideration due to the introduction of the drink/drive legislation. There have been no vineyard trips this year but this could well be considered during the next financial year.

The basic aim of the Cellar Club Inc. is to appreciate wines in convivial surroundings. There remains the need to at least maintain membership, or ideally increase it slightly to ensure the Club's viability. We can certainly emphasise to prospective members the pleasant atmosphere and "non-commercial nature" of our Club. We should also perhaps emphasise the advantages of moderate wine drinking; yet another survey, this time by physicists at Monash University in Melbourne, has shown that drinking red wine in moderation is positively beneficial - especially red wine that has been aged in wood - the moral of the story is obvious. In fact, as Ernest Hemmingway said: "Wine offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than possibly any other purely sensory thing which may be purchased."

**CELLAR CLUB INC**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1994**

1992/93		1993/94
<b>INCOME</b>		
3,319	Monthly Meeting Receipts	4,104
216	Monthly Raffles	264
1,040	Subscriptions	1,075
86	Interest	58
55	Profit on Sale of Glasses and Wine	24
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4,716		5,525
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
3,770	Food and Wine	4,137
450	Room Hire	450
626	Postage and Stationery	555
361	Dinner Subsidy	0
64	General Expenses	3
46	Depreciation (20% Straight Line)	46
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(5,392)		(5,308)
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(\$676)	<b>PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$217</b>

**CELLAR CLUB INC**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT THE 31st MARCH 1994**

1993		1994
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		
2,838	Opening Balance at 1st April 1993	2,162
(676)	Increase (Decrease) for current year	217
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\$2,162	<b>CLOSING VALUE OF MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,379</b>
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<b>REPRESENTED BY :</b>		
600	6 Mth Deposit - 4.75% pa, Matures 28/08/94	600
444	National Bank Cheque Account	751
3	Interest Accrued	2
876	Wine Cellar (at cost)	906
230	Wine Racks	230
(92)	Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>138</u>
36	ISO Glasses	0
65	Prepaid Expenses	28
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\$2,162	<b>TOTAL ASSETS AT BALANCE DATE</b>	<b>\$2,379</b>

**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO MEMBERS**

I hereby certify that I have examined the membership records, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, together with their supporting records, and that I have obtained all the explanations and information that I have required.

I am of the opinion that the above are a true and fair view of the Club's position as at the 31st March 1994 and the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.



W.A. Kennedy, BCA, ACA  
8th May 1994