

**CELLAR CLUB INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY 2015**

Present:

Adeline McTaggart, Anne Megget, Brian Harris, Cecilia Parker, Derek Thomson, Dinah Bunny, Evelyn Dawson, Fiona Shaw, Gayl Gaukrodger, Catherine Ward, Jenny Jebson, Kevin Moran, Maree Hickey, Margaret Kuus, Mark Haythornthwaite, Maureen Davies, Michael Kuus, Murray Jaspers, Richard Jebson, Sandi Watt, Sandy Morrison, Shona Macintyre, Susan Andrews, Trevor Edwards, Valerie Wright, Wayne Kennedy, Viv Hunter, Mike Gaukrodger

Apologies:

Steve Eades, Carmel Joe, Robin and Pat Semmens, Jennifer Torr, Richard and Mary Taylor, John White, Terry Friel, Carolyn Hooper, Marco and Helen Janssen, Francesca Menzies

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Motion: That the minutes of the 2013/2014 AGM held on 14th May 2014 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Shona Macintyre

Passed by Acclamation

Matters Arising

None.

Financial Report for the Year 2014/2015

Wayne Kennedy spoke to his report, circulated by email in May 2015 and tabled at the meeting. Wayne reported that in February 2015, the club deregistered as a charity and so the club has returned to being just an incorporated society. This deregistering does not have any material impact upon the club, apart from requiring the club to pay income tax on any profit over \$1000 in any year.

Total Income of \$5,766 was up 7.6 %, reflecting more members attending the tastings, while expenditure totaled \$4,823.0 resulting in a profit for the year of \$973.00. Wayne reported that expenses were down on last year and there were two main reasons for that. Firstly 2014 included the one off cost for the sound system whereas there wasn't nothing as significant in the expenses for the current year. The second item to keep costs down was the fact that some presenters deciding not to charge the club for the wines tasted on some of the meetings. When the club gets unexpected windfalls like that, they are passed them on with lower door prices at a future tasting so please don't ever fall into the trap of always thinking that the door price is reflective of the cost of the wines to be tasted.

Overall the club achieved a profit of \$943 and being under the exemption figure of \$1,000 mentioned above, there is no tax to be paid on this amount.

The total funds have benefited from the profit of \$943 and now total \$5,453. This is represented by a very healthy bank balance of \$4,103 and a wine cellar of 77 bottles that

totals \$1,719 in value. The lower cellar value for the current year simply reflects that the club used part of it for the March tasting when the club were let down by a presenter. It is the committee's intention to rebuild the cellar to around 100 bottles of approx \$2,000 in value in the coming months after the AGM.

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

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Anne Megget

Passed by Acclamation

President's Report incorporating the Membership Report

Wayne read Anne Megget's report, stating, "Well, another fabulous year at Wine Club!"

Anne in her report commented that the club have had some great presentations during the last 12 months, starting with a presentation from Wooing Tree following the AGM, and Moana Park, then dinner at the Cuba Street Bistro. Then there were presentations from Milton, Rod MacDonald, Villa Maria, and the Festive Wines in November. The club went to dinner at Strawberry Fare and of course there was the January BBQ at Derek's; and then more recently Ash Ridge, a members presentation night called 'Journey to the Cellar', and a look at our closest winery, Ohau Wines from Levin.

Anne in her report thanked Derek for his continued hospitality for the BBQ and also for caring for the club's cellar so efficiently. Anne in her report thanked Murray and Wayne, for their time spent keeping the cellar up to date.

Anne in her report commented that the sound system is working well, and thanked Wayne for looking after it all for us. Anne then 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 thanked Gayl who organises the supper, and to the members that are taking on washing the club glasses.

Anne commented that the membership has remained relatively stable. At this point in time we have 5 Life members and 61 financial members. The club farewelled a few, notably our favourite 'yank' Mel Ingalls, who needed to return to the States for family reasons. On the credit side, the club welcomed Adeline McTaggart, Raewyn Bates, Adrian Gianotti, Maree Hickey, Viv Hunter, Sandi Watt, Catherine Ward and Martin and Margaret Glaeser.

Anne noted with sadness, the passing of John Angus who, along with his wife Sally, was a member of the club for 17 years before moving to Central Otago.

Anne thanked Steve, for his time and expertise he puts into maintaining the club's website. In this technological era, it is our greatest tool; absolutely vital, and invaluable for attracting new members.

Anne thanked Robin for making our newsletter both informative and amusing, adding that our monthly newsletter is another valuable tool is. Not only are it's contents displayed on our website, where it goes around the world, it also goes to a separate list of former club members whom we describe as "Friends of the Club".

Anne further commented that "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.

The 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”.

Anne concluded her report with a huge thank you to the committee, for the time and effort the committee puts in to keep this club functioning. Things like organising the meetings and the dinners, chasing up the presenters, trying to get them to tell us what wines they are bringing and then starting again when a presentation falls through!

Anne commented that “Jenny, I don't know how you manage to keep track of our discussions at committee meetings, but you always do, Wayne you keep us financially sound, and Murray, Steve, Gayl and Robin you all do a fantastic job, so from me personally and on behalf of the whole club, thank you”.

Notices of Motion

Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2015/16:

Nominations were received for the officers and committee as follows:

President: Anne Megget - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded Derek Thomson*

Vice-President: Murray Jaspers – *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded Gayl Gaukrodger,*

Secretary: Jenny Jebson - *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded by Susan Andrews,*

Treasurer: Wayne Kennedy - *Moved by Jenny Jebson, seconded by Mark Haythornthwaite,*

Committee: Nominations were received for Gayl Gaukrodger, Robin Semmens and Steve Eades, - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Sandy Morrison.*

All these nominees were deemed elected by acclamation.

Subscriptions

Motion: That 2015/2016 subscriptions be maintained at \$25.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Catherine Ward

Passed by Acclamation

General Business

None.

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm and was followed by the traditional supper catered by the Committee, accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar.