

CELLAR CLUB INC.
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD
AT THE JOHNSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON
WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 2025 8PM

Present: Evelyn Dawson, Pip Eagle, Dallas Eason, Renata Eason, Cecilia Parker, Michele Haines, Derek Thompson, Dennis Mann, Paul Stapp, Terry Friel, Carolyn Hooper, Les Stephens, Gary Milicich, Sue Warren, Ken Warren, Audrey Stephens, Shona Macintyre, Jean Millar, Kevin Moran, Jan Sammons, David Puddephatt, Fiona Shaw, Anne Megget, Gordon Barlow, Murray Jaspers, Wayne Kennedy, Dinah Bunny, Pat Semmens, Robin Semmens, Gayl Gaukrodger, Maree Hickey, Steve Eades, Tim O'Grady, Alan Knowles

Apologies: Mary Taylor, Helen Janssen, Marco Janssen, Michael Kuus, Margaret Kuus, Christine Crook, Adeline Porter, Richard Jebesen, Jenny Jebesen, Sandy Morrison

Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM were circulated with the Cellar Club May 2025 Newsletter.

Motion: That the Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 8 May 2024 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved by Murray Jaspers, Seconded by Ken Warren

Passed by acclamation

Matters Arising:

Wayne Kennedy advised that while the 2024 Financial Report had been filed with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies on time, it had not yet been uploaded to our website. The report is now with Steve Eades who will upload it shortly.

Financial Report for the Year 2024/2025

Wayne Kennedy spoke to his report tabled at the meeting. A full set will be placed on the website in due course. The Club made a small profit of \$384 last year. Nothing extraordinary in this year's income or expenditure, members attending tastings are only slightly down on last year and interest rates are also reduced.

The Club's wine cellar is at a similar level to last year. Gary Milicich commented that the approach to the management of the cellar was sensible, he has observed other wine clubs failing in this regard. As notified, a raffle of some of the more expensive and aging wines from the cellar will take place at the conclusion of the AGM as consumption at a dinner or AGM was not appropriate. Comment from the floor indicated that this was a welcomed initiative.

Motion: That the Statements of Financial Performance and Position for 2023/2024 be received.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, Seconded by Ken Warren

Passed by acclamation

Jan Sammons asked why the Financial Report was not circulated to members ahead of the meeting in accordance with rule 9(c)? Wayne Kennedy responded saying it was an omission and will be corrected for future meetings. Cecilia Parker commented that her preference would be to read the report the night before the meeting.

President's Report for the Year 2024/2025

Murray Jaspers spoke to his report which will be posted on the Club's website in due course. Murray talked about the clubs' longevity and activities over the past year. In the past year there have been two

club dinners and eight structured tastings with 288 member attendees. The tastings have had good international and regional coverage. Murray thanked members for the continuing support and observed that the extent of purchases by members has made it easier to organise tastings. Thanks were also extended to the committee.

Election of Officers and Committee for the year 2025/2026

Nominations were received for the officers and committee as follows:

President: Murray Jaspers – *Moved by Wayne Kennedy, Seconded by Shona Macintyre*

Vice-President: Gayl Gaukrodger – *Moved by Murray Jaspers, Seconded by Ken Warren*

Secretary: Gordon Barlow – *Moved by Murray Jaspers, Seconded by Wayne Kennedy*

Treasurer: Wayne Kennedy – *Moved by Murray Jaspers, Seconded by Ken Warren*

Committee: Evelyn Dawson, Terry Friel, Tim O'Grady, Ken Warren – *Moved by Murray Jaspers, Seconded by Cecilia Parker*

All these nominees were deemed elected by acclamation

Nominations for additional committee members were also invited from the floor, none were forthcoming.

Notice of Motion

Ken Warren introduced the Notice of Motion that was circulated with the April 2025 newsletter. He explained that the new Incorporated Societies Act requires changes to our constitution and are more about making the role of the Registrar easier. There were no questions from the floor.

Proposed Amendment 1: Consent of Members

That Rule 3(a) of the Club be amended to add the words, “that includes the person’s consent to become a member.”

Moved by Ken Warren, Seconded by Murray Jaspers

Passed by acclamation

Proposed Amendment 2: Contact Person

That a new section be added to the Committee rule : - Rule 12(e), stating “The contact persons, who the Registrar can contact when needed, will be appointed by the Executive Committee.”

Moved by Ken Warren, Seconded by Les Stephens

Passed by acclamation

Proposed Amendment 3: Conflicts of Interest

That a new section be added to the Committee rule: - Rule 12(f) Any member of the Executive Committee who has a financial interest in respect of any matter being considered by the Club, must disclose details of the nature and extent of the interest (including any monetary value of the interest if it can be quantified) to the Committee, and in an Interests Register kept by the Committee.

Moved by Ken Warren, Seconded by Les Stephens

Passed by acclamation

Proposed Amendment 4: Dispute Resolution Procedures

That a new rule on Disputes and procedures be inserted to the Club’s rules:

New Rule: Disputes and Procedures

- (i) A dispute is a disagreement or conflict involving the Club and/or its Members in relation to allegations that a Member or an Officer has engaged in misconduct, or has breached, or is likely to breach, a duty under the Club's Constitution or bylaws or the Act, or that a Member's rights or interests as a Member have been damaged, that has been brought to the attention of the Committee by any means.**
- (ii) All Members (including the Committee) are obliged to cooperate to resolve disputes efficiently, fairly, and with minimum disruption to the Club's activities. The complainant**

raising a dispute, and the Committee, shall consider and discuss whether a dispute may best be resolved through informal discussions, or more formal procedures per (iii) below.

- (iii) **For any major disputes, the Club will apply the procedures set out in Schedule 2 of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.**

*Moved by Ken Warren, Seconded by Terry Friel
Passed by acclamation*

Subscriptions

Wayne Kennedy Advised that there is no need for a subscription increase this coming year.

Motion: That 2025/2026 subscriptions be maintained at \$25.

Moved by Wayne Kennedy, Seconded Robin Semmens

Passed by acclamation

General Business

Anne Megget asked if it were possible for the December BBQ to be replaced by an additional tasting event? Wayne Kennedy responded that it was but would require an amendment to the special liquor licence that has only just been approved, which received greater scrutiny this year. Murray explained that other options for a replacement of the BBQ event were investigated by the committee but were not viable.

Anne Megget asked why we couldn't start future AGMs at 7:30pm as it would allow for an earlier finish? Wayne Kennedy answered that we only have the hall from 7:30pm and the room and supper need to be set up before the meeting commenced. A show of hands indicated that a 7:45pm start is preferred for future AGMs.

Meeting finished 8:45pm