



CELLAR CLUB INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 1993

8 PM

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the 1992 Annual General Meeting held on 13 May 1992.
3. Presidents Report.
4. Financial Statement for the year ending March 31 1993.
5. Membership Subscription for 1993 - 1994. *\$20 continued.*
6. Election of Officers for 1993 - 1994.
7. The Current Club Officers are:

President: ALAN EVANS ✓

VicePresident: CHARLES ELL ✓

Treasurer: PAT ELL *John Angus*

Secretary: ~~PHILLIP EASTWOOD~~ *Pat ELL*

Committee: FRANCESCA MENZIES

~~GLENN ROSS~~

VIC STAGPOOLE

~~KEN LISHMAN~~

FRANK MCCARTHY

CECELIA PARKER

*Sam Elliot Lawrence
Derek Thompson*

Honorary Auditor

Wayne Kennedy

8. General Business:

- Name of " Cellar Club Inc "
- Format for meetings
- Membership
- Other Business - *venue*

Notes

6. Decision to other 35ml samples

per Glen Ross at al. Decided to gracefully withdraw from club by voting with my feet as acknowledged - champagne night in isolation, BAH stolen by Alan Evans as he did his own then based on my research (smells of JTW doesn't it) 4. Telling me I couldn't take an opened bottle home!

5. Remembered great old days of 1987 and 1988 AGMs at both Burma Lodge and Gear Horseba

Reasons 1. Got to get healthy 2. My efforts have not been

3. Low attendance numbers (only 25 at AGM!) 4. Telling me I couldn't take an opened bottle home!

CELLAR CLUB INC

President's Report for the year 1992 - 1993

The past year has again been most successful for the Cellar Club Inc. Attendances at monthly Club meetings have been maintained at a very high level and the Club's finances remain in a very healthy state.

The competition for wine tastings has become quite intense, with increased regular tastings now held by several liquor outlets [some hold 4 - 5 tastings per month!]. In the Johnsonville area there are no fewer than 4 wine "clubs" [including our own], as a result of the formation of both the "Liquorland Cellar Masters Johnsonville" and the "Burma Cellar Club". Superliquor in Johnsonville have held intermittent meetings for many years now. The trade promoted "wine clubs" often subsidise their tastings cover charges [if any] in the hope of increased sales and many of our members belong to at least one of the other clubs. We will need to be aware of these other wine appreciation activities and functions when determining the future direction of our club, so that we maintain our convivial atmosphere with attractive tastings but avoid theme "clashes" with the other clubs

The Committee has continued the basic policy that each Club meeting should be self-funding i.e. the cover charge should be set as low as possible but should cover the operating expenses including room hire. In view of the profit from the 1991 -1992 year where there were several "wind-falls" [unexpected donations from suppliers] the Committee made the decision to partially subsidise certain activities during the year to keep the door charges realistic. Mention can be made of the Rhone Valley, "unusual wines " and especially the Champenoise evenings, where relatively high priced wines were chosen intentionally. The Club also met the expenses of taxis [Christmas Dinner], and champenoise and port at the two dinners. Our reserves were however helped by the donation of the wine by Babich Wines and we must specifically thank John Forgie and Babich Wines for their generous gesture in these times.

As a result of the above considerations the Committee had budgeted for a minor loss for the year [actually \$676] but ensuring that the Club reserves in cash and wine were at an adequate level for planned activities. For the forthcoming year a break-even result should be budgeted.

At the current trend of Club attendance and membership, the cover charge for the meetings could be reduced by more strict adherence to a "tasting size" pour only [approx. 35ml]. At this rate two bottles would be sufficient for 40 members. This is somewhat less than has been the current practise. With today's drink - drive legislation perhaps this is a good idea. The Committee would appreciate some feed-back on this question!

The Committee has endeavoured to maintain the Club's "cellar" from two points of view. Purchase of certain wines that could form the basis of "theme" evenings or A.G.M. [e.g. a particular grape variety or style] and to maintain a regular supply of conversation wine before each meeting. The cellar will be added to when reserves permit to complement existing wines. The Committee would again like to thank our honorary cellar master Charles Ell for maintaining the cellar for us.

The tastings and functions this year have been:-

1992 - 1993

April 1992	A trip through the Rhone Valley with Malcolm McIntyre from Kitchener Wines
May 1992	Annual General Meeting
June 1992	Alex Campbell from Corbans Wines presented new releases from the Corbans Group
July 1992	Mid Year Dinner at Marbles Restaurant in Kelburn
3 Aug 1992	An evening with John Follas from Wine Glorious wine. Unusual wines from around the world
Sept 1992	Blended Wines with Grant Jones from regional Wines
Oct 1992	John Forgie from Babich Wines presented some recent releases including premium wines
Nov 1992	Baxter Fagan from Montana Wines introduced recent releases and some aged wines
Dec 1992	End of year DINNER at The Lodge in Pauatahanui

- Feb 1993 Methode Champenoise from around the world with John Follas from Wine Glorious Wine
- Mar 1993 Mark Mason from Sacred Hill Winery presented a range of recent releases
- 2 April 1993 The American Connection. Wines from California with Mr Bill Barnes from the American Embassy

The Committee has endeavoured to maintain a balance of speakers such as wine makers and wine merchants and specialist evenings including some imported wines to compare with the local product. As mentioned previously such imported wines [of reasonable quality] tend to be relatively expensive and the club aims to keep the cover charge at an affordable level. We have certainly had some very interesting speakers and wines to appreciate. A quick analysis of the above functions shows that we have tasted some fifty wines of which sixteen were imported and this excludes the Club dinners, A.G.M. and conversation wines!

The policy of two Club dinners per year has been continued; the mid year dinner in July and an end of year Christmas Dinner in December. These have been well supported by members. In view of the drink - drive legislation mentioned above, consideration should be given to restaurants close to home in future.

The Club arranged a bus trip to Martinborough on October 31st which was again well supported. Wineries visited included Ata Rangī, Dry River, Martinborough Vineyard, Te Kairanga and Chifney. A very successful trip; it has been suggested that a day trip to Marlborough could be organised in the future

Enhancements to regular Club tastings this year have included the provision of spittoons and water jugs for each table so that the palate can be cleansed between tastings if desired.

I would like to thank the Committee for their assistance in bringing the above events to you; and especially thank the three retiring Committee members - Philip Eastwood [Secretary], Glenn Ross and Ken Lishman.

The basic aim of the Cellar Club Inc is to appreciate wine in convivial surroundings. There is the need perhaps, to increase membership slightly to ensure viability - but this will not be easy because of the "competition" mentioned above. We can certainly emphasise to prospective members the advantages of wine in every day living. A recent French study has confirmed that moderate wine drinking with meals definitely extends life. As Michael Broadbent in his "The Great Vintage Wine Book Vol Two" said :-

"...I believe in its health giving properties. It is the most supreme beverage. A good wine appeals to more than just the palate. It can be beautiful, it fills one with eager anticipation; it's smell can be fragrant and evocative and it does it's job by preparing the mouth, setting the vital juices in motion. And then there's the taste... it should intrigue and delight...and a most effective aid to digestion".

Alan Evans
President Cellar Club Inc

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1993

1991/92		1992/93
	INCOME	
3,210	Monthly Meeting Receipts	3,319
284	Monthly Raffles	216
1,150	Subscriptions	1,040
120	Interest	86
0	Profit on Sale of Glasses and Wine	55
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4,764		4,716
	EXPENDITURE	
2,041	Food and Wine	3,770
450	Room Hire	450
254	Postage and Stationery	626
2	Dinner Subsidy	361
127	General Expenses	64
46	Depreciation (20% Straight Line)	46
0	Gifts for Guests	75
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(2,920)		(5,392)
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\$1,844	PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	(\$676)

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT THE 31st MARCH 1993

1992		1993
	MEMBERS' FUNDS	
994	Opening Balance at 1st April 1992	2,838
1,844	Increase (Decrease) for current year	(676)
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\$2,838	CLOSING VALUE OF MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$2,162
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	REPRESENTED BY :	
1,000	6 Mth Deposit (6% p.a, Repayable 28/08/93)	600
517	National Bank Cheque Account	444
1	Cash on Hand	0
6	Interest Accrued	3
905	Wine Cellar (at cost)	876
230	Wine Racks	230
(46)	Less Provision for Depreciation	<u>92</u>
0	ISO Glasses	36
225	Prepaid Expenses	65
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\$2,838	TOTAL ASSETS AT BALANCE DATE	\$2,162

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO MEMBERS

I hereby certify that I have examined the membership records, Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, together with their supporting records, and that I have obtained all the explanations and information that I have required.

I am of the opinion that the above are a true and fair view of the Club's position as at the 31st March 1993 and the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.



W.A. Kennedy, BCA, ACA
10th May 1993

12 MAY 1993

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CELLAR CLUB (INC) HELD AT THE BRODERICK INN, JOHNSONVILLE, ON 12 MAY 1993.

THERE WAS AN ATTENDANCE OF 25 MEMBERS.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Angus, John Revell, Philip Eastwood, Joslyn & Graham Fountain, Raye & Rick Julian, Vic Stagpoole, Christine Knowles, Margaret McCarthy.

2. MINUTES OF THE 1992 AGM

The minutes of the 1992 AGM as tabled, were taken as read, and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting. Frank McCarthy/Noelene Evans

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President spoke to his tabled report which detailed another successful year for the Cellar Club Inc. He also pointed out that there were now no fewer than 4 wine clubs in the locality, all competing for the same general interest. The other 3 clubs are supported by liquor outlets so the tastings tend to be heavily subsidised. However the high number of tastings available now means that most of our members are faced with a choice of events each month.

In an attempt to encourage members to attend tastings and increase membership many events in the past year were part subsidised by Club reserves. This fact plus the subsidy towards taxis (end of year dinner) and liquor at the two dinners resulted in a moderate loss (\$676.00) for the year. This was budgeted for in view of the high profit attained in the previous year.

Despite this result the Club reserves remain in a very healthy state with \$600.00 on deposit and a cheque balance of \$444.00 together with a cellar of \$876.00 value at 31/3/93.

Charlie Ell was thanked for the management of the cellar. The President also detailed the events and tastings of the past year and expressed his thanks to the various guest speakers.

The President's Report was accepted.

Francesca Menzies/Don Thompson.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement showing a nett loss for the year of \$676.00 was tabled. The loss was slightly more than that intended however we still have reasonable reserves which include cash of \$444.00, a short term interest bearing deposit of \$600.00, plus the value of wine racks and cellared wine of \$876.00. The financial state of the Club was discussed that briefly all was in order.

The financial statements were accepted as correct.

Pat Ell/Sam Lawrence

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee recommended that the subscriptions remain at \$20.00 for the current year.
Moved and accepted. Sam Lawrence/Charlie Ell

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following members were elected as office holders for the Club for 1993/1994:

PRESIDENT:	Alan Evans	Pat Ell/Fran Menzies
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Charlie Ell	Alan Evans/D Thompson
SECRETARY:	Pat Ell	S Lawrence/R Thompson
COMMITTEE:	Victor Stagpoole Francesca Menzies Frank McCarthy Cecelia Parker Derek Thompson Sam Lawrence	N Evans/K McDonald

7. HONOURARY AUDITOR

Wayne Kennedy was elected as the Honourary Auditor. The President thanked him for his generous assistance in this position and presented him with 2 bottles of wine.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) Name of Cellar Club Inc.
This matter was discussed at some length and it was decided that in view of the new "Clubs" also using this name, we should, to end any confusion, write to them pointing out that as we are the "Cellar Club Inc" and have been established for over 13 years we therefore have the right to use this name.
- (b) It was suggested by Frank McCarthy that as we had not had an "options night" for some long time, it would be opportune. It was also suggested to approach Alex Campbell to conduct it.
- (c) A survey of which was the most popular presentation/tasting of the past year resulted in the following:
 - 1. American Night first
 - 2. Champenoise Night second
 - 3. Baxter Fagan third
- (d) The innovation of using a special pourer for the tastings was agreed as a good policy, everyone will get the same and all will be within the limits alcohol wise.
- (e) The possibility of a new venue was discussed and all will be on the lookout for suitable premises.

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COMMITTEE:

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Frank McCarthy.
Cecelia Parker.
Derek Thompson.
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1. American Night first.
2. Champeniose Night second
3. Baxter Fagan third.
4. The other meetings following in quick succession.

The innovation of using a special pourer for the tastings was championed as a good policy, everyone will get the same and all will be within the limits alcohol wise. The possibility of a new venue was discussed and all will be on the lookout for suitable premises.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.