

A.G.M. COPY

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINE AND BEERMAKERS



The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough, on Sunday, 17th April, 1977, commencing at 11-45 a.m.

Members and Delegates attending this meeting may obtain admission cards from the N.A.W.B. table during the period of the Show and Conference and no later than 10-00 a.m. on the day of the meeting, on production of either :

- (a) A current Membership Card in the case of Individual Members,
- or
- (b) A signed letter of identification from the Circle, Guild or Federation as appropriate.

Admission cards will be exchanged for voting cards, if needed, when Members and Delegates enter the hall.

Note : Constitution 4 (Voting) states : "Each paid-up Member is entitled to one vote on attendance at the General Meeting."

Unauthorised persons will not be admitted to the A.G.M.

D. B. Ives
General Secretary, N.A.W.B.

AGENDA :

1. The meeting will be opened by the President of the Association, Mr. C. W. Martin.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the 1976 Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Chairman's Report 1976-77.
6. Treasurer's Report 1975-76.
7. Election of members to the National Executive.
In accordance with Rule 8(d), one third of the 12 elected members retire and, because of a resignation due to health reasons, there will be five vacancies to be filled.

The following nominations have been received, duly proposed and seconded :

- L.S. TO MENTION RULE 5(d) (H) KEEP IN - 1976 - TO ALLOW 17RS (HONEY)?*
- TALLARS*
EXR. F. JOSSON
- Mr. G. Christmas, retiring member ✓
 - Mr. B. Edwards, retiring member ✓
 - Mr. K. Hill, retiring member ✓
 - Mr. D. B. Ives, retiring member ✓
 - Mr. J. Chettle, Nottingham Wine Circle ✓
 - Mr. N. Pease, East Grinstead Wine Club ✓
- and a Ballot will be required.

Mrs. S. Hill has been nominated to represent the A.W.N.G.J.

The names of one nominee each, to represent :

- (a) Member Circles
- (b) Member Federations

will be received, in writing, by the Secretary of the N.A.W.B. prior to the start of the A.G.M.

Where no such nominees are received for posts (a) or (b) above, the Executive may nominate a person to fill the vacancy. (Rule 8(c)).

8. Resolutions presented to the Meeting :

1. Amendments to Rules and Constitution.

- ALL SIMPLE MATTERS*
- a. Proposed that : This Association agrees that with effect from 1st July, 1977 the annual Subscription, payable on July 1st in each year, shall be at a single rate of £3.50 per member. ('Member' refers to an Individual, a Circle or a Federation). Reference : Rule 5 Subscriptions (b).
Proposed by the Executive.

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TO SPEAK FOR

b. Proposed that : This Association agrees that with effect from 1st July, 1977 the closing date for Membership for any year be moved from 30th November to 31st July of that year.
Reference : Rule 5 Subscription (b).
Proposed by the Executive.

c. Proposed that : This Association agrees that with effect from 1st July, 1977 the re-Registration Fee of £2.00 be rescinded.
Reference : Rule 5 Subscriptions (c).
Proposed by Mrs. H. A. Timbrell, Individual Member.

d. Proposed that : This meeting, recognising that the present rate of re-imbursing the members of Committee was fixed when petrol was about one third of its present price, desires the Chairman to appoint a sub-Committee to consider proposals for a scale which will be flexible and cognisant of changing prices and costs.

This meeting also wishes to suggest that any revised scale shall be ~~retrospective for two years.~~ ~~PERMANENT FROM~~
Reference : Rule 37 Travelling Expenses.
Proposed by : Elvin Plant, Individual Member

2. Other Resolutions.

a. Proposed that : All past Committee members of N.A.W.B. now living, and all present and future Committee members, on their retirement, shall be presented with a small memento in appreciation of their work on behalf of the N.A.W.B. The form of the memento to be decided by the current Committee.
Proposed by : Stan Baker, Individual Member.

b. Proposed that : The practice of awarding replicas to Trophy winners be discontinued for reasons of cost, and that instead, a special Certificate be designed, produced and presented to all winners of current Trophies.
Proposed by : Stan Baker, Individual Member.

9. Nomination of President of the Association 1977-78.
9a Presentation of Badges to Past Presidents.

10. Presentation of the Executive.

11. The President will close the Meeting.

D. B. Ives
General Secretary, N.A.W.B.

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SPARK
FOR.
T. TIMBRELL
FOR.
F.XAC TO SUBMIT
(SECONDARY PRESENT)

E. PLANT
FOR.
P. AWARDS
TO TRY & PER 1/20
CONCERNING WORK
IN PARA. 2.

S. BAKER
FOR.
A.F. AGES?

S. BAKER
FOR.
R.B. AGES?

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the National Association of Wine and Beer-makers (Amateur) held at the Sports Centre, Nottingham University, on Sunday, 11th April, 1976.

Mr. L. Stagg in the chair.

Representatives of 21 Circles and 5 Federations, and 152 Individual Members were present.

There were no apologies for absence.

Mr. C. W. Martin, President of the Association, opened the meeting. In his remarks he said how appreciative he had been of holding office during the year and felt that the honour added further pleasure when called upon to attend functions and Circle meetings.

He was delighted that, after a disastrous 1975, the 'National' strongly emerged with such a wonderful attendance at this year's venue.

The minutes of the 1975 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated were taken as read and unanimously adopted by the meeting.

The Chairman, in his Report, made reference to the fact that the country was in the middle of an economic depression and stressed that, whilst 'spare' cash is not easy to come by, nevertheless the Association, as a purely voluntary body, relies solely upon the loyalty of its members.

He then went on to detail the sequence of events and the reason for the final choice of Nottingham as the venue for the 1976 Conference, comparing the relative costings of Conference towns and Universities and explaining how the charge to members was arrived at.

He expressed regret that the attendance for the week-end, whilst in the region of 560 residential, had not been higher—with the attendant advantage of increased income to the Association. However, a figure of 800 attending the Social function on Saturday evening was most pleasing. Stating that continuity of Shows, of the size that is now accepted as being the norm of the N.A.W.B., depends upon regular income. Mr. Stagg expressed the hope that the present membership of a little over 700—surely not a 'national' representation—would continue to increase. After thanking the Executive for support during the year, Mr. Stagg closed his report.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mr. P. Awbery who presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1975. This showed an excess of expenditure over income amounting to £544.01. Mr. Awbery then discussed the Balance Sheet, pointing out in particular that, because of the cancellation of the 1975 Conference, there had been

no income from this source, comparable with a total income of approximately £1000 the previous year. He stressed that the need for cuts in spending and for constant economy had been foremost in all Executive members' thoughts—to such a degree that Executive members had not claimed full expenses following Committee and Sub-Committee meetings. The meetings themselves had been reduced in number but extended in time, thus effecting a considerable saving via the Meetings and Travelling Resource, and further savings were made via Printing, Stationery and Advertising.

- Increased subscriptions had injected life-blood into the funds, as did the receipts from the Annual Draw, and further assistance came from higher charges made for Adverts in the 1975 Schedule—which, of course, was distributed although the Show was aborted. He was happy to say that several Trade Firms had kindly donated the Stand Charges to the Association's account following the cancellation of the Show.

In reply to questions from the floor, Mr. Awbery explained that the figure of £316.20 in respect of purchase of Stock included £109.25, being the purchase of Replica Goblets. He also quoted the number of Member Circles to whom refunds had been made in respect of either over-subscription or because of the Individual Members clause in the Rules. Having been duly proposed and seconded, the Accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Election to Executive Committee :

One third of the 12 elected members having retired, in accord with Rule 8(d), and with only 4 nominations having been received, no Ballot was required and the following were elected to serve for three years : Messrs. P. Awbery, A. Briggs, R. Butcher and K. Bilham.

Additionally, the following nominated representatives were elected to serve for 1976/77 :

Mrs. S. Hill, A.W.N.G.J., Mr. D. Roberts, Circles and Mr. M. Matthews, Federations.

Resolutions presented to the meeting :

Amendments to Rules and Constitution.

The Executive proposed that the Annual Subscription, with effect from 1st July, 1976, should be £3.00 for an Individual Member, £3.50 for a Circle and £4.00 for a Federation. An amendment, by Mr. K. Bilham, Individual Member, that this figure be £3.50 per member, was defeated and the Resolution was accepted by the meeting, carrying with it the deletion of paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of Rule 5.

Other business :

1. The Executive nominated Mr. C. W. Martin to be President of the Association for a further term of office during 1976/77. The Chairman reminded members of Bill Martin's contribution to the movement

and the nomination was accepted by the meeting. Bill expressed his thanks for the support shown to him and looked forward to another enjoyable year of office.

2. A suggestion, by the Heathfield Winemakers, that a professional style "National Magazine" be produced, for sale monthly, provoked lively discussion but did not receive much support from the members. No one person was forthcoming to volunteer his/her services—FREE—to organise and produce. One suggestion from the floor was that, possibly, a page could be used in The Amateur Winemaker, called the "National Page".

The Chairman wound up the discussion by reminding members that we possess a very capable organ in the Newsletter and pleaded for articles and letters.

Presentation of Committee :

Mr. Stagg introduced to the meeting each member of the Executive in turn, repeating his thanks to all of them.

Close of Meeting :

Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation of the continued standard of the Show and Conference and thanked the 'back-room' workers, the General Stewards, without whom no Show could exist. Nottingham University had proved to be a most successful and popular venue, and at the same time much valued support had been given to the Association by the local Guild, Nottingham Circle, and its Local Liaison Secretary, Jim Chettle. Turning to the Chairman, Mr. Martin finally thanked Mr. Stagg for not only carrying out his duties during the year, but also for stepping into the breach at the last minute and taking-on the emergency role of Show Manager.

The President then closed the meeting.

DOUG IVES
General Secretary