

CELLAR CLUB INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 1992

8.00 PM

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Minutes of the 1991 Annual General Meeting held on 8 May 1991.
- 3 Presidents Report.
- 4 Financial Statement.
- 5 Membership Subscription for 1992-1993.
- 6 Election of Officers for 1992-1993.
- 7 The Current Club Officers are:

President:	ALAN EVANS
Vice President:	CHARLES ELL
Treasurer:	PAT ELL
Secretary:	PHILLIP EASTWOOD
Committee:	FRANCESCA MENZIES GLENN ROSS VIC STAGPOOLE KEN LISHMAN FRANK MCCARTHY
- 8 General.

CELLAR CLUB INCORPORATED

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 1991/92

The past year has been a most successful one for the Cellar Club. We have attained a higher level of attendances at Club meetings and also increased the Club's financial reserves.

The increase in attendance is due mainly to the return to the Broderick Inn "Fawlty Towers" venue and the variety of speakers and topics we have managed to organise. While the Broderick Inn has definite shortcomings, it is obvious that many members find it more centrally located and less of a problem with parking.

The Committee has continued the policy instituted during the latter part of the previous year where each evening meeting should be self-funding. That is, the cover charge should be as low as possible but should cover all operating expenses including room hire. This policy has ensured that most functions did "break even" or result in a slight surplus. Our reserves have been further enhanced by the fact that certain guest speakers chose to donate the wine to our Club at the end of the evening concerned.

Specifically, we should mention Warwick Orchiston, from Mission Vineyards and Anne - Marie Jones from Selak's for their generous donations. Also it must be mentioned that while we paid Denis Irwin's (from Matawhero Wines) expenses, he donated the wine consumed on the night and a considerable quantity for our Club's Cellar.

The Committee would like to think that the Club membership could support these particular wineries when making purchases, all other matters being equal!

The contribution of wine to the Club's Cellar has resulted in a reasonable range of wines suitable for cellaring which can be used for either future Club "theme" evenings [eg, a particular variety perhaps], or can be used at future AGM's. The Committee decided in keeping with the Club's name, the Cellar should be maintained and added to when the opportunity arose for the benefit of members, but within the reserves available to us. The cellar will, however, be kept to a manageable size and not become a "monster". We would like to especially thank Charles Ell for maintaining the Cellar for us and keeping the Cellar records.

The Committee also decided to upgrade the quality of "Conversation Wine" at the commencement of each evening. Where possible, we will ask guest speakers to suggest suitable wine from their own range perhaps, or alternatively some of the more economical bottled wines available will be chosen rather than the "bag in the box" casks which can be very variable in quality and tend to show oxidative characters!

The Tastings during the year have been:

1991/1992

April 1991 Wine Judging - a talk by John Comerford -
Chairman of Judges for the Air New Zealand
Wine Awards.

May 1991 AGM

- June 1991 Warwick Orchiston from Mission Vineyards Hawkes Bay.
- July 1991 Mid Year Dinner at Zino's Restaurant, Island Bay.
- Aug. 1991 Selak Wines - a selection presented by Anne Marie Jones.
- Sept. 1991 Alwyn Corban from Ngatarawa Wines, Hawkes Bay with Brett Newell from Eurowine.
- Oct. 1991 Allan Hogan from Te Whare Ra Wines of Marlborough.
- Nov. 1991 Denis Irwin from Matawhero Wines.
- Dec. 1991 End-of-Year Dinner at Varant's Restaurant, Northland.

1992/1993

- Feb. 1992 Ken Kirkpatrick - "Back to Basics" - (Comparative tastings and acid/sugar appreciation).
- Mar. 1992 Allan Johnson from Palliser Estate Wines of Martinborough.
- April 1992 Malcolm McIntyre (Kitchener Wineries) took us on a trip through the Rhone Valley.

The Committee has tried to maintain a balance of speakers from the wine trade, professionals such as wine judges, and winemakers. It is not always easy to schedule these in the ideal manner - there tends to be either a feast or a famine at a particular time of the year! We have certainly had some very interesting speakers (and characters) to speak to us and an extremely wide range of wines to taste. We have continued the policy of two dinners per year - a mid-year dinner in July and end-of-year Christmas Dinner in early December. These have been extremely well supported by Club Members.

The basic aim of the Cellar Club is to appreciate New Zealand wine, although we should compare with quality imported wines from time to time so that we maintain a balanced attitude. This point is even more important now that import barriers and duties have been substantially reduced and will thus have an effect on the commercial viability of the smaller New Zealand Winemakers.

Above all, the aim of the Club is to appreciate wines in a friendly casual environment. As Myra Waldo (a contemporary American Wine writer) once said - "wine should be a part of everyday life, completely free of fuss and feathers and entirely without pretension".

Alan Evans
PRESIDENT - CELLAR CLUB INC.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1992

1990/91		1991/92
INCOME		
2,663	Monthly Meeting Receipts	3,210
0	Monthly Raffles	284
1,080	Subscriptions	1,150
48	Interest	120
52	Dutch Actions	0
<u>3,843</u>		<u>4,764</u>
EXPENDITURE		
2,853	Food and Wine	2,041
570	Room Hire	450
251	Postage and Stationery	254
120	Dinner Subsidy	2
196	General Expenses	127
	Depreciation (20% Straight Line)	46
<u>(3,990)</u>		<u>(2,920)</u>
<u>(\$147)</u>	PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$1,844</u>


BALANCE SHEET
AS AT THE 31st MARCH 1992

1991		1992
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
1,141	Opening Balance at 1st April 1991	994
(147)	Increase (Decrease) for current year	1,844
<u>\$994</u>	CLOSING VALUE OF MEMBERS' FUNDS	<u>\$2,838</u>
REPRESENTED BY :		
0	6 Mth Deposit (8% p.a, Repayable 28/08/92)	1,000
733	National Bank Cheque Account	517
1	Cash on Hand	1
0	Interest Accrued	6
210	Wine Cellar (at cost)	905
0	Wine Racks	230
0	Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>46</u>
50	Prepaid Expenses	184
		225
<u>\$994</u>	TOTAL ASSETS AT BALANCE DATE	<u>\$2,838</u>

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 1992 and the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.


W.A. Kennedy, BCA, ACA
11th May 1992

13 May 1992

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CELLAR CLUB (INC)
HELD AT THE BRODERICK INN, JOHNSONVILLE ON THE 13TH MAY 1992,

1. APOLOGIES.

APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM GRAEME FOUNTAIN, LES AND CHRISTINE
NEWMAN, KEN AND ELIZABETH DALEFIELD, ANNE RUSSELL AND MARGARET
MCCARTHY.

2. MINUTES OF THE 1991 AGM.

The minutes of the 1991 AGM as tabled, were taken as read and
confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

KEN LISHMAN / FRANCESCA MENZIES

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT.

The President spoke to his tabled report. The report set out
that it had been a very successful year for the club with the
building up of the clubs cash reserves, the creation of a wine
cellar with capacity of 132 bottles, the increase in quality of
the quaffing wines and the overall increased attendances.

Charlie Ell was thanked for his management of the cellar.

The various guest speakers who donated their wine were also
mentioned and thanked for their generosity.

The presidents report was accepted.

PHILIP EASTWOOD / PAT ELL

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The financial statement showing a nett profit for the year
was tabled. The successful year was reflected in the increased
reserves which included \$1000.00 on short term deposit and the
value of the wine racks and cellared wines.

Donna Upchurch questioned whether the value of the wine in the
cellar included wine which was gifted by speakers and was assured
that it did.

The financial statements were accepted as correct.

WARREN THESSMAN / FRANK MCCARTHY

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS 1992\1993.

The committee recommended that the subscriptions remain at
\$20.00 for the current year. Moved and accepted.

PHILIP EASTWOOD / KEN LISHMAN

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected as office holders for the club for 1992\1993.

PRESIDENT: Alan Evans Pat Ell\Carol Hinton

VICE PRESIDENT: Charlie Ell Philip Eastwood\Ken Lishman

SECRETARY: Phillip Eastwood
Victor Stagpoole\Francesca Menzies

TREASURER: Pat Ell Ken Lishman\Dereck Thompson

COMMITTEE:

Glenn Ross
Victor Stagpoole
Francesca Menzies
Ken Lishman
Frank McCarthy
Cecelia Parker

Pat Ell\Philip Eastwood

7. HONORARY AUDITOR.

Wayne Kennedy was elected as the Honorary Auditor. The President thanked him for his generous assistance in this position and presented him with a bottle of wine.

Alan Evans\Ron Thompson.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS.

Future Meetings: June - Alex Campbell from Corbans will be guest speaker.

July - Mid year Dinner at Marbles restaurant.

August - John Follas of Wine Glorious Wine will be guest speaker.

It was suggested from the floor that instead of sherry before the meal we try some Bubbly. Meeting tended to favour this idea.

Carol Hinton suggested that the Club subsidise a committee member to attend the Air N.Z. Wine awards.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.