



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday August 3, 2023

Penticton Lakeside Resort

Total Membership in 2023 (561 Growers, 201 Wineries)
Attendees - 61 individual members | 40 wineries + 21 Growers

Present Wineries:

50th Parallel	Liber Farm & Winery
Andrew Peller	Little Straw Vineyards
Arterra Wines Canada	Maverick Wine
Bartier Bros	Maverick Winery
Black Market Wine Co	Monte Creek Winery
Blasted Church Vineyards	Okanagan Hills Winery
Burrowing Owl Winery	Peak Cellars
Celista Winery	Phantom Creek Winery
Chaberton	Quails' Gate Winery
Church and State Wines	Rainmaker Wines
Ciao Bella Winery	Road 13 Vineyards
Earlco	Terravista Vineyards
Echo Bay	Therapy Vineyards
Enoteca	Township 7
Fairview Cellars	Unsworth Winery
Fitzpatrick Family Wines	Vanessa Vineyard
Frind Winery	Volcanic Hills Winery
Kalala Estate Winery	Liber Farm & Winery
Lakebreeze Winery	

Present Growers:

3 Acres Vineyard	RAISIN D'ÊTRE VINEYARDS
Boulder Beach Vineyard	S&B Dhaliwal
Clean Face Vineyard	Sebastian Farms
Cloud 9 Vineyards	Sidhu Nursery
Dan's Vines	Skaha View
FPE Farm Management	Sunshine Vineyards
Golden Retreat Vineyards	Umoya Vineyard
King Family Vineyards	Unruly Bear Vineyards
MOAF, Road Home Vineyard	Wildwood Vineyards Inc.
Nikmip Vineyards	Winch Spur Vineyard
Park Hill Vineyard	

Proxies: None

Recording Secretary: Kate Durisek, BC Wine Grape Council

Scrutineer: James Mayert, Grant Thornton

1. CALL TO ORDER & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

R. Wise called the meeting to order at 8:54 am.

MOTION: It was moved that the agenda be approved as presented (S. Pinte/R. Wise) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was moved that the minutes of August 11, 2022, be approved as presented. (M. McDermott/R. Wise) APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

3. UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

R. Wise reviewed the Mandate and Mission of the BC Wine Grape Council.

R. Wise reviewed the Committee Reports which included summary of activities and current priorities:

Research & Development – thank you to Kathy Malone for her continued role as Chair.

- Video recordings of Third Thursday meetings are on bcwgc.org – full list is in the Committee Reports linked in QR code
- Worked with CGCN to submit projects for new 5-Year S-C.A.P. National Science Cluster (2023-2028) * reports are expected for the 2018-2023 project soon
- Joined Agricultural Climate Solutions (ACS) Living Lab Program – Cover Cropping Projects have started

Knowledge & Tech Transfer (KTT)

- Vineyard Resiliency Taskforce
- Joined the Regional Extension Committee
- Annual Crop Assessment and 2022 Acreage Report
- Insight Conference, Grower Day, Perennial Horticulture Show Feb 2024
- Monthly Newsletters

Canadian Grapevine Certification Network (CGCN)

- Administered the C.A.P. National Science Cluster including the BC R&D Projects
- Submitted the 2023 – 2028 S-C.A.P. National Science Cluster application
- Submitted 5-Year AgriAssurance application to reduce virus testing costs

Lab Proficiency Program – thank you to Alison Moyes for her continued role as Chair.

- 47 Wineries and 6 Independent Labs Participated
- BCWA requires all certified labs to participate

Health & Safety – thank you to Sandra Oldfield for her continued role as Chair.

- Working with MSA to develop a roadmap for H&S concerns to share with industry
- Focus on bringing industry issues to regulatory groups and promoting H&S opportunities from regulatory to industry

4. SUSTAINABLE WINEGROWING BC UPDATE, SEVERINE PINTE, CHAIR

21 Vineyards & 6 Wineries Certified

Progress

- New website and custom assessment tool
- Hosted Vinica intern – Carlos Jose Rodriguez Jule
- LRS displays (x2) and Steph the Somm Instagram collab were a hit

Workshops

- Insight: highly rated, all 75 seats filled
- Pop up SWBC tasting at the Naramata Wine Vault – August 26
- SWBC x BCGA Winter Damage Workshop June 13th
- Cover Crop workshop – 75 ppl, Tailgates sponsored by Ministry of Ag – 50 ppl with 2 more tailgates coming up

Collaborations

- WGBC x Green Step Sustainability survey - marketing and toolkit creation are next steps
- SWO x SWBC joint application for S-CAP funding (75/25 split with Federal Gov to turn our \$52k annual budget into \$375k)
- TOTA Biosphere x SWBC promotion to encourage sustainability minded wineries to certify (first year base fees waived)
- Gismondi on Wine article featuring Severine and SWBC members
- Poured Canada article and advertisement coming this month

5. REPORT FROM THE TREASURER, GEORGE JAMES

G. James presented the financial statements for FY2022 – FY2023 including the projects and their impacts to the budget.

MOTION: APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (S. Pinte/R. Wise) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: APPOINT GRANT THORNTON AS AUDITORS FOR FY2022/2023 (S. Pinte/R. Wise) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. Mayer conducted the election process by reviewing the Operating Procedures.

Positions up for Election: there are 4 positions available for election.

- Grower, 20-250 acres
- Grower, over 250 acres
- Member from outside of the Okanagan
- Winemaker x 2

J. Mayer opened nominations from floor. None were put forward

• Nominations:

- Ross Wise, Black Hills Estate Winery
- Severine Pinte, Le Vieux Pin and La Stella Wineries
- Carl Van der Merwe, Arterra Wines
- Lyndsay O'Rourke, Tigh trope Winery

All directors were elected by acclimation.

Having no further nominations; the elections were closed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS & ADJOURNMENT

R. Wise thanked the committee chairs, event organizers and everyone for attending the meeting.
Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11am.

Kate Durisek, Recording Secretary

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