

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINE AND BEERMAKERS (AMATEUR)



The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at The Brighton Centre, Brighton, Sussex, on Sunday, 1st April, 1979, commencing at 11.30 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 9.30 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. but arrangements may be made for spouses and partners of authorised persons at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

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

AGENDA

1. The meeting will be opened by the President of the Association, Mr. F. Bastin.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the 1978 Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Chairman's Report 1978-79.
6. Treasurer's Report 1977-78.
7. Election of members to the National Executive.
In accordance with Rule 8 (d), one third of the 12 elected members retire, and there will be four vacancies to be filled.

The following nominations have been received, duly proposed and seconded, all being retiring members:

Mr. K.R.T. Bilham.

Mr. R. Butcher.

Mr. J. Chettle.

Mr. A. Briggs retires as an elected member but is not seeking re-election.

Mrs. S. Hill has been nominated to represent the N.G.W.B.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:
Amendments to Rules and Constitutions.
Proposed that : with effect from 1st July, 1979, the annual Subscription shall be £6.00 for joint membership of man and wife.
Rule 5 Subscriptions (b) to be amended accordingly.
Proposed by the Executive.
9. Nomination of President of the Association 1979 -80.
10. Other business, for discussion only: That Federation membership of NAWB should entitle affiliated Circles to compete in Circle classes at the 'National'.
From South Western Counties Winemakers Federation. Federation Member.

11. Presentation of the Executive. Retirement of Mr. Alan Briggs.
12. The President will close the Meeting.

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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the National Association of Wine and Beermakers (Amateur) held in the Portland Building, Nottingham University, on Sunday, 2nd April, 1978.

Mr. L. Stagg in the Chair.

Members representing 239 Individuals, Circles and Federations attended.

Apologies for absence, due to illness, were received from Mr. C.J.J. Berry, Past President of the Association.

Mr. F. Bastin, President of the Association, opened the meeting. He welcomed all members attending and reminded them that this was the occasion when castigation or congratulation could be conferred upon the Executive for their past efforts.

Indication could be given as to the direction that members wished the Association to take in the future.

Mr. Bastin then read-out a greetings telegram received at the Show from Mr. C.J.J. Berry to which he would reply conveying the warm wishes of all present for a speedy recovery from his present illness.

The minutes of the 1977 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Proposed Bill Martin, Seconded Wilf Curtis.

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

The Chairman, presenting his report, informed the members that the Executive, since the last AGM, had met on five occasions and a sub-committee on three. Additionally, a small sub-committee had met, at an earlier time, on two of the main committee occasions.

One sub-committee had been appointed to consider ways of increasing, and then maintaining, our membership and a mammoth 12-page report was produced which had then had considerable airing in full committee. Several of its recommendations have already been implemented.

Other sub-committees had dealt with the programme and schedule for this present Conference and Show.

Referring to exhibits he detailed that, whilst the number shown was about 400 down at Scarborough, members would be pleased to learn that the figure had risen by almost 1000 here at Nottingham this year, becoming the second highest total ever, exceeded only at Eastbourne in 1972.

The Chairman expressed some disappointment in the fact that, although membership of NAWB is currently around 800, residential attendance here this week-end was still short of the target figure of 750.

Reminding members of his reference, last year, to the 'Writing on the Wall' and comparisons of costs and facilities between Conference Towns and one permanent venue, Mr. Stagg regretted to say that there had been virtually no response to his appeal to members for ideas and suggestions.

However, a lively discussion during the debate held yesterday, in the Portland Building, had produced an overwhelming majority in favour of the National visiting different venues each year and against the idea of a central venue.

The Chairman then turned to an innovation for the National this year, that of the 'National Wine Queen' competition, producing as it did a goodly turn-out of attractive ladies and an ultimate winner who, incidentally, is from Mr. Stagg's home Federation, Dorset.

He called for full co-operation from the Federations in future years and saw the ideal situation where Federations would produce their own Wine Princesses who, in turn, would compete for the National Wine Queen.

Referring to NAWB Rule 6 (Honorary Members) the Chairman was pleased to announce the recommendation of the appointment of the wives of NAWB Presidents, both Past and Present, to be honorary members of NAWB.

In paying tribute to the Executive members for their support throughout the year, and also to the support which committee spouses give, 'behind the scenes', Mr. Stagg announced his and Freda's retirements from the committee after some 13 years in office.

Having attended 17 consecutive Shows, they both retained happy memories of very many friendships gained and nostalgic recollections of the faces of those members who were once regular attenders and who have, perhaps, succumbed to advancing years or declining health. No doubt many are yet members of their local Circles and he would wish them well through those present at this meeting and assure them that they are still thought of.

Happily, their places on the 'National scene' are being taken by younger, but just as keen and dedicated, winemakers and, between them, the NAWB flag will fly even higher.

The Chairman closed his report.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Mr. Peter Awbery, who presented the accounts and balance sheet for the year ending 30th. June 1977.

This showed an excess of income over expenditure of £313,32.

The Treasurer then discussed the balance sheet in detail stating that economy had still been foremost in the thoughts of the Executive and had produced the desired result. He pointed out in particular, that a sum of £537 under Show Expenses was properly attributable to the accounts of the previous year as Nottingham University had not invoiced us during our '1976' year ending.

Producing the quarterly 'News and Views' cost approximately £120 per issue but members would note – perhaps with some humour – that other postage and telephone costs had been contained within the Government's allowable 10% increase.

An expenditure of £455 had been necessary in order to provide awards to the trophy holders and presentations to past Presidents.

Mr. Awbery paid tribute to the Fund Raiser whose efforts were reflected in the increased Draw receipts.

Whilst the total asset of over £2,700 had given the Executive some well needed cash availability at the commencement of the current year, the Treasurer closed his report with the recommendation that CAUTION, as ever, should still be NAWB's watchword.

Proposed Mrs. F. Dobson, Seconded Mr. Strike, that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Election to Executive Committee:

One third of the 12 elected members having retired, in accordance with rule 8(d), four vacancies existed. There were five nominations and a Ballot was held. The following were elected to serve for a maximum of three years:

Messrs. P. Awbery, R. Budge, N. Chiverton and L. Drysdale. Mr. A.B. Smith was unsuccessful.

Additionally, the following nominated representatives were elected to serve for 1978/79:

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

Resolutions presented to the meeting:

Amendments to Rules and Constitution.

1. Mr. J.F. Chilvers, Individual Member, proposed that a) the Annual Subscription shall be £5.00 for joint membership of man and wife and b) the annual subscription shall be £3.00 for joint membership of man and wife who are both over the age of 65 years.

Mr. P. Awbery, for the Executive, spoke against even though, as he said, the Committee have complete sympathy with the resolutions. However, finance has to be considered, especially with the future in mind. If carried, these resolutions would result in an immediate loss to NAWB of something like £300 – £400 which could only be recouped from such sources as entries, profit on Conference or increased fund-raising efforts. The recommendation of the Executive was, therefore, that more time be allowed for the committee to consider the future outcome and to make further recommendations next year.

The reference back to the Executive for full consideration of both resolutions was carried.

2. The executive proposed that Rule 37 (Travelling Expenses) shall be amended to read:

'Committee Members, when travelling on Association business, shall be entitled to reasonable travel and subsistence allowance not exceeding those rates currently in use by Nationally recognised bodies and applicable in the following circumstances:

Day subsistence, Overnight accommodation and agreed transport rates.

Such rates of allowances shall be as determined from time to time by the Executive Committee and displayed through the medium of the Newsletter and shall be reported annually at the General Meeting.

The Chairman explained that this resolution was the final stage of a motion proposed by Mr. Elvin Plant at the 1977 AGM when that meeting agreed that the Chairman appoint a sub-committee to consider proposals for a scale of Committee Expenses which would be both flexible and also cognisant of changing prices and costs. A sub-committee comprising the four officers of the Executive had met and had subsequently submitted proposals for the approval of the full committee. Today's resolution was the outcome. When put to the vote the Resolution was carried unanimously.

The Executive nominated Mr. F. Bastin to continue as President of the Association for the year 1978/79. This was accepted, unanimously, by the meeting.

Other business.

Lack of time prevented discussion of a proposal that a membership card be introduced containing the Rules and Constitution. It was stated that the Executive are in process of reproducing the Rules and Constitution, in full, and that thought is being given to the production of a membership card containing an abridged version.

Presentation of Committee:

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

The Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Sybil Hill, referring to the retirements from the Executive of Leslie and Freda Stagg, spoke of the valuable service given by them over the years to the Association. She proposed a vote of thanks to them which was warmly applauded by the members.

Close of meeting:

Mr. F. Bastin congratulated those who had either been elected or re-elected to the Executive and was confident that they would keep up the good work.

He thanked the meeting for inviting him to continue as President for a further year, having had a most enjoyable and rewarding twelve months in office showing the flag, as it were, at a number of Wine and Beer Shows and functions, and would look forward to extending this side of his duties.

He drew members' attention to the recent addition of Past Presidents' bars to the regalia, saying how he found them a constant reminder of those in whose illustrious footsteps he treads.

Wishing all a safe and pleasant journey home and looking forward to meeting everyone again next year - possibly at Brighton - the President closed the meeting at 1.10 p.m.

DOUG IVES.
General Secretary.