

CELLAR CLUB INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY, 14th MAY 2014

Present:

Anne Megget, Audrey Stephens, Brenda Cutress, Derek Thomson, Dinah Bunny, Evelyn Dawson, Gayl Gaukrodger, Helen Janssen, Jenny Jebson, Kevin Moran, Les Stephens, Loula Stavridis, Marco Janssen, Margaret Kuus, Mark Haythornthwaite, Mary Taylor, Maureen Davies, Mel Ingalls, Michael Kuus, Murray Jaspers, Richard Jebson, Richard Taylor, Shona Macintyre, Steve Eades, Sue Hart, Susan Andrews, Trevor Edwards, Valerie Wright, Wayne Kennedy

Apologies:

Fiona Shaw, Carolyn Hooper, Terry Fiel, Robin Semmens, Pat Semmens, Francesa Menzies, Carmel Joe, Trevor Burr, Christine Burr, Lloyd Macintyre, Graham Robert, Dennis Mann, Pamela George, Jennifer Torr

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated with the May Newsletter.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2012/2013 AGM held on 8th May 2013 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved by Anne Megget, seconded by Wayne Kennedy

Passed by Acclamation

Matters Arising

None.

Financial Report for the Year 2013/2014

Wayne Kennedy spoke to his report, circulated by email in May 2014 and tabled at the meeting. Total income was \$5,358 while expenditure totaled \$5,634 resulting in a loss for the year of \$276. The subscriptions were down in the last year due to a fall off in the membership. Expenditure on food and wine was higher this last year as the presenters subsidized less of the wines at the tastings. The room hire was the same as last year. The Champagne evening this year was 100% supported by Advintage. The barbeque and dinner subsidies were lower this year. This year the club purchased a speaker and microphone system and as this expenditure was under \$1,000 this expenditure was expensed under general expenditure, Net assets at balance date totaled \$4,580 meaning that the Club was in a very healthy position.

Wayne further reported that a copy of the financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2014 would be on the website.

The cellar held by the club has been increased this year with the cellar still providing enough wine for a tasting if there was a sudden non appearance of a guest speaker, to provide wines at the AGM and to provide library wines for comparisons.

Motion: That the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for 2013/2014 be received.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Richard Taylor

Passed by Acclamation

Membership Report:

Anne Megget reported to the meeting as part of her President's report that in the membership department there have been a few changes. At this point in time we have 4 Life members and 63 financial members. Anne commented that we have farewelled a few members, but on the credit side had welcomed ten new members.

Anne further reported while the numbers attending the tastings are good; the club would always be happy for a few more like-minded individuals to join the club. Anne commented visitors are always welcome, and the dinners are a great chance for partners, and maybe intending members to join us too. Anne added that the club has business cards and brochures available at every meeting, so please ask Anne if you would like some to hand around. The website has proved invaluable. Anne thanked Steve Eades for the time and expertise he puts into that.

President's Report

Anne Megget spoke to her report, stating "Well, another fabulous year at Wine Club!"

Anne commented that the club has had some great presentations during the last 12 months. We started with the very popular quiz night, and then went to dinner at La Cloche. Further commenting then the club had Brookfields, and an aromatics night, Grant Burge wines, and the Festive Wines in November. Anne commented that the club went to dinner at the Cuba Street Bistro and of course there was the January BBQ, at Derek's; and then more recently organic wines from Geoff Wright. Finally Alpha Domus, and Penfolds topped off the year.

Anne thanked Derek, for his continued hospitality, and also for caring for the club's cellar so efficiently.

Anne stated that "after trialling the sound system last year, Wayne has investigated, purchased and currently lugs to each meeting, our new sound system; which I think adds greatly to being able to still hear the presenter, even after we've had a few tastes. Thanks for that Wayne".

Anne thanked the members that turn up early and give a hand with the setting up, and to the ones that stay behind to help tidy up. Anne then thanked Gayl who organises the supper, and the members that are taking on washing the club glasses.

Anne further stated that "in January you may have seen in The Independant Herald a photo of me with 2 ladies from the Lions Club, and 12 sacks of screwcaps. I'm not quite sure how long we've been collecting, but my cellar was full, so I rang the Lions, and organised to deliver them. Autostop lent us a trailer for free, and I'm pleased to say we raised just over \$90 for the cancer kids. So well done all of you. I'm starting the collection again, so bring them along to meetings, and encourage your friends to collect them too. It's nice to be able to give back to the community, especially with something we'd otherwise just throw away".

Anne further commented that the club has as its guiding objective the understanding and appreciation of wine, and the club tries to have variety in the presentations throughout the year. Anne added that the committee is always open to feedback, so please do talk to the committee about any new ideas, and let the committee know how you think the committee are doing.

In conclusion, Anne thanked the committee (Murray, Wayne, Robin, Jenny, Steve, Gayl, Mel and James), for the time and effort they put in to keep this club functioning, organising the meetings and the dinners, chasing up the presenters, trying to get them to tell us what wines they are bringing.

Notices of Motion

Election of Life Members

Motion: ““In recognition of her leadership of the Cellar Club as President, her services on committee, and her ongoing support and involvement in the club since 1983, I move that Francesca Menzies be granted life membership of the Cellar Club Inc.”.

Moved Anne Megget, seconded Wayne Kennedy

Carried Unanimously

Notices of Motion

Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2014/15:

Nominations were received for the officers and committee as follows:

President: Anne Megget - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded Mel Ingalls*

Vice-President: Murray Jaspers – *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded by Mark Haythornthwaite*

Secretary: Jenny Jebson - *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded by Derek Thomson,*

Treasurer: Wayne Kennedy - *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded by Susan Andrews*

Committee: Nominations were received for Gayl Gaukrodger, Robin Semmens, Steve Eades, and Mel Ingalls - *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded by Les Stephens.*

All these nominees were deemed elected by acclamation.

Subscriptions

Motion: That 2014/2015 subscriptions be maintained at \$25.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Mel Ingalls

Passed by Acclamation

General Business

None.

The meeting closed at 7:50 pm and was followed by tasting from Wooing Tree Vineyards, Central Otago.