



2021 Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Meeting to be held remotely via ZOOM**

Agenda

7pm Annual General Meeting

- 1. President's remarks and welcome**
- 2. Motion to accept minutes of 2020 AGM**
- 3. Additions or modifications to Agenda**
- 4. Treasurer's report**
- 5. Membership Director's report**
- 6. Judging Coordinator's Report**
- 7. Chief Steward's Report**
- 8. New Business**
 - Motions and Resolutions Received (and as attached):
 1. Amount of Reserve Funds
 2. Insurance
- 9. Election of Directors**



Motions and Resolutions

Received from M. Rutherford (Press Agents)

1. Amount of Reserve Funds

At the 2016 AGM it was recommended that the AWO establish reserve funds equivalent to a least one year's normal expenses as the organisation had experienced several years of losses. Since that time the reserves have grown to substantially more than that number. As the AWO is a Not for Profit Corporation in Ontario with no payroll or facilities, any amount of reserve greater than one year's normal expenses is very generous. I propose that the maximum value of reserves should be no greater than one year's normal expenses and that the board be charged with producing a plan to achieve that goal for approval by the members.

2. Insurance

The cost of insurance listed in the AWO financial report for the year ending 2017 was in excess of \$4000 which was 38% of organisation's annual disbursements. The scope of this insurance is unclear and at the 2016 AGM it was explained that it covers more than Directors and Officers liability and extends to club functions although no claims had ever been made. As the AWO has no payroll and doesn't take on contracts, it would appear that the Directors and officers have limited scope to incur a liability. I propose that the scope for this insurance should be re-assessed by the board to ensure it is appropriate for the needs of the AWO and its members and the recommendations be presented to the members.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

	2020-2021 To May 31,2021	2020-2021 Budget	2019-2020 Final May 31/20
RECEIPTS			
Annual Membership Dues	9,000.00	12,000.00	10,335.00
Festival 2019 Registrations		0.00	1,020.00
Festival 2020 Registrations			
AWC Competition Entries		1,000.00	770.00
GIC & Bank Interest	154.95	75.00	99.52
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,154.95	13,075.00	12,224.52
DISBURSEMENTS			
Administration	21.50	1,000.00	489.83
Advertising (WM)		0.00	
Awards & Medals		500.00	203.40
AWC Competition Entries & Expenses		1,000.00	769.05
AWC Dues		0.00	
Bank Service Charges	1.50	70.00	
Board BBQ		0.00	
Corporate Revival		0.00	
Festival & AGM 2020 Expenses		500.00	
Festival & AGM 2019 Expenses		500.00	1,934.45
Festival & AGM 2018 Expenses		0.00	
Festival & AGM 2017 Expenses		0.00	
Insurance	3,130.92	4,000.00	3,677.40
Membership Development		250.00	
Miscellaneous (donations)		0.00	
Website		500.00	427.65
WineTalk		0.00	
WineMaker Magazine Subs	2,085.00	4,500.00	2,760.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,238.92	12,820.00	10,261.78
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	3,916.03		1,962.74

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY

Opening Bank Balance Jun 1/20	13,841.97		
Surplus / (Deficit)	3,916.03		
Closing Bank Balance	17,758.00		
Total GICs (incl Interest) *	21,515.28		
LIABILITIES	0.00		
TOTAL EQUITY	39,273.28		
1 Year Cashable GIC, 0.50%, Maturing Oct 12, 2020		\$5,068.61	
2 Year GIC, 1.25%, Maturing Sep 12, 2020		\$11,002.67	
3 Year Security GIC Plus, 1.45%, Maturing Oct 22, 2021		\$5,444.00	

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Via Zoom

Chief Steward's Report on the 2021 AWO Provincial Competition

Entries and Medals

Total entries 326

Gold	26 (8%)
Silver	238 (73%)
Bronze	46 (14%)
Merit	11 (3%)
Faulted or DQ	5 (1.5%)
No-shows	0 (possibly a competition first)

Faulted Wines

There were a total of 4 faulted wines. Faults included:

- biological activity (active)
- mercaptan (sulphur, rubber)
- vegetal/herbaceous
- oxidized

Disqualified Wines

1 wine was determined to be out of class

Entries per Class

11	Aperitif - Sherry	5
12	Aperitif - Non-Sherry	5
20	Sauvignon Blanc	22
21	Chardonnay	16
22	Riesling	13
23	White Non-Vinifera	7
24	Gewurztraminer	14
25	Other White	19
26	White Blend	16
31	Rosé	12
40	Bordeaux Single Varietals	28
41	Bordeaux Blends	21
42	Pinot/Gamay	16
43	Red Non-Vinifera	8
44	Rhone Style	16
45	Other Red	18
46	Red Blend	21

51	Dessert	7
52	Ice Wine	6
53	After Dinner	10
61	Social	4
62	Country Table	10
63	Country Social	12
64	Sparkling	7
71	Cider/Perry	13
Total		326

Judging and Stewarding

Judging took place at St. Columba Anglican Church in Waterloo on August 28 and Dymon Wine Cellar in Etobicoke on August 29.

First of all, a special thanks goes out to all who participated and contributed in other ways to help make this competition happen. Despite the late summer date and COVID restrictions, we were able to secure enough judges and stewards to operate successfully at the two venues. A total of 15 judges and 9 stewards participated. Each venue ran 3 tables of 3 judges.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the judges who worked through the 326 wines. Thanks also go to the excellent stewarding teams that worked at each location. An honorable mention also goes to the stewards who worked before and after the competition to complete all the necessary tasks.

The Waterloo venue, unfortunately, did not have operative air conditioning. This made judging and stewarding a challenge.

Registration

Overall, the online registration process was smooth and uneventful. There were very few issues with entering wines or acquiring bottle tags.

Wine Collection

Winemakers did an excellent job of preparing and delivering their entries to the designated drop-off points on time. All wines were eventually relayed to Kitchener for processing prior to the competition. Many thanks to the AWO/WJC members who helped move the entries from the collection points to the competition venues.

Improveables

Class Entry Issues

Approximately 12 wines were identified in the registration process as being out of class. While most were moved to the correct class, some were withdrawn because the winemaker already had an entry in the destination class. Winemakers and clubs are encouraged to check AWO Class Descriptions to ensure that their wines are correctly entered at the club level.

Submitted by Bob Stalder
Chief Steward