

**CELLAR CLUB INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY, 10th MAY 2017**

Present:

Adeline McTaggart, Anne Megget, Audrey Stephens, Catherine Ward, Dennis Mann, Derek Thompson, Dinah Bunny, Evelyn Dawson, Fiona Shaw, Gayl Gaukrodger, Jenny Jebson, Kevin Moran, Les Stephens, Lloyd Macintyre, Margaret Kuus, Mary Taylor, Michael Hall, Michael Kuus, Murray Jaspers, Pat Semmens, Richard Jebson, Richard Taylor, Robin Semmens, Sandy Morrison, Shona Macintyre, Trevor Edmonds, Wayne Kennedy

Apologies:

Steve Eades, Carmel Joe, Christine Crook, Francesca Menzies, Jennifer Torr, Carolyn Hooper, Terry Friel, Maree Hickey, Michael Gaukrodger, Kathy Hutchinson,

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM (2106) was circulated with the May Newsletter.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2015/2016 AGM held on 11th May 2016 as circulated to be confirmed.

Moved by Murray Jaspers, seconded by Wayne Kennedy

Passed by Acclamation

Matters Arising

None.

Financial Report for the Year 2016/2017

Wayne Kennedy spoke to his report, circulated by email in May 2017 and tabled at the meeting.

Total Income of \$5,890.00 was up slightly on 2016, while expenditure totalled \$6,434.00, resulting in a loss for the year of \$544.00. Wayne reported that this loss was planned as a way to pass back a benefit to the members as a subsidy for the two dinners this year. We also increased the stock of the cellar during the year going from 93 to 106 bottles of wine.

The total funds are now total \$5,017.00 This is represented by a healthy bank balance of \$2,905.00 and a wine cellar of 106 bottles that totals \$2,399.00 in value.

Motion: That the Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for 2016/2017 be received.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Richard Taylor

Passed by Acclamation

President's Report for the Year 2016/17:

Murray Jaspers spoke to his report as follows:

Annual Reports invariably take on many guises and report to members on a range of matters; as such it is my privilege to present the President's Report to members at the Cellar Club's AGM on Wednesday 10 May 2017. This year has been one that has followed an established pattern of tastings and events but there has been a varied array of new

wineries, wines, dining venues, established traditions and welcoming new members. I want to thank all members for your support and attendance at our tastings, dining and social events. Also thanks for your assistance at the meetings with setting up and then tidying up the venue, for help with glasses and jugs, and supporting the presenters with your orders which presenters comment are amongst the best they often receive. The move to have the wine deliveries consolidated seems to have worked for everyone and my thanks to those involved in making personal deliveries around the northern suburbs.

Our membership is holding very steady, currently at 59 members and 4 life members, which is encouraging when a number of wine club's today find that their numbers are declining. Through the website, newsletter and community initiatives we are maintaining a club profile but we are always open to new members and it is your efforts and suggestions on the way forward that are particularly important. Gaining new younger members remains our challenge. New ideas and feedback are the lifeblood of a group such as ours. Membership not only generates modest revenue for the club to operate but importantly generates its own momentum and success. Before proceeding further, sadly I wish to acknowledge and further express the club's condolences at the passing of two of our valued members during the year – Maureen Davies and life member Ron Thomson, members that many present will have known well and whose company and wine interest they enjoyed on many occasions.

It is gratifying for me to acknowledge the splendid and valued work of the members of the club's committee – with many individual responsibilities and equally essential collective efforts, it is a group of wine enthusiasts with whom it is pleasure to work. It is tempting to deem "this lot to be a well-oiled machine", and it is, but they should never be labelled well lubricated, which is something wine enthusiasts may aspire to; rather they undertake a serious role whilst maintaining a dedicated palate and appreciate a good bottle when they see one. I know each and everyone one of the committee is only too privileged to be involved and to work for the betterment of the club's affairs. It is through their concerted effort that events happen in such a timely and successful manner. I have particularly noted that a reasonable volume of my inbox mail is club related from the committee, with considered responses, a willingness to pick up jobs, sharing of the load and good organisational practice. In this I see ample evidence of a successful functioning club, a willing committee and a history now of over 30 years.

May I extend the club's thanks to Jenny as the secretary for her efforts in recording and then circulating the committee's deliberations, keeping track of correspondence and documenting the club's affairs. Along with husband Richard's sterling contribution at our meetings we are grateful to you both for your involvements. Wayne – your attention to our financial affairs and constitutional matters is the rock upon which the club's reputation relies. Your involvement and expertise in organizing many aspects of the club has created a model that we are grateful for, and upon which we benefit. Furthermore, your expertise with technology and sound systems has meant that we are well set up to support our guest presenters who comment on the club's organization and thoroughness. I know that Wayne keeps in close contact with Derek per the club's cellar management and our thanks are extended to Derek for his legendary BBQ hospitality and stature as a stalwart of the club. Additionally, we are fortunate indeed to now have Richard Taylor's services on our committee with his community involvement background and his financial and constitutional expertise, and I am confident that with their collective understandings, matters of the club's affairs and assets are in good hands.

Thank you Gayl for your oversight and organization of a number of the club's social events and the supper at our monthly meetings, and for the sage contribution you provide at committee meetings and in on-line discussions. Steve brings to the club not only a great sense of wine but expertise in managing our club website. His work in website creation, maintenance and upgrading, ensuring we are virus free [!] and overseeing the public face of the club has promoted membership and our profile and provides information about the club to a wide audience. The experience you bring to the club's affairs is invaluable Robin. Newsletters do not just happen they require on-going attention and an eye for presentation and information as the club's shop-window. The time you dedicate to many of the club's

affairs does not go unnoticed, and we are indebted to you Robin for this role and effort. I have been most grateful to Anne, as your vice president, for her advice and assistance throughout this year. She has the club's interests firmly at heart in willingly driving membership initiatives, providing membership support and promotion, is the first point of greeting at every tasting and overseeing the club's archives is all part of her most valued role. Additionally, she tirelessly continues the screw cap collection that is of such benefit to charity. Thank you indeed to you all for your sterling committee work.

Finally, it is certainly rewarding to note the club's 2016-17 programme has continued to focus on our objective of understanding and appreciating wine across NZ regions and with an international focus. Meeting attendances over the 9 monthly tasting meetings totaled 309 this last year, up from attendance totals over the last 5 years, with 35 or more members present at a number of meetings. Additionally 92 attended our two dinners with a number of guests being present. Looking back over the 2016 – 17 year the wine range has been extensive: Our international focus was on Italy, South Australia (Barossa - Elderton), and France, from Marlborough the wines of Foxes Island and Hunters, further south the Pegasus Bay wines from Waipara, heading north, the Hawkes Bay (Squawking Magpie), from Martinborough (Ata Rangi) a varietal favourite with Rose wines (from NZ and France), and with your own BYO wines (many were spectacular) at those enjoyable dinners at Logan Brown and Muse

Herein, we have experienced some outstanding wines and wineries, and dined with great friends. I would like also to acknowledge the support the club has continued to receive from Eurovintage wine distributors this year. This club is essentially your club. Thank you for your support and involvement. Thanks to all of those who have been able to attend regularly, to the committee and to those who maintain membership. Your help at meetings is appreciated and your feedback and involvement in guiding the committee is encouraged. I have valued my role as president this year and look forward to continuing to share in wine with you, whatever the occasion, in Wellington's most thriving wine club.

Notices of Motion: Proposed Rules Changes

Resolution 1

That the existing rule 4[b] be amended to read

All monies received shall be banked in the name of the Club in a suitable bank account with a registered bank in New Zealand ¹

Resolution 2

That the existing rule 2[i] be replaced by

To invest, lend and deal with the moneys of the Club not immediately required upon Securities with at least an AA credit ranking as the Club may think fit.

Resolution 3

That the existing rule 5 be replaced by

Signatories

The Signatories of the Club's Bank Accounts shall be the Honorary Treasurer and a minimum of two other members of the Committee. Electronic Payments to be authorised and Cheques to be signed by any two of the Signatories.

Moved by Richard Taylor, Seconded Shona Macintyre

Passed Unanimously

Rationale for rule changes

The change to rule 4[b] is simply to add clarity and provide security by stipulating that the bank account must be "with a registered bank in New Zealand"¹.

¹ The Resolution 1 wording was originally referenced to rule 2[b] by mistake. It was changed to 4[b] post the AGM by unanimous decision of the committee once the mistake was realised.

The other two changes are required because the current rules of the club make reference to the appointment of Trustees and with investing in Trustee Securities. This terminology implies the existence of a Trust Deed outlining the duties, office and powers of the trustees, as well as a set of processes around their appointment, retirement and removal. In fact, there is no Trust Deed for the club and the use of "Trustee" in our rules harks back to language and use which differs to that in vogue today. The above resolutions are intended to remove any confusion or misunderstanding that the previous terminology might cause.

Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2017/18:

Nominations were received for the officers and committee as follows:

President: Murray Jaspers - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Lloyd Macintyre,*

Vice-President: Anne Megget – *Moved by Murray Jaspers, seconded Derek Thompson,*

Secretary: Jenny Jebson – *Moved by, Murray Jaspers, seconded by Anne Megget,*

Treasurer: Wayne Kennedy – *Moved by Murray Jaspers, seconded Kevin Moran,*

Committee: Nominations were received for Gayl Gaukrodger, Robin Semmens and Steve Eades, Richard Taylor - *Moved by Murray Jaspers, seconded by Fiona Shaw,*

All these nominees were deemed elected by acclamation.

Subscriptions

Motion: That 2017/2018 subscriptions be maintained at \$25.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Fiona Shaw,

Passed by Acclamation

General Business

- Murray Jaspers asked members to let the committee know of any skills or knowledge that you have so that when needed the club can ask members with the required skill to help out the club.
- Having a notice on the Neighborly site was raised and this will be put on the agenda of an upcoming committee meeting for discussed.
- Anne Megget informed the club of the upcoming membership initiative of having posters advertising the club in Newlands buses over May. The poster would also be available at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:32 pm and was followed by the traditional supper catered by the Committee, accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar.

Annex:

A membership report was not available at the AGM. However Anne Megget undertook to append that information to the AGM minutes so it was available for posterity.

Membership Report for the Year 2016/17

To date we have 59 financial members and 4 Life Members.

Sadly, during the year we lost 2 members with the passing of Ron Thomson and Maureen Davies; but we have welcomed to the club, Steve Lowes, Brett Hudson, Kathy Hutchison and Michael and Jane Hall.

The committee has instigated a number of initiatives to encourage new members.

On the website, we have a “visitors 2 for 1” offer, and Richard Taylor managed to get an article in the local paper about us, and just recently we were in the paper again, with the screwcap collection netting \$87 for the Kidney Kids. We have also had posters printed for displaying on the local buses.

Word of mouth is often the best form of advertising, but we do have business cards and brochures about the club at each meeting for you to take away.
