



THAMES AND CHILTERN VINEYARDS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting 2019

12.00-14.00

Friday May 3rd 2019

Brightwell Vineyard, Shillingford Road, Wallingford, OXON, OX10 8LJ

Minutes

1. Attendees

- Anne Linder – Great Windsor Park Vineyard
- Denise Santilli – Linch Hill Vineyard
- Bob Nielsen – Brightwell Vineyard
- Sian Liwicki – Bothy Vineyard
- Christopher Cooke- Winding Wood Vineyard
- Mike Dean – Vernon Lodge Vineyard
- Niamh Kendall- Kidmore Vineyard
- Stephen Kendall – Kidmore Vineyard
- Tom Newey – Alder Ridge Vineyard

Apologies

- Patricia Stefanowicz
- Robert Louth – Winding Wood Vineyard
- Phil Rossi – Oaken Grove Vineyard
- Adrian Marsh – The Vineyard, Chalfont St Gilles
- Jan Mirkowski- Fairmile Vineyard

2. Minutes & Actions from 2018 AGM – were approved

- AGM held by April 2018
- new members now joining through WineGB
- The accounts were approved: net assets were £2829.66
- The following Officers & Members were elected to the committee for 2018-19:
 - Chair & UKVA Representative: Bob Nielsen, Brightwell Vineyard
 - Vice-Chair & Technical Advisor: Patricia Stefanowicz
 - Hon Treasurer: Sian Liwicki, Bothy Vineyard
 - Hon Secretary: Denise Santilli, Linch Hill Vineyard
 - Ordinary Committee Members: Margaret McVey; Phil Rossi, Oaken Grove Vineyard; Kaye Laithwaite, Harrow & Hope Vineyard (now resigned); Christopher Cooke, Winding Wood Vineyard; Anne Linder, Direct Wines; Jan Mirkowski, Fairmile Vineyard

- T&CVA Wine Challenge held 3rd Sept 2018, Winding Wood Vineyard: 44 wines entered from 15 vineyards. 4 Golds, 11 Silver, 20 bronze.
- T&CVA Stickers purchased to affix to winning wines: still available to buy
- Engraving of trophies: costs to be borne by T&CVA
- T&CVA subscription fees: remain at £15 per annum
- There was much support for an English Wine & Food Festival to be held in the T&CVA Region in 2019. Denise to e-mail members and only go ahead if we received firm commitments of support.
- Ask WineGB to hold their annual competition later in the year to suit producers.
- Local T&CVA Vineyard trail map to be developed. We will look at SEVA map for ideas.

3. Chairman's Report: Bob Nielsen

- All has changed now that WineGB has been formed but Bob Nielsen, as Chairman, will continue to represent us as best possible.
- Lots of info provided by WineGB and we to plough through it.
- Very much a National Industry now for information and training.
- Politically difficult to know what is going on since there are many layers and committees, but they seem to be doing a good job. Officers are paid members but all unpaid volunteers at local level.
- WineGB CEO David Parkinson has resigned due to health problems and not sure if he will be replaced.
- Lots of projects on hold pending BREXIT decision
- Local regions are becoming more active at local level with increase in number of large commercial vineyards and growing interest in wine tourism
- Regions may become even more local according to Geographical Regions i.e. terroir rather than political / geographic affiliations. As Wine Tourism grows we need investment in order to provide a good customer experience by each vineyard in that region.
- WineGB fee structure may change – lobbying for a statutory levy (but this is a long way off)
- 5 of the 7 Regional Associations have changed their name to be “WineGB – “ then the name of the region suffixed on e.g WineGB South East. It was decided at this AGM that the name of the T&CVA should remain as it is for the foreseeable future.
- WineGB is considered to be a success and they have made a positive return after their 1st full year.

4. Vice-Chairman's Report: Patricia Stefanowicz

- The 2018 Wine Challenge was held at Winding Wood Vineyard on Sunday September 2nd 2018.
- 32 wines from 12 vineyards were entered from the Region.
- The four judges led by Patricia Stefanowicz MW commented that the quality of the wines overall was exceptionally good, especially the sparkling wines.
- There were 9 Golds, 12 Silver and 10 Bronze medals awarded.

Trophies awarded were:

Award	For	Winner
Mac Mackinnon Trophy	Best White Wine in any Class	Bothy Vineyard, The Doctor's Bacchus, 2017
Sparkling Wine Trophy	Best Sparkling Wine (any colour)	Daws Hill Vineyard, Sparkling White 2009
Emmbrook Cup	Best Red Wine	Stanlake Park, Reserve Red 2015
T&CVA Decanter	Best Wine Overall	Bothy Vineyard, The Doctor's Bacchus, 2017
Stefanowicz salver	Best still rose wine	Chafor Wine Estate, Rose 2017
Anne Howitt Shield	Best Non-Commercial Wine	Vernon Lodge Vineyard, VL Siegerebbe 2017

5. Financial Report 2017-2018 & Membership update: Sian Liwicki

TCVA Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

	Notes	
Tangible fixed assets		£0.00
Current Assets		
Stock (Labels)	£358.00	
Event income owed as at 31/12/2018	£398.00	
Cash at bank and in hand General	£1,698.46	
Cash at bank and in hand Promotional	£336.20	
	<u>£2,790.66</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£60.00	
	<u>£60.00</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u>£2,730.66</u>
Total Assets less current liabilities		£2,730.66
<u>Capital and reserves</u>		
Retained surplus b/f	£2,829.66	£2,829.66
This year's surplus/(deficit)		<u>-£99.00</u>
Retained Surplus c/f		<u>£2,730.66</u>

WineGB / TCVA Membership at April 24th 2019

Mike	Dean	Vernon Lodge Vineyard
Bernard	Lamb	
Denise	Santilli	Linch Hill Vineyard
Feona	Petersen	Dropmore Vineyard
Wendy	Sargent	Fawley Vineyard
Christopher	Cooke	Winding Wood Vineyard
Lawrence	Kimber	Dinton Wines Ltd
Alastair	Field	Reading Agricultural Consultants Limited
Simon	Quinton Smith	
Stephen	Duckett	Hundred Hills Vineyard
Barbara	Laithwaite	Wyfold Vineyard
Tom	Newey	Alder Ridge Vineyard
Jan	Mirkowski	Fairmile Vineyard
Sian	Liwicki	Bothy Vineyard
Anne	Linder	Windsor Great Park Vineyard
Ian	Bowler	
Adrian	Marsh	Walnut Cottage Vineyard
Patricia	Stefanowicz	
Ed	Mitcham	Yew Tree Vineyard Ltd
Bob	Nielsen	Brightwell Vineyard
Evelyn	Joslin	Dreaming Squires Vineyard
Holly	Morgan	Daws Hill Vineyard
Tim	Chafor	Chafor Wine Estate
Kaye	Laithwaite	Harrow and Hope Limited
Eileen	Bell	Hendred Vineyard llp
Patrick	Hurd	Hale Valley Vineyard
Roy	Philips	Parhams Vineyard
Daniel	Goss-Custard	Stanlake Park Company Ltd
Donald	Ealand	Chiltern Valley Vineyard Winery & Brewery
Nigel	Smith	Manor Fields Vineyard
Phillip	Rossi	Oaken Grove Vineyard
Elisabeth	Else	Wine Cellar Door
Niamh	Kendall	Kidmore Vineyard Ltd
Ian	Beecher-Jones	Chiltern Hills Farm Ltd
John	Needham	The Guildhouse Street Vineyard
Ambi	Singh	Witheridge Wines
Ian	Smith	Kingwood Estate Ltd
Emily	Carr	

6. Secretary's Report: Denise Santilli

- AGM held 16th April 2018: 13 attendees
- TCVA Wine Challenge held: Sept 2nd 2018
- Reminder: Professional photos of Trophies have been taken – and have been uploaded to website for use by members in publicity materials
- T&CVA Wine Challenge stickers still available from Denise: cost £20 per 500 stickers
- Also able to download artwork from website for use online / to print directly onto labels
- Reminder to all members to please use the TCVA website as a resource

7. English Wine & Food Festival June 8th 2019, Brightwell Vineyard, Walligford

- 6th Planning meeting since Jan 2019 took place this morning May 3rd 2019
- All members have been kept apprised of progress by e-mail and have been asked to assist in publicising the event locally and through their contacts and to help out on the day
- 13 T&CVA vineyards participating
- 6 "Street" Food suppliers confirmed
- 12 artisan food producers and some craft stalls confirmed
- Kit Dellow-Jones Jazz quartet booked to play 4 x 45 min slots
- Publicity:
 - print – Round And About and West Berkshire Life
 - online- dedicated Festival website, all other websites updated, newspapers, local and regional events pages
 - social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
 - Radio – 3 slots booked
 - Press event – still to be organised
 - 5000 A5 Flyers distributed
 - AA roadsigns to be erected in the week before the event
 - Posters – A3 lampost and A1 roadside at strategic points
 - Vinyl banners to be erected at Brightwell and strategic points
- Sponsorship amounting to £2400 has been obtained
- Expecting up to 1000 guests

8. Election of Officers & Committee for 2019-20

The following were elected

a. Officers:

- i. Chair & UKVA representative: Bob Nielsen, Brightwell Vineyard
- ii. Vice-Chair T&CVA Technical Advisor: Patricia Stefanowicz MW
- iii. Hon Treasurer: Sian Liwicki, Bothy Vineyard
- iv. Hon Secretary: Denise Santilli, Linch Hill Vineyard

b. Members:

- i. Margaret McVey (TBC)
- ii. Phil Rossi, Oaken Grove Vineyard
- iii. Christopher Cooke, Winding Wood Vineyard
- iv. Jan Mirkowski, Fairmile Vineyard
- v. Anne Linder, Direct Wines

At some point in the future, when they have become more established in their vineyard, Niamh and Stephen Kendall expressed an interest in becoming members of the committee.

9. Date and venue of T&CVA Wine Competition 2018

- Oaken Grove Vineyard, Sept 7th 2019 – or if we decide to do a wine tasting and lunch afterwards, then this venue may be changed to Cobbs Farm Shop since Oaken Grove cannot host more than 10 people.
- Denise to e-mail membership to see interest in wine tasting and lunch afterwards, then decide on venue

10. WineGB events

- WineGB Annual Wine Competition June 16-17th 2019 – Denise has forwarded all info from WineGB to members. Still considered too early in the year to hold this competition – wines not ready.
- Trade tasting Day Sept 4th 2019. Several of the bigger T&CVA vineyards will participate with a stand. No requirement for a shared T&CVA stand.

11. Motions passed

- T&CVA subs for 2019 to be increased to £25

12. Any other business

- Re-Ask WineGB to hold their annual competition later in the year to suit producers.
- Local T&CVA Vineyard map being developed for the Wine Festival. To be developed into Wine Tourism map afterwards.