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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF WINE AND BEERMAKERS (AMATEUR)

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool, Lancashire, on Sunday, 30th March, 1980, 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.(A)

AGENDA

The meeting will be opened by the President of the Association,
Mr. L. P. Stagg.

Apologies for absence.

Minutes of the 1979 Annual General Meeting.

Matters arising

Chairman's Report 1979-80

Treasurer's Report 1978-79

Election of members to the National Executive.

In accordance with Rule 8 (d), one third of the 12 elected members retire. Additionally, Messrs. A. Briggs and R. Budge are retiring and are not seeking re-election. There will be six vacancies to be filled.

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

Mr. G. Christmas, retiring member
Mr. B. Edwards, retiring member
Mr. K. Hill, retiring member
Mr. D. B. Ives, retiring member
Mrs. S. Chiverton, retiring co-opted member
Mrs. S. Hill, current N.G.W.B.J. representative

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)).

Resolutions presented to the Meeting:

Amendments to Rules and Constitution.

Proposed that : with effect from 1st July, 1980, the annual Subscription be increased from £3.50 to £4.00 per member and from £6.00 to £7.00 per married couple and also that the Registration fee be raised from £1.00 to

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£2.00 for newly joining members. ('Member' refers to an individual, a Circle or a Federation)
Reference: Rule 5 Subscriptions (b)
Proposed by the Executive.

- 9. Nomination of President of the Association 1980-81.
- 10. Presentation of the Executive. Retirements of Messrs. Alan Briggs and Reg. Budge.
- 11. 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 at The Brighton Centre, Brighton, on Sunday, 1st April, 1979.

Mrs. S. Hill, in the Chair.

Members representing 299 Individuals, Circles and Federations attended.

Mr. F. Bastin, President of the Association, opened the meeting. In welcoming all attending he mentioned a letter received from a member unable to attend after being a regular for 15 years - she is now 80 years old. Mr. Bastin well remembered many other staunch supporters of the 'National' and was very sorry to miss old faces.

The Minutes of the 1978 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Proposed Mr. Bowler, Sec: Mr. Chilvers.

Arising from these minutes the Secretary, Mr. D. Ives, reported that the amendment to Rule 37 (Travelling Expenses) was now in operation and that the maximum reimbursement to Executive Committee members during the year, payable when on Association business, had been at the following rates: Travelling expense, 2nd Class rail or 6.5p per mile road; Subsistence up to a maximum of £1.35 for 5 hours or over, £2.85 for 10 hours or over; Overnight stay £21.60.

The Chairman, in presenting her report, (after having lost her briefcase!), said she had enjoyed her first year in office and thanked all the committee for their support. The present Conference had been a success although a better attendance had

been hoped for - the aim of the N.A.W.B. is to continue to encourage more members to participate.

Referring to the proved popularity of the Wine Queen event Mrs. Hill appealed to Ciroles and Federations to 'make more use' of her and to try to invite the Wine Queen to more and more of their events. This would be one further way to keep the Association's aims in the public eye and the Wine Queen would be only too willing to attend and assist.

During the year there had been some suggestion of a possible merger with the Association of Federations and the Executive had spent considerable time in fully discussing proposals received from the Association through the Federation rep. The Executive had felt that there seemed little point in making structural changes to N.A.W.B. along these lines especially as the Federations are adequately represented on committee. The door is not closed, however, to any future suggestions and N.A.W.B. will continue to welcome help and support not only from the Association of Federations but also from Ciroles and Guilds. To this end perhaps more use should be made of the respective representatives.

The well-established Newsletter, 'News and Views Occasional', continues to be appreciated by members but its success is very dependant upon feedback and the Editor, Ken Hill, is always anxious to receive more 'copy' from members. A 'four-times-a-year' publication is neither easy to produce nor attractive to the reader without items other than purely Association business and so we appeal once again that you all put pen to paper.

Thanking everyone, once again, for their help and support through the year, and with a special thanks to our President, Fred Bastin, for his enthusiasm and untiring efforts in carrying the 'National' flag throughout his two years in office, the Chairman closed her report.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Peter Awbery who presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1978. This showed an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £1296.74. Mr. Awbery discussed the Balance Sheet and stated that, once again, economy had been the theme of the year's activity and that committee expenditure had been very comparable with recent years.

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Proposed Mrs. Dobson, Seconded Mr. P. Gregory, Twickenham, that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Election to Executive Committee:

One third of the 12 elected members having retired, in accord with Rule 8(d), four vacancies existed. No new nominations had been received but three retiring members were seeking re-election. In addition, Mr. Alan Briggs had been persuaded also to seek re-election for a further year and so no ballot was needed. The following were elected to serve for a maximum of three years :

Messrs. A. Briggs, K.R.T. Bilhan, R. Butcher and J. Chettle.

Additionally, the following nominated representatives were elected to serve for 1979-80 :

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

Resolutions presented to the meeting :

Amendments to Rules and Constitution.

The Executive proposed that a dual membership fee of £6.00 be introduced in the case of man and wife.

The Membership Secretary, Mr. Jim Chettle, spoke for the Executive and said that this proposal was in response to requests from members and that a review of the situation, along with a reasonably healthy balance, indicated that the time was perhaps right for a trial. Mathematically, of course, N.A.W.B. would potentially lose £2.40p per 'spouse' member but it was hoped that this would be offset by an increase in membership, attracting especially those spouses who would not otherwise apply for membership.

Discussion arose from the floor of the meeting including a query as to whether the existing Registration fee of £1 would apply to a newly-joining spouse as, if it did, then the financial advantage would be somewhat offset. The Secretary stated that the matter of the Registration fee had not been a subject of the present proposal but after a short consultation with the Treasurer and other Officers agreed that the proposal before the meeting would include the words "The Registration fee of £1.00 in respect of new members will be waived in the case of a spouse whose husband/wife is already a member of N.A.W.B. and where both now seek dual membership."

When put to the vote the Resolution was carried; six votes against.

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The Executive nominated Mr. L. Stagg to be President of the Association for the year 1979-80.

Leslie Stagg needed no introduction from the Chairman, having served on committee and having been prominent at Conferences for a considerable number of years, and the nomination was accepted by the meeting.

Other business for discussion only.

From S.W. Counties Winemakers Federation came a suggestion that Circles, who are not themselves members of N.A.W.B. but are affiliated to a Federation which is a member, should be entitled to enter and compete in Circle classes at the 'National'. Mr. Norman Dickson represented the S.W. Counties and spoke at length in favour. He further advocated an increase in the number of classes, both wine and beer. It was suggested that this would be one way of improving the 'National'.

Amongst speakers from the floor, Mr. Bill Harvey, Bournemouth, spoke strongly against the idea and expressed the view that increased quality wines were the main ingredients towards improvements in the 'National' competition. It was his opinion that it would be quite wrong to admit entries simply by virtue of Federation affiliation. If winemakers wished to enter then they should become members of N.A.W.B.

The Secretary, Mr. D. B. Ives, stated that it is not current N.A.W.B. policy to allow entry to the competition to non-members other than to the Open classes. The further suggestion of increasing the number of classes in the Show is a matter for the schedule sub-committees and is always under constant review. A governing factor is size and suitability of any one venue coupled with the present tendency of annual increases in the bottle entries to the existing classes.

The general feeling was that the matter was best left in the hands of the members of the schedule committee - the composition of which changes annually.

Presentation of Committee:

Mrs. Hill introduced to the meeting each member of the Executive in turn, repeating her thanks to all of them.

The Chairman then spoke highly of the hard work undertaken by Mr. Norman Pease who was retiring this year. He had contributed to the success of this Show and Conference in the role of Chief Steward and the Executive were losing a valuable member.

Mrs. Audrey Newton was welcomed to committee in her new role of Circle rep.

Presentation of President:

The retiring President, Mr. Fred Bastin, expressed his pleasure in handing over his badge of office to Mr. Leslie Stagg who, in turn, pledged himself to furtherance of the movement. It was fitting that he first attended a National in Brighton in 1963 when he volunteered his services as a steward, and this year - 16 years on - he has again been stewarding.

The Chairman then presented Mr. Bastin with his Past President's badge.

Close of Meeting:

In his closing remarks Mr. Bastin thanked the Executive Committee for their support throughout his term of office. He had enjoyed his two years and had had many occasions on which to join in with and keep in touch with the membership - which, incidentally, now stood at just under 900.

He wished all a safe journey home and looked forward to meeting us all again at Blackpool next year.

The President closed the meeting at 12.30 p.m.

DOUG IVES,
General Secretary