

Wine Victoria AGM Meeting 2018

Minutes of Meeting

4:00pm – 5:30pm November 20, 2018

Treasury Wine Estates, Level 8, 161 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000

Attendees:

- Angie Bradbury - Chair
- Ross Wilson - Treasurer
- Rachael Sweeney - Wine Victoria Executive Officer
- Tom Carson - Board Member
- Lon Evans - Board Member
- Alex King - Board Member
- Damien Sheehan - Board Member
- Nikki Palun - Board Member
- Gerry Ryan - Board Member
- Ashley Spencer - TWE Board Alternate
- Kellyn Patterson
- Helen Strachan - Pernod Ricard (guest)
- Rory Lane - Regional Council, Grampians
- Matt Fowles - Regional Council, Strathbogie Ranges
- Eliza Brown - Regional Council, Rutherglen
- Martin Spedding - Regional Council Mornington Peninsula
- Natalie Pizzini - Regional Council, King Valley
- Chris Gillard
- Caroline Evans - Executive Officer, Yarra Valley
- Dean Cleave-Smith - Regional Council, King Valley

Dial – In:

- Cecilia Burgman - Board Member

Apologies:

- Tim Shand - Regional Council, Yarra Valley
- Deborah D'Cruz
- Renee Murphy

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Item	Agenda	Discussion	Outcome
1	Welcome & minutes of previous AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair welcomed attendees, introduced the WineVictoria board members and reviewed the 2018 AGM minutes - Opening remarks included acknowledgment of the success of the new membership fee structure - The Chair thanked the members of the board for their contribution and time over the past year 	<p>Regional Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rory Lane ○ Matt Fowles ○ Eliza Brown ○ Martin Spedding ○ Natalie Pizzini ○ Chris Gillard ○ Caroline Evans ○ Dean Cleave-Smith
			<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tim Shand ○ Deborah D'Cruz ○ Renee Murphy

2	Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Treasurer was happy to report positive cash flow for the first time in many years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This was due to membership fees being paid, and o The winning of grants for the industry - Rachel thanked Ross for all his work as treasurer - The board moved that the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2018 was accepted - The board moved to reappoint Mohamed Jinan of Bruce Edmunds & Associates Pty Ltd as editor for 2019 - The board reviewed and accepted the report for Auditing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alex King to sign certificate by member of the committee on behalf of the board
3	Future Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Chair opened the new agenda item by acknowledging the board and regional members, but gave special thanks to Rachael and her team at collective position for all their hard work, especially on government relationships <p><u>2019 Focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government involvement will be crucial moving forward, and increased government support and funding is forecasted - New Wine Victoria levy to replace membership fee scheme - Five-Pillars program - Wine & Health lobbying - Tax reform - Government MoU for ongoing commitment 	

		<p><u>The Health Issue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health lobby groups are very well resourced and extremely vocal at the moment. The chair urged regional members to be discussing the issues of the government sponsored tv shows painting alcohol as cancer-causing, and lobbying for health warning labels on wine within their associations - WineVictoria and WFA have discussed working together to provide workshops on how to talk about the health issue, and manage the rapidly changing dynamic - The members also encouraged one another to speak to local representatives, to bring the issue to the forefront in their local areas <p><u>Increasing representation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Chair expressed the board gratitude for the increased funding, and gave special thanks to Rachael and the collective position team. 	
4	Wine Equalisation Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board member Tom Carson of Yabby Lake talked through issues to the WET tax claim changes effective as of 1 July 2018 which make it difficult to be compliant - Tom suggested producers work with their accountants and distributors to understand where sold wine ends up to help inform claiming taxable sales - WFA Regional WET Tax workshops are being done to help make the industry aware of the issue and direct communications to associations and members will be circulated - In the meantime, members are encouraged to be careful, and invite internal finance staff to association meetings and workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o WineVic board to work with WFA on internal communications to be circulated
5	Meeting close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 5:30pm 	