

Saanich Sommeliers
Regular Monthly Club Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Saanich Sommelier Meeting - Minutes

Call to Order at 7:15 pm by Barry Edmonson

- A quorum was declared with 15 “member families” in attendance.

Review of Minutes from June 8, 2021, meeting:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the June 8th meeting as distributed.

Moved by Robin McNeil and seconded by Mike McInnis. All voted in favour and carried.

Correspondence

- Larry Cole’s Celebration of life has been postponed. Further details will follow.

Reports/Discussions – as provided:

- Treasurer (Dawn presenting for Leanna Rathkelly)
 - We have a healthy bank balance of \$10,086
 - Expenses from the picnic have not been paid yet, but it is expected to be about \$600. Cheques are ready to go out.
 - Please forward any receipts for payment to Leanna.
- Vice-President (Udo and Anna Kenklies)
 - This evening we will have several presentations from winemakers who have made award winning wines!
 - In October, we will have a presentation from Jason Mac Isaac, the owner of Sheringham Distillery. They are based in Sooke and won “world’s best gin” several years ago.
 - In November, we will have a presentation from Rathjen Cellars, a local Saanich Peninsula Winery
 - We have no quick fixes scheduled at this time. Ken S. suggested that we could do case presentations instead of a quick fix.
- Communications Officer (Ken Stepushyn)
 - Nothing to report.
- Competition Coordinator (Sandy Bellows absent):
 - Nothing to report
- Grape Sourcer (Ron Ramsdale, with Derek & Melanie Winniki)
 - Flying Fish will be receiving grapes on October 2nd.
 - If you ordered outside of the club – Derek will reach out to you.
 - For those who ordered through the club – on the 2nd we will load lugs onto a couple of trucks and move to Colin’s to process. First whites & then reds.
 - Shawn volunteered to help ensure people get the right varieties and amounts on Oct 2nd.
 - If you ordered from Nanaimo, communication is direct to Jim Thorpe or Dave Burt. They did ask for money 3-4 weeks ago & they will notify member when the grapes come in.
 - Please notify Colin if you have any supply needs.
- BCAWA (Colin Nicholson absent)
 - No report

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- Wine Steward (Tom Sibbald)
 - The draw wine is: Heritage Collection wine Sterling Winery in the Napa Valley. This Cabernet Sauvignon is a 2017 vintage and costs \$45.

Old Business

- **Cash Reserve Policy** (Dawn for Leanna)
 - We have received some input from Robin McNeill and Ken Stepushyn. Edits included removing the word “committee” from document and removing the paragraph “funding of reserves” this was a duplication.
 - It will be circulated with these minutes and can be discussed/voted on at the October meeting.
- **Bubbly Club Crush** (Mike McInnis)
 - We have 8 participants for this process and will be able to support each other through learning and experimenting with “Methode Champenoise”. (Robin will be making bubbly with another method & this could be for comparison purposes.)
 - The participants will get instruction/collaboration to cover the basics of
 - Step 1: Making the base wine (October)
 - Step 2: Secondary fermentation (Xmas)
 - Step 3: Disgorgement (Spring)
 - We picked the 1100 pounds of Chardonnay grapes on Sunday, Sept 12th at the property of Bryan Wallace. It was a good picking day & we are excited that the process is underway!
 - Numbers for the chardonnay are being posted on the website for shared knowledge and reference. Thanks to those who have done this.

New Business

- **Wine Making Supplies** (Ken Stepushyn)
 - We have purchased additional supplies based on interest from recent workshops and educational sessions.
 - The list of supplies is on our website in the members only section
 - The supplies are kept at Colin’s.
- **Upcoming Workshops**
 - Gordon O’Connor will do a workshop on tannins for our club.
 - Bill Greaves is currently working with Allan Marks of Scott Labs on another session.

Health and Welfare

- No updates from members.

Final Notes

- The wine draw was won by Heather Lima.

Adjournment:

- The adjournment was called at 7:40 pm. It was moved by Dale Hobday
- Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12th.