

**Saanich Sommeliers**  
**Regular Monthly Club Meeting**  
Minutes of Tuesday, March 8, 2022

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**Call to Order** at 7:15 pm by Barry Edmonson

A quorum was declared with 14 “member families” in attendance.

There was also one guest – Ron Thorne, who was introduced by Rick Homer. Ron is an experienced wine maker and wine judge who has a vineyard in the Cowichan Valley.

**Review of Minutes from February 8, 2021, meeting:**

*MOTION: To accept the minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as distributed.*

Moved by Dawn Robson and seconded by Mary Homer. All voted in favour and carried.

**Correspondence**

- None

**Reports/Discussions – as provided:**

- Treasurer (Leanna Rathkelly - absent)
  - No report
  
- Competition Coordinator (Rick and Mary Homer)
  - Mary has developed a written invitation that members can use to invite friends and family to the social after the SS Wine Competition on July 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be circulated to all members so they can utilize it when speaking about the event.
  - Our competition is now posted on the BCAWA site, and they are pulling together the list of judges.
  - No date has been set for the provincials yet – but they know of our date & our preference that it should be later in the summer.
  
- Vice-President (Udo and Anna Kenklies- absent)
  - Unfortunately, the presentation by Sheringham Distillery has been cancelled.
  - This evening we will spend a bit more time on the Q&A for learning.
  - Upcoming events include:
    - April: History of the Saanich Sommeliers – hosted by Robin McNeill
    - May: Kutatas Winery, Presenter – Daniel Dragert
    - June: Fort Behrens Estate Winery
  
- Grape Sourcer (Dale Hobday)
  - Unfortunately, Dale had a bad connection- No report.
  
- BCAWA (Colin Nicholson)
  - BCAWA is holding another club crush this year and they will be picking a red varietal. Possibly Tempranillo or Mourvedre.
  - Our club has historically not participated because BCAWA will not provide the grapes at the same cost to all clubs. (The Island clubs must pay additionally for transport to the Island.)
  
- Wine Steward (Ron Ramsdale)
  - The draw wine this evening is from Barossa, Australia. It is a GSM wine called “Holy Trinity”. It was on sale for \$35.

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**Other Business**

- **Workshops:**
  - **Bubbly**
    - There are 3 stages to the process. Base wine, secondary fermentation and then disgorgement.
    - The group had a meeting recently and most have started the secondary fermentation.
    - After the secondary ferment, there should be at least 3 months before disgorgement.
    - With the demo/reveal in early fall – people should be starting the secondary ferment.
  - **All About Yeasts**
    - This is organized by Bill Greaves and will be facilitated by Alan Marks from Scott Labs
    - It will cover new yeasts, old yeasts and how they should be handled.
    - It will take place in person on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Murray & Sharon Bierd.
    - More details to follow.
  - **Wine Tannins**
    - Gordon is organizing this workshop and it will take place in the fall.
- **Saanich Sommeliers website**
  - The test version of the new website that was distributed earlier was faulty and has been replaced by a version of the old website until the fault is resolved. The information seen when visiting the website now is still reliable but organized in a different manner than what was shown with the test version. The fault arose at the hosting company and Julian is currently working with them to resolve it. Club members will be notified when everything is in order.
- **Saanich Sommeliers Executive Meeting**
  - The executive will get together over the next month to continue their planning.

**Health and Welfare**

- There is interest in having meetings in person again.

**Final Notes**

- The wine draw was won by Barry Edmonson.

**Adjournment:**

- The adjournment was called at 8:15 pm.
- Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.