

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CELLAR CLUB (INC)
HELD IN THE BURMA ROOM, BURMA LODGE ON 8 MAY 1985

The meeting opened at 8.00 pm.

Apologies were received from: M Doherty
C Ell
I Thomson
B & D O'Brien
C Knowles

Moved (G Fountain) seconded (J Wilson) that these apologies be accepted.
Carried.

Agenda:

- a. The minutes of the 1984 Annual General Meeting were taken as read, moved (G Baumann) seconded from the floor and signed as correct by the President as correct.
- b. Matters arising from minutes - none.
- c. Chairman's report and financial statement - these were briefly discussed and the President reported that the Club's financial position was healthy with satisfactory attendances at all meetings. It was moved by the President and seconded from the floor that the report and financial statement be accepted. Carried unanimously by the meeting.
- d. Subscription - The President outlined the costs of running the club and advised that the costs could only increase by a small margin in the coming year. If the philosophy of 'user pays' for each evening was continued the existing level of subscription would be adequate. It was moved (G Fountain) and seconded from the floor that the level of subscription be continued at \$15 per member. This motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.
- e. Election of Officers - The club rules as to the officers required to be elected were pointed out to the meeting and that all existing office holders (except Kathy Power) were willing to continue in office. It was moved (M Arnott) and seconded that the following people be nominated for the following positions:

President:	G Fountain
Vice President:	R Thomson
Treasurer:	J Fountain
Secretary:	G Baumann

There being no other nominations for these positions the motion that they be declared elected was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Nominations were called for members of the committee and it was suggested that at least 4 were seen as necessary. The following people were nominated and seconded:

Pat Ell
Charlie Ell
Jim Wilson
Monty Arnott

There being no other nominations the motion that the abovenamed people be elected was put and carried unanimously. It was decided that the position of Cellarmaster, previously held by Kathy Power, would no longer be filled and that the functions of Cellarmaster be taken on by all the Committee. The President advised that the committee did have the power to co-opt committee members during the year and may very well do so in 1985.

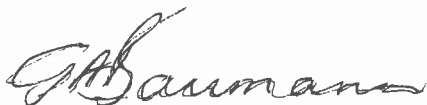
f. Honorary Auditor - Mr Russell Smith was elected unopposed to this position, moved (G Fountain), seconded (G Baumann) and the meeting recorded a unanimous vote of thanks for his services in this position in the year.

g. General Business -

i. The President invited members to discuss any aspects of the running of the Club and invited members to comment critically on all aspects of the Club's activities including suggestions for new speakers, topics for the next year. There being no discussion at the time members were encouraged to keep this in mind and to approach any committee member at any time.

ii. The members were advised that the next meeting would be a tasting of German white wines with July being the mid-year dinner. Ideas as to the venue of this dinner were invited.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm when the members adjourned for a convivial social gathering.



G A Baumann
Secretary



CELLAR CLUB INC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1985

The fourth year of the Cellar Club has now concluded and it is timely to review the activities of the past twelve months. We started back in April with a selection of Chardonnays from around the world. Moving past the 1984 AGM, we undertook a blind tasting of white wines from various points on the globe in June. Our mid year dinner at Ma Maison was particularly successful - a thoroughly enjoyable occasion for all those who attended. Jim Fraser from the Health Department provided us with an informative and entertaining evening in August. As winter drew to a close we sampled some recently released New Zealand reds at our September meeting. One of the producers representatives provided us with something different in October, and then that enthusiastic fellow from Te Whare Ra, Allen Hogan, presented some of his own wines at the November meeting. We celebrated Christmas at Frasers restaurant - an evening that went well. More recently, in the New Year, we tasted a selection of St Helena wines, and then finally in March we heard about the intentions of the newly merged Cooks/McWilliams company on conjunction with tasting their releases. This represents a wide range of tasting activities.

In total, 48 wines were tasted and evaluated under formal tasting conditions during the year. The average cost per wine tasted to a financial member of the Club was 67 cents. This sum is exactly the same as that incurred in 1983/84, and still represents excellent value to the members of the Club. As we all know, wine prices are climbing, and I'm sure will continue to do so for the quality wines. I, for one, would dearly love to buy my first bottle of any wine for just 67 cents to determine if I like it. The value of Club membership is obvious.

The Club's financial position remains sound. Our funds at the bank have diminished a little from the level of 1984, however that has been a planned diminution to provide Club members with the maximum benefits possible. Our user pays principles for the monthly meetings continues to work well. Our overheads have remained remarkably similar since the commencement of the Club, and I am not aware of any factor which will change that in the near future. Consequently, subscriptions can be maintained at the \$15 level for the fifth consecutive year.

The final three matters I would like to deal with in this report are likely to be the same as in previous years. First, our membership level remains at about 40 to 45 people. A number which can be comfortably accounted for in our present accommodation. However, we have lost one or two of our members during the year, so some new mem-

bers would certainly be welcome - feel free to advertise our existence.

Our Club is like any other voluntary organisation. It cannot function without the willing help of committee members. I would like to record my thanks to all Committee members for their efforts in the past year in ensuring the success of our tastings.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank all Club members for their attendance and support of the Club. I trust that, on the whole, the year's activities have combined to give you worthwhile input to your enjoyment of the wine. There is a tremendous number of wines on the market place which all of us can never hope to taste - let us hope that the Club can continue to bridge a little of that gap.

CELLAR CLUB INC


INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1985

<u>INCOME</u>	\$	<u>1985</u> \$	<u>1984</u> \$
Monthly meeting proceeds		1,092	1,198
Subscriptions		645	606
Dutch Auction		59	96
Interest		35	48
		<u>1,831</u>	<u>1,948</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Advertising	-		20
Dinner subsidy	180		-
General expenses	111		118
Postage and stationery	110		101
Room hire	240		270
Wine	1,350		1,607
		<u>(1,991)</u>	<u>(2,116)</u>
 <u>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</u>		<u>\$ (160)</u>	<u>\$ (168)</u>

BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 1985

	<u>1985</u> \$	<u>1984</u> \$
 <u>MEMBERS' FUNDS</u>	 <u>\$ 766</u>	 <u>\$ 915</u>
 <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
National Bank	621	781
Cash on hand	24	26
Wine stock	121	108
	<u>\$ 766</u>	<u>\$ 915</u>

I have examined the books and records of the Cellar Club Incorporated including the Income and Expenditure Statement for the twelve month period ended 31 March 1985 and the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1985. I have received assurances and explanations from your committee where necessary. In all material respects, in my opinion, the above statements reflect the true financial position of the Club.


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R J Smith, A.C.A.
Honorary Auditor