

**CELLAR CLUB INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY 2016**

Present:

Adeline McTaggart, Audrey Stephens, Brenda Cutress, Carolyn Hooper, Derek Thomson, Dinah Bunny, Evelyn Dawson, Fiona Shaw, Gayl Gaukrodger, Mike Gaukrodger, Jenny Jebson, Les Stephens, Maree Hickey, Margaret Kuus, Mary Taylor, Michael Kuus, Murray Jaspers, Richard Jebson, Richard Taylor, Sandy Morrison, Shona Macintyre, Susan Andrews, Terry Friel, Valerie Wright, Wayne Kennedy.

Apologies:

Anne Megget, Francesca Menzies, Cecilia Parker, Brian Harris, Dennis Mann, Ron Thomson, Helen Janssen, Marco Janssen, John White, Robin Semmens, Pat Semmens, Mark Haythornewaite, Christine Crook

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Motion: That the minutes of the 2014/2015 AGM held on 13th May 2015 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Derek Thomson

Passed by Acclamation

Matters Arising

None.

Financial Report for the Year 2015/2016

Wayne Kennedy spoke to his report, circulated by email in May 2016 and tabled at the meeting.

Total Income of \$5,633.00 was down slight on 2015 as there were less subscriptions this year, while expenditure totaled \$5,525.00 resulting in a profit for the year of \$108.00. Wayne reported that expenses were up on last year due to more presenters charging the club for the wines tasted at the meetings resulting in a higher food and wine cost this year.

Overall the club achieved a profit of \$108.00 and being under the exemption figure of \$1,000 mentioned above, there is no tax to be paid on this amount.

The total funds are now total \$5,561.00. This is represented by a healthy bank balance of \$3,914.00 and a wine cellar of 93 bottles that totals \$1,895.00 in value.

Motion: That the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for 2015/2016 be received.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Richard Taylor

Passed by Acclamation

President's Report incorporating the Membership Report

Murray read Anne Megget's report as follows:

"Well, what a great year we've had!

In the last 12 months we've had wines from all around the world. We started off with an Aussie tasting from Taylors last June, then back to New Zealand for Gladstone, Craggy Range and Man 'O War. Our Festive night in November had wines from Italy, Germany and France, and then this year we went from the Artisan Winegrowers of Central Otago to Argentina, and back to Pegasus Bay. We had dinner with the students from Weltec, and finished off the year at the 1841 pub! Thank you to the committee, who put so much time and effort into arranging all of this - it doesn't just happen.

Some of my comments are the same as last year, because the same people keep on doing the same things for us, year after year, but I still want to say thank you.

Derek, for your continued hospitality for the BBQ and for caring for the club's cellar, and Murray and Wayne, thank you for your time spent keeping the cellar up to date.

Wayne, thank you also for sorting out the sound system and carting it to and from meetings. The challenge now is to get our presenters to use it.

And thank you to 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. Thank you to Gayl who organises the supper, and to the Jebsons who haul the jugs and spittoons to each meeting, and thank you to the members who take home the club glasses, and wash them, and bring them back to the next meeting.

Steve, once again I would like to thank you for the time and expertise you put into maintaining our website. I don't understand half the work that you do; but I know it looks good, it's looked after, and it's our greatest tool for attracting new members.

The other valuable asset is our monthly newsletter. Thank you Robin for making our newsletter both informative and amusing, and for still finding the time to do it, the charms of overseas grandchildren notwithstanding!

Our membership has remained relatively stable. At this point in time, we have 5 Life members and 56 financial members. One pleasing aspect is that we are starting to see previous members returning to the club as their circumstances allow, with two more planning to rejoin the club next month. That is very rewarding and tells us that we must be doing most things right.

However one thing I would ask you all to consider is that our membership is slowly ageing and so we all need to look around and encourage younger people into the club so that we can sustain our current level of activity.

Our club has as its guiding objective the understanding and appreciation of wine, and we try to have variety in the presentations throughout the year. As my opening comments highlighted, I think we have achieved that in the past year. But your committee is always open to feedback, so please do talk to us about any new ideas, and don't be afraid to let us know how you think we are doing, right or wrong!

This is my final report as your President. I have enjoyed these last 5 years and I have indicated to the committee I am happy to continue on the committee in some lesser role should I be elected.

So let me conclude by saying thank you everyone, committee and members, for making my experience as your President so enjoyable”.

Notices of Motion

Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2016/17:

Nominations were received for the officers and committee as follows:

President: Murray Jaspers - *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded Derek Thomson*

Vice-President: Anne Megget – *Moved by Murray Jaspers, seconded Wayne Kennedy,*

Secretary: Jenny Jebson - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Susan Andrews,*

Treasurer: Wayne Kennedy - *Moved by Murray Jaspers, seconded Terry Friel,*

Committee: Nominations were received for Gayl Gaukrodger, Robin Semmens and Steve Eades, - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Susan Andrews.* A nomination was received for Richard Taylor - *Moved by Anne Megget and seconded by Murray Jaspers*

All these nominees were deemed elected by acclamation.

Subscriptions

Motion: That 2016/2017 subscriptions be maintained at \$25.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Terry Friel.

Passed by Acclamation

General Business

None.

The meeting closed at 8.16 pm and was followed by the traditional supper catered by the Committee, accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar.