

CELLAR CLUB INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2009

Present: Cecilia Parker, Robin Semmens, Anne Megget, Terry Friel, Rick Julian, Wayne Kennedy, Murray Jaspers, Mel Ingalls, Wendy Somers, Brian Harris, David Ward, Carolyn Hooper, Graeme Roberts, Pamela George, Mike Gaukrodger, Gayl Gaukrodger, Dennis Mann, Dinah Bunny, Fay Julian, Derek Thompson, Richard Jebson, Jenny Jebson, Margaret Knees, Michael Knees, Barbara Bond, Duncan Richards, Maureen Davies, Kevin Moran, Barry Ward (guest).

Apologies: Trevor Edmonds, Ron Christian, Ron Thomson, Graeme Fountain, John Morrison, Gary Page, Henny Page, Janet Heads, Marco Janssen, Helen Janssen, Ted Maguire, Francesca Menzies, Richard Mason

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Robin Semmens

That the minutes of the 2008 AGM held on 14 May 2008 as circulated be confirmed.

Carried unanimously

Matters Arising

Charities Commission

The President indicated that this would be updated in her report.

Financial Report for the Year 2008/2009

Wayne Kennedy spoke to his report, tabled at the meeting. Total income was \$6,221 while expenditure totalled \$6,191 resulting in a modest profit for the year of \$30. Membership subscriptions were up, but so was expenditure on food and wine was up, while expenditure on postage and stationery was down, mainly resulting from the fact that most members received their newsletter via email. The Champagne evening and dinner subsidies totalled \$766 but this was budgeted for. Net assets at balance date totalled \$3,950 meaning that the Club was in a very healthy position.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Mel Ingalls

That the audited Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for 2006/2007 be received,

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 Christmas dinner at Breton Bistro, as well as some of the excellent monthly tastings, commenting on the generally increased numbers at these events. She also focussed on the efforts made by Wayne Kennedy in his negotiations with the Charities Commission resulting in it granting the Club charitable status, following their initial decision to decline the Club this status.

In conclusion, Cecilia expressed her appreciation for the contributions made by members of the committee, acknowledging Terry's work on the website and how this had been instrumental in attracting new members to the Club. She thanked retiring members Shirley Ang and Rick Julian for their contributions to the Committee.

Moved by Cecilia Parker, seconded by Anne Megget

That the President's report for 2008/2009 be received.

Carried unanimously

Notices of Motion

Election of Life Members

Moved Wayne Kennedy, seconded Terry Friel

In recognition of his leadership in the formation of the Cellar Club and then his continued service as founding President and then later as Honorary Auditor, it is recommended that Graeme Fountain be given the first life membership of the Cellar Club Inc

Wayne Kennedy read the citation, stating that Graeme Fountain can rightly be described as the father of The Cellar Club. He arranged for the inaugural meeting to be held to ascertain whether there was interest in forming a wine tasting club and became its founding president, a role he held from 1981 to 1986. But his support of the club has not stopped there. He has presented at meetings, he spoke at the club's 25th birthday dinner in 2007 and has been our Honorary Auditor since 1995. The Committee believes such service to and support of the club warrants him becoming our first life member.

Carried Unanimously

Moved Wayne Kennedy, seconded Robin Semmens

In recognition of his leadership of the Cellar Club as Vice President and then President, as well as his service as Editor of the Club's newsletter for eight years and his on-going support and involvement in the Club since its inception, it is recommended that Ron Thomson be granted life membership of the Cellar Club Inc

Wayne said that Ron Thomson was also a founding member of the club and one of its original committee members. He served on the committee for 9 years, becoming the Vice president in 1982 and then its president in 1986, a role he continued until 1989. Whilst the Committee doesn't believe the role of president should be an automatic entitlement to life membership, it believes the length of tenure, coupled with the fact that he was editor of the club's newsletter from 1982 to 1989 meant he has played an important part in the development of the club in those formative years. Ron continued to attend meetings each month until he moved to Waikanae in mid 1998. Whilst that move has meant a fall off in attendance at tastings, he and his partner Barbara have continued to attend most of the club dinners and BBQs. The Committee believes such leadership and support of the club warrants him becoming our second life member

Carried Unanimously

It was agreed that arrangements should be made to make a formal presentation to both Life Members, desirably at the July dinner.

Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2009/10:

Nominations were received for the officers and committee as follows:

President: Cecilia Parker - *Moved by Anne Megget, seconded by Robin Semmens*

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

Secretary: Mel Ingalls - *Moved by Cecilia Parker, seconded by Rick Julian*

Treasurer: Wayne Kennedy - *Moved by Robin Semmens, seconded by Mel Ingalls*

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

Election of Honorary Auditor

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Pamela George

That Graeme Fountain be appointed Honorary Auditor for the 2009/10 year.

Carried unanimously

Subscriptions

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, seconded by Brian Harris

That 2009/2010 subscriptions be maintained at \$25.

Carried unanimously

General Business

Sound System

Wayne said that while acoustics appear to have improved with the new configuration of the room the Committee had considered purchasing a sound system at an approximate cost of \$800, possibly paid for through a community grant if one could be secured. He asked members for their views. Most indicated that they were happy with the current arrangements.

Future Tastings

Gayl Gaukrodger suggested that the committee consider approaching Chris Gambitsas from Lake Chalice.

Vote of Thanks

Brian Harris proposed a vote of thanks to Derek Thompson and the other cellar masters. Cecilia apologised for her oversight in not mentioning this in her annual report, expressing the Club's gratitude for Derek making his home available for the annual BBQ and for storing the Club's cellar.

Carried by acclamation

Club Dinners

Cecilia asked members to advise the Committee of suggestions for restaurants for future Club dinners. Many members also indicated their interest in using shuttle taxis to get to dinners and Wayne said he would explore this for the next dinner.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm and was followed by the traditional supper catered by the Committee, accompanied by wines from the Club's cellar.