

CELLAR CLUB INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE
JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY
2007

Present: Cecilia Parker, Dennis Mann, Anne Megget, Terry Friel, Rick Julian, Wayne Kennedy, Tim O'Grady, Brian Harris, Ron Christian, John White, Trevor Edmonds, Carolyn Hooper, Brian Heath, Pam Heath, Murray Jaspers, Helen Wilson, Fay Julian, Richard Mason, John Morrison, Gary Page, Henny Page, Derek Thompson, Maureen Davies, Kevin Moran, Ted Maguire, Bede Donaldson, Vicky Barnard, Janet Heads, Marco Janssen, Helen Janssen, Mark Haythornthwaite, Susan Andrews, Julie Barber (guest).

Apologies: David Ward, John Browning, Lilli Ficko, Sarah O'Grady, Alan Evans, Odette Alleyne, Robin Semmens, John Handiside, Teenah Handiside, Francesca Menzies.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM, had been circulated with the notice of meeting.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Anne Megget

That the minutes of the 2006 AGM held on 10 May 2006 as circulated be confirmed.

Carried unanimously

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Financial Report for the Year 2006/2007

Wayne Kennedy spoke to his report, tabled at the meeting. While membership subscriptions were slightly up, the increase in membership was not fully reflected because some subscriptions charged were pro-rata, part year subscriptions. The expenditure on wine was up, primarily because fewer presenters supplied wine at reduced cost or free of charge as had been regularly the case in earlier years. Costs had also increased because of the change in venue, meaning the Club had to purchase its own glassware, previously supplied by the Newlands Tavern. 25th anniversary etched glasses had also contributed to the overall position which showed a loss of \$743 for the year. This was within budget for the year. Net assets at balance date totalled \$3,849 meaning that the Club was still in a very healthy position. Wayne apologised for the lack of an audit certificate. It had been supplied by the auditor but had been misplaced at Wayne's house. Carolyn Hooper, while emphasising that she was not being critical of the Treasurer, expressed concern that the members were being asked to ratify un-audited accounts. She said that for the protection of the Club and its committee, members should not be accepting un-audited accounts.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Gary Page

That the un-audited Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for 2006/2007 be received, but that audited accounts be presented at the next meeting of the Club Committee for ratification.

Carried unanimously

President's Report

Cecilia Parker spoke to her report, tabled at the meeting.

She highlighted the various events of the year, including the mid-Winter dinner at the Istanbul and the Christmas dinner at Strawberry Fare, as well as some of the excellent monthly tastings, although she expressed regret at the relatively low member turn-out at some of these meetings.

Cecilia urged members to support future tastings as there were some very good ones in prospect and asked members to let her know if they could shed light on why some events were less popular than others.

In conclusion, Cecilia expressed her appreciation for the contributions made by retiring committee members, and presented certificates of appreciation to Helen Wilson, who is leaving Wellington to return to Christchurch, and Tim O'Grady, whose increasing family commitments mean he is obliged to stand down. Cecilia's best wishes were carried by acclamation by members present.

Moved by Cecilia Parker, seconded by Wayne Kennedy

That the President's report for 2006/2007 be received.

Carried unanimously

Notice of Motion

Life Membership

Members discussed the notice of motion which proposed a rule change to enable the Club to afford qualified individuals life membership status.

Members raised issues about whether members, as well as the committee, should have the opportunity to propose members for life membership and whether there should be a limit on the number of members enjoying this status at any particular time. Various options were discussed, including a maximum of five members, the ability to appoint no more than two in any one year, etc.

It was pointed out that there was nothing to prevent members proposing individuals for this status to the committee. It was also noted that the membership would have the opportunity to vote on proposals for life membership at general meetings where the qualifications of nominees for the status would form part of a pre-circulated notice of motion.

A number of members proposed amendments to the motion but these failed to secure support through a show of hands and the original motion was put to the vote.

Moved by Cecilia Parker, seconded by Wayne Kennedy

That the rules of the Cellar Club, Incorporated be amended in such a manner as to provide that the Committee, in recognition of long and meritorious service to the Club by any member of good standing, may nominate at the time of an annual, or special general meeting of the Cellar Club Incorporated, such members as it thinks fit for the bestowal of the status of life member of the Club.

Carried

It was agreed that the Committee would finalise the rule change and, if appropriate, propose members for life membership at a special general meeting.

Election of Officers

President: Cecilia Parker - *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded by Wayne Kennedy*

Vice-President: Terry Friel – *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Fay Julian*

Secretary: Rick Julian - *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Derek Thompson*

Treasurer: Wayne Kennedy - *Moved by Rick Julian, seconded by Derek Thompson*

Committee: Nominations were received for Anne Megget, Robin Semmens, Murray Jaspers, All nominees were deemed elected by acclamation.

Cecelia urged any other members who were prepared to put themselves forward to contact her or a committee member.

Election of Honorary Auditor

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Terry Friel

That Graeme Fountain be appointed Honorary Auditor for the 2007/08 year.

Carried unanimously

Subscriptions

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Janet McKenzie

That subscriptions be maintained at \$25 for 2007/2008.

Carried unanimously

General Business

Future tastings

Fay Julian suggested that the committee consider another champagne tasting , given the success of the last one.

Dinner venues

Members confirmed their interest in ethnic Chinese, Thai, Italian, and French cuisine. The Greek Taverna was also suggested as a potential venue for the future.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm and was followed by the traditional supper catered by the Committee, accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar.