

CELLAR CLUB INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY MAY 10TH 1995

AGENDA

- ✓ 1. Apologies
- ✓ 2. Confirmation of the minutes of the Cellar Club Inc. Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday May 11th 1994.
- ✓ 3. Financial Report for the Cellar Club Inc. for the year ended 31st March 1995.
- ✓ 4. Presidents Report for the 1994/1995 year.
- ✓ 5. Election of Officers and Committee for the year 1995/1996.
- ✓ 6. Election of Honorary Auditor for the 1995/1996 year.
Wanda Kennedy
- ✓ 7. Membership subscriptions for the 1995/1996 year. *£20*
- ✓ 8. General Business and discussion.
Dr Weatherlam David
- ✓ 9. Supper.

*Alan - President
Joel - Vice-President
Francesca - Treasurer
Secretary - Cecilia Parker
Committee Members - Fred, Phil, John, Sally, Don
- San Francisco
- John, Angela
- Sally, John
- Don Morris
9 Committee Members*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CELLAR CLUB (INC.), HELD AT THE BRODERICK INN, JOHNSONVILLE, 10 MAY 1995

37 people were present at the Annual General Meeting compared to 39 in 1994, an excellent turn out again.

The meeting began with a short welcoming address by the President, thanking everyone for attending. A special welcome was extended to guests and prospective members attending.

Apologies Warren & Coirce Thessman Vic Stagnard Phil Chen Ken McDonald Ray Barber
 Juliana Cobham Rick Talian Betty Kiever

Apologies were received from Jocelyn and Graeme Fountain, Phil Glenn, Francesca Menzies, Annette Hood, and John Angus.

Minutes

The Minutes of the 1994 AGM were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

(Moved: Warren Thessman; Seconded: John Russell)

John Hood Sam Lawrence.

Financial Statement

The financial statement was read and a profit of \$484.00 for the year was tabled. Liabilities of \$141 are shown as a commitment to a refund of \$3 per person for the Martinborough Wine Trip.

General Expenses 15 year anniversary glasses + book
 plus for Elb

The overall profit was in part achieved by reduced costs on stationery and photocopying expenses. This saving may not be maintained next year as stock at 31 March is low. Raffle profits also improved, in part due to the generous donation of a prize by Tattlers.

Attendance at meetings has increased. Although subscriptions were slightly down more guests have attended. Income from meetings was slightly less compared to previous year although more people attended.

Profit has come from extra numbers
 met attending + supplies
 gifted wine.

A term deposit of \$600.00 is still held. Wine in cellar is valued at \$925.00.

The report was accepted.

(Moved: Carol Hinton; Seconded: Don Morris)

John Navell

Don Thompson

Negotiate NZ Ltd
 Morton Estate

President's Report

The President spoke to his tabled report, on the achievements of the last 12 months. He noted that we have increased attendance levels despite competition from trade applied clubs. We need to be aware of their activities though in planning our own activities and maintain our convivial atmosphere.

The committee policy to ensure each tasting is self-funded has continued. This has been maintained by careful control of expenditure and monitoring of wine servings in view of drink/drive considerations.

Spinal 15
 by head sheet
 Accommodate

My choice
 (Score 1st Morton
 2nd Orange v. Special
 3rd X Roads)

AGM vote
 1 Raymond Chan
 2 X Roads
 3 Morton
 (4th Royal Gold April 96)

Thanks were extended to Charlie Ell for his care of the wine cellar. Charlie and Pat have now moved to Roxburgh, and the Committee presented them with a copy of Michael Cooper's Vineyards of New Zealand on behalf of the members. Thanks were made for their great work for the committee.

A vote for the most popular meeting was overwhelmingly won by the Wine and Cheese Evening from Corbans and Kapiti Cheeses. Second was Warren Thessman (Round the Bays) and third Montana Wines.

The Report was adopted.

(Moved: ~~John Hood~~; Seconded ~~Warren Thessman~~
Sam Lawrence Sally Clarke

Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected:

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| <u>President:</u> | Alan Evans | (Derek Thompson/Sally Clarke) |
| <u>Vice-President</u> | Derek Thompson | ✓ (Alan Evans/Sam Lawrence) Carol Hinton |
| <u>Treasurer:</u> | Francesca Menzies | (Alan Evans/Vic Stackpoote) Francesca Menzies Derek Thompson |
| <u>Secretary:</u> | Cecilia Parker | (Sam Lawrence/Derek Thompson) |
| <u>Committee:</u> | Frank McCarthy | ✓ (Alan Evans/Derek Thompson) Sam Lawrence |
| | Sam Lawrence | (Noeline Evans/Ken McDonald) |
| | John Angus | (Fay Julian/Sam Lawrence) |
| | Sally Clarke | (Sam Lawrence/Carol Hinton) |
| | Don Morris | (Sam Lawrence/Derek Thompson) |
| | Noeline Evans Fay Julian | |

All nominees were declared elected - no votes necessary.

Honorary Auditor

Wayne Kennedy (Alan Evans/Derek Thompson)
Wayne Kennedy Wayne Kennedy Ron

Wayne was thanked for his services for the past year, especially with the extra work resulting from the rushed departure of Pat and Charlie Ell. Allan Evans presented Wayne with 2 bottles of wine in thanks.

Subscriptions 1995-1996

The committee recommended that the subscriptions remain the same at \$20 per head. This was carried.

(Moved: ~~Jim Wilson~~; Seconded: Don Morris)

General Business

- Sally Clarke suggested that those entitled to receive the \$3 refund have this deducted from their subs. This was approved by the auditor.
- Demolition of the Broderick. Is still under discussion, but subject to delay. The Club has been guaranteed accommodation at the same price, perhaps at the Newlands Tavern.

July Dinner
President explained limited options. Venue options were requested.
Coda looks good but costs \$45

- (1) New variants
- (2) Manbles & Roxborough
- (3) Turners steakout
- (4) WN Poly Canteen
- (5) Noeline to investigate
- (6) Bogenia house
- (7) Mine & hall & get caterers in
- (8) plunkers are clean caterers
- (9) Herevaungu golf club canteen

No objections to paying 48 for Coda
will be used 3 for Coda

- Suggestions were sought for ways to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the club. Formal dinner and Souvenir glasses were proposed. Also ex-members to be contacted and regular speakers to be invited.
- Warren Thessman moved thanks from the floor to the President and Committee. Passed by acclaim from the members.

(Francesca Menye) & Committee

Upcoming Events

- June - a gold medal evenings - wines to be presented by Dr David Wetherburn
- July - Mid-Year Dinner

9.10

The meeting finished at 8.55 pm followed by supper.

Alan Evans
President

△ Feedback on Barma Venue - popular
 Wine Options for this year's programme
 suggested team to represent Cellar Club
 Food & wine evening - Iberian evenings
 Dorleigh trading

THE CELLAR CLUB INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1994/1995

Another successful year for the Cellar Club Inc. Attendances at monthly Club tastings has increased over the previous year and the Club's reserves remain in a very satisfactory state.

Last year's report detailed the competition now evident from trade sponsored "wine clubs". These trade sponsored clubs heavily subsidise their cover charges [if any] in the hope of increased product sales. It is pleasing to report that the Cellar Club Inc., the only independent non-trade allied club in the district, has shown increased attendance levels from the support of our members.

The Committee must certainly remain aware of these other wine appreciation activities in our area when determining the function programme for the year. It is vitally important that we maintain our convivial atmosphere and do not try to compete at a "commercial" level.

The Committee has once again continued the basic policy where each tasting or function should be self-funded, i.e. the cover charge should be set as low as possible but must cover all operating expenses including room hire, etc.

The Committee has determined that we should budget for a breakeven result for the 1994/1995 year so that the reserves of the Club are maintained. The financial report shows that a modest profit for the year of \$484-51 was actually achieved by careful control of expenditure during the year. In particular, the cover charges for each function were carefully assessed depending upon the cost of wine, etc., and the policy of controlled wine servings in view of drink/drive considerations.

The size of tastings has been maintained at approximately 35-38ml which means that normally 2 bottles are sufficient unless attendance exceeds approximately 40 members. As average attendance has been somewhat less there is normally some wine left over for those who wish to partake at the end of the evening.

The Committee has maintained the Club's "cellar" so that there are sufficient bottles to be used as conversational wine at the commencement of each monthly meeting and in particular to build up a cellar of wines that will be suitable for future theme evenings or for A.G.M.'s. The cellar will be added to when reserves permit to compliment the existing stock. The Committee would again like to thank our "Honorary Cellar Master", Charles Ell, for maintaining our cellar for us until April this year.

Pat and Charlie Ell moved to Roxburgh East in early April. Before they departed the Cellar Club Committee made an informal presentation to them in recognition of their great service to the Club over the past few years. They were always there behind the scenes to ensure that all aspects of the Club's activities ran smoothly. The Committee presented them with a copy of Michael Cooper's publication "Vineyards of New Zealand", on behalf of Club membership. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them for their great work for the Committee.

Tastings and Functions this year have been:-

- Votes*
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- April 1994: "The Italian Connection" with Brett Newell from Eurowine Ltd. A tasting of 2 white and 6 red wines from Terre del Tempo and Boscaini, including 2 "Valpolicella".
- 0
- May 1994: The Cellar Club Inc. A.G.M.
- 0
- June 1994: "Vidals of Hawkes Bay with winemaker Elise Montgomery". Six excellent wines including 4 Reserve wines.

0 July 1994: Mid-Year dinner at Varant's Restaurant in Wilton with complimentary Sherry

2nd 5 0 August 1994: "Gold Medals from the Royal Easter Show 1994". 7 Gold Medal winning wines.

1 September 1994: "The Wines of Seifried Estate with Hermann Seifried". 8 excellent wines.

30 October 1994: "Wine and Cheese with a Difference" with Alex Campbell from Corban's Wines and Lucy Freeman from Kapiti Cheeses. 7 excellent wines.

4 November 1994: "Longbush Wines with Pip Griffin". 9 well priced wines from Gisborne.

November 1994: The Cellar Club Inc. Meet the Winemakers Tour of Martinborough". A record 47 members and friends "experienced" 5 vineyards and a great lunch.

December 1994: End of Year Dinner at Spaghetti Junction in Johnsonville with complimentary Methode Champenoise.

January 1995: Bar-b-que at Derek Thompson's place. A great informal get-together.

9 February 1995: "Around the Bays with Warren Thessman". 4
great whites and 2 reds from the "Bays".

8 March 1995: "Regional Differences with Kip". Peter
Kippenberger from Regional Wines.

10 April 1995: "An Evening of Estate wines from Montana"
with Greg Williams.

The Committee has endeavoured to maintain a balance of events during the year and has included visits from 3 New Zealand wineries, 2 special theme evenings, a Gold medal tasting, some examples of imported wines [Italian] and an evening on wine and cheese compatibility which was a great success. We have certainly had some interesting speakers and wine to appreciate. An analysis of the above functions shows that we have tasted over 60 wines, of which 8 were imported, excluding wines at the Club dinners, AGM and conversation wines.

The policy of 2 Club dinners per year has been maintained: The mid-year dinner in July and the end of year Christmas function in December. We have been extremely well supported by members. Venues close to home have been given greater consideration due to the drink/drive legislation.

A very successful Winemakers Tour to Martinborough in November included 47 members and friends [in a 45 seater bus]!!. 5 Wineries were visited including Palliser Estate, Nga Waka, Te Kairanga, Blue Rock and Chifney. The 3rd trip for the Cellar Club and most successful yet.

The basic aim of the Cellar Club Inc. is to appreciate wines in convivial surroundings. There remains the need to at least maintain membership, or ideally increase it slightly to ensure the Club's viability. We can certainly emphasise to prospective members the pleasant atmosphere and "non-commercial nature " of our Club.

Probably our Club is best summarised by no less than King Edward VII who said..."One not only drinks wine, one smells it, sips it, tastes it and - one talks about it".

Alan Evans

President

CELLAR CLUB INC

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1995**

1993/94		1994/95
INCOME		
4,104	Monthly Meeting Receipts	2,947
264	Monthly Raffles	342
1,075	Subscriptions	1,020
58	Interest	73
24	Profit on Sale of Glasses and Wine	5
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5,525		4,387
EXPENDITURE		
4,137	Food and Wine	3,068
450	Room Hire	450
555	Postage and Stationery	318
3	General Expenses	21
46	Depreciation (20% Straight Line)	46
(5,308)		(3,903)
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\$217	PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	\$484
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CELLAR CLUB INC


**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT THE 31st MARCH 1995**

1994		1995
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
2,162	Opening Balance at 1st April 1994	2,379
217	Increase for current year	484
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\$2,379	CLOSING VALUE OF MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$2,863
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REPRESENTED BY :		
ASSETS		
600	6 Mth Deposit - 7.75% pa, Matures 28/08/95	600
751	National Bank Cheque Account	1,421
2	Interest Accrued	4
906	Wine Cellar (56 Bottles at cost)	925
230	Wine Racks	230
(138)	Less Provision for Depreciation	184
0	ISO Glasses (2)	8
28	Prepaid Expenses	0
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\$2,379		\$3,004
LESS LIABILITIES		
0	Refund due on Wine Trip (47 @ \$3)	141
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\$2,379	NET ASSETS AT BALANCE DATE	\$2,863
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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 1995 and the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.


W.A. Kennedy, BSA, ACA
10th May 1995

CLUB ATTENDANCE STATISTICS for 1995

These 2 pages have been prepared to assist future committees in their preparation of wine tasting functions for the Cellar Club Inc. A space has been left for your comments to discuss at the next committee meeting.

There are now 51 members of the Cellar Club Inc. From the figures on the following page taken from the signing-in books the 1995 attendances were:-

Average tasting attendance for members = 28.25 ranging from 20 to 33
" " " " guests = 4.25 " " 2 " 7
" " " " total = 32.5 " " 25 " 37

The Dinners & AGM are not included in these averages.

Comparison of attendance with subject and cost

Date	Subject		\$ member	\$ guest
8/2/95	Around the Bays with Warren Thessman	12	29	14 2
8/3/95	Regional Differences with Kip Kippenberger	10	20	12 5
12/4/95	Montana Premium Wines with Greg Williams	10	32	12 4
10/5/95	AGM with all you can eat and drink	5	30	5 8
14/6/95	Gold Medals wines with David Weatherburn	10	27	12 6
12/7/95	Dinner at Zino's with free Spanish sherry	40	33	40 15
9/8/95	NZ Wines & Spirits selection with Simon Law	10	28	12 2
13/9/95	The Origin of the Species with Raymond Chan	15	33	17 4
11/10/95	Negociants NZ selection with Reece Warren	10	28	12 4
8/11/95	Wines of Morton Estate with Kate Pritchard	10	30	12 6
6/12/95	Dinner at Charlies with free bubbly	42	?	42 ?
	Totals		\$174 290	\$190 56

Comments

March was the only tasting where comparatively low numbers showed a potential loss with 2 bottles of each variety being opened.

Guests paid \$16 more than members to attend all functions.

Cost does not appear to be a critical factor for attendance.

The subject and presenter could be critical factors.

Other variables like competing functions, weather, can affect attendance.

There is a core of 20 members who attend 8 or more functions a year.

20 members attend 5 to 7 functions a year. The remaining 11 members come 3 or 4 times a year.

8 of the 1994 members on did not re-join the club this year. 7 new members joined the club this year. 4 of the 8 guests at the AGM are now club members.

Committee member comments