

AGENDA.

1. The Meeting will be opened by the President of the Association, Mr K. Hill.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the 1982 Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Chairman's Report, 1982-83.
6. Treasurer's Report, 1981-82.
7. Election of members to the National Executive :

In accordance with Rule 8 (d), one third of the 12 elected members retire.  
In addition, Mr N. Chiverton retires as co-opted member.

There will be four vacancies to be filled.

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

Mrs M. Drysdale	retiring member.
Mrs S. Hill	retiring member.
Mr D.B. Ives	retiring member.
Mr B. Edwards	retiring member.
Mr N. Chiverton	retiring co-opted member.
Mrs J. Irwin	Individual member from Dorset.
Mr G. Sparrow	Individual member from Tyneside.

Mr M. Matthews has been nominated to represent N.A.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 N.A.W.B. prior to the start of the A.G.M.

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

8. Items for discussion :
  - a. That, owing to the poor quality of cork flanged stoppers and the difficulty in their availability, in future flange corks with white plastic tops be used.  
  
Presented by Mr N. Dixon and Mrs G. Murray, both of S.W. Counties Federation.
9. Nomination of President of the Association 1983-84.
10. Presentation of the Executive.
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 Spa Complex, Scarborough, Yorkshire, on Sunday, 28th March, 1982.

Mr R. Butcher in the Chair.

Members representing 50 Individuals, Circles and Federations attended.

The President, Mr K. Hill, opened the meeting at 11.35 am welcoming all attending what had been, yet again a very successful Show. Ken had enjoyed his year in office with the opportunity it offered of keeping in direct contact with the movement.

The Chairman, Mr R. Butcher, read-out apologies for absence received from ex-Presidents Fred Bastin and Jim Luker, ex-Wine Queen Susan Slydel, Mrs Peggy Timmins and Mr Don Sayer, and ex-Treasurer Fred Forster.

The Minutes of the 1981 Annual General Meeting, having been circulated, were taken as read and unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Arising from these minutes the Secretary, Mr D. Ives, reported that the amended reprint of the Rules and Constitution had been completed and, along with a receipt for subs, all contained in a wallet-type Membership Card, was currently being issued to paid-up members as had been promised at last year's AGM. Because of the commencement of the transfer of membership records onto the computer, some members may have been missed and the Secretary asked for names and addresses after this meeting.

The Secretary also reported, as was required under the Rules, that the maximum rate of re-imbusement to Executive Committee members while on Association business during the year had once again been the same - this time for the previous three years. The rates were : 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 his report, said that this Show was the culmination of four meetings through the year of the main Executive. He apologised for the lateness to members of the schedule and said that one of the main obstacles encountered had been due to the rail strike affecting postal services. He also appreciated the problems associated with membership records and asked for sympathy to be shown to the 'new man thrown-in at the deep-end'.

Over the years a recurring problem has been to obtain copy from advertisers in good time and this has led to a late start by the printers. Further more, pages of adverts which are not directly connected with the production of a Show and Conference, add considerable costs to the printing of the schedule - costs which have to be offset by revenue from the advertisers themselves, hopefully to also deffray some of our own costs connected with the schedule. Mr Butcher suggested that the time was perhaps appropriate, with the recent acquisition of a computer, to design a new style schedule containing no adverts, at such a cost as to obviate the need for revenue and with the main aim of speed of production and transmission. He promised that for the forthcoming year the Executive would be looking closely into the matter.

Reference to copy should remind everyone for the need to keep sending items for the Newsletter to the Editor who, this year, is Mrs Marjorie Ives - also PRO. Assurance was received from the floor of the meeting that there is still a need for the N/Letter as a means of keeping in touch with membership.

Membership was up this year to 717. Mathematics of this year's Show revealed that a total of 322 exhibitors, from throughout the country, had resulted in 3800 bottles on show. Standards had again been very high, both from the exhibits and from the 101 judges who had been involved in 'sorting them all out' !

The Chairman, closing his report, gave grateful thanks to those members of the local Circle, Scarborough, for their help in setting-up the Show on Friday. He also referred to the wonderful attendance on the Friday night which had assured the success and atmosphere of an enjoyable social evening.

Mr Butcher asked for continued support from members.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr Peter Awbery who presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th June, 1981. This showed an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £988.22 which, along with the current assets, produced a total net assets of the Association of £8093.81.

The accounts were accepted by a unanimous vote and Mr Awbery was thanked for his diligence during the year.

#### Election to Executive Committee :

One third of the 12 elected members having retired, in accordance with Rule 8(d), and with further retirements of Mr & Mrs N. Chiverton and with one vacancy existing, seven vacancies were now offered. Of the eight nominations appearing on the agenda, one had now withdrawn, leaving seven. No ballot was required.

From the floor, Mr Ben Turner proposed and Mr Bob Marsden seconded, that all seven remaining nominations be confirmed in their appointment to the Executive. This received the unanimous support from the members present and the following were elected to serve : Messrs P. Awbery, K.R.T. Bilham, R. Butcher and J. Chettle (all retiring members), Mrs M.E. Ives (retiring Circle rep), Mr D. Pulley (retiring Fed. rep) and Mr G. Lashbrook (Individual member from Taunton).

Mr Maurice Matthews had been nominated to represent the N.G.W.B.J. and, following special meetings at the Conference convened by the Secretary, a nomination had been received to elect Mrs Sylvia Lucas as Member Circles representative.

Both these nominations were accepted by the meeting and the representatives were elected to serve for 1982-83.

This could leave a vacancy on committee for a Member Federations rep. but the Executive have powers of co-option if necessary.

#### Resolutions presented to the meeting :

The Executive were proposing to raise the annual subscription with effect from 1st July 1982 from £4.40 per member to £4.50 and from £7.80 to £8.00 per married couple, and were seeking ratification from the General Meeting. (Rule 5 - Subscriptions).

The Treasurer, Mr Peter Awbery, introducing the Resolution, stressed that, once again, the main reason for any increase was to keep abreast of rising costs of printing and postal distribution.

The proposal received support from the meeting but a lively discussion developed and quite a few points were raised - Mr Bob Marsden queried the advantage of dual m/ship pointing-out that the cost advantage at Scarborough had been only £2.50 over non-mems. and asked that the committee take the point for the future in favour of members. Mrs Joan Burrows (Leeds) said that members gained much from subs including N/letter and free entry to the Show and, as the Treasurer had stated, printing and postal costs. Mrs Anne Parrack (Tyneside) complained that only one schedule was sent to dual members. The Chairman intervened and said that whilst dual m/ship was introduced primarily for economy to members, it did raise problems with distribution but the intention was that at least one schedule per household was ensured. Mr Frank Robertson (Phoenix) asked if perhaps one schedule and two entry forms could be enclosed? This would be considered by the sub-committee. Mrs Parrack also wondered if two members per household could be allowed to enter the same class. Mr Bill Harvey thought the meeting had drifted from the real point and summed-up by saying that the error this year had been that the Show was too cheap to non-members and could we look to this in future years?

Mr Stan Baker agreed that discussion had gone on long enough. He seconded the proposal and a vote was called resulting in a majority decision and the Resolution was carried.

As the meeting had, so far, progressed in good time, the Chairman said he would allow short discussion on other items. Mr Bill Harvey suggested that future Federation reps should be recruited from the area into which that year's National would be held.

Mr Dixon (S.W. Counties Fed.) thought there was very little communication between Feds. and NAWB and appealed to Fed. members to use the NAWB for liaison between Feds.

Mr Bob Marsden commented that the Show had lost finesse when we ceased to affix labels to exhibits, following judging, showing competitor's names and Circles. The committee argued that this action was taken to reduce labour time at Shows but promised to look into it - especially with a view to the use of covered labels.

Mrs Parrack asked if prize-tickets at the Show could be re-introduced. A Phoenix member asked how many non-members had entered the Open class ? this would be published in the Newsletter.

The Chairman thanked members for airing their views and closed the discussion session. Nomination of President of the Association 1982-83.

The Executive nominated Mr K. Hill to be President to serve a further term. This was seconded by Mr Stan Baker and carried unanimously. Ken responded.

The Chairman, Roy Butcher, turned to Mr G. Alan, Scarborough, who had been the Local Liaison for the Show, and thanked him for his assistance with all the 'mundane' chores which are so essential and also asked that Mr Alan pass-on the Association's thanks to the local Circle, Scarborough, for their recruitment of labour required in the setting-up and knocking-down - at times not always convenient to the individual.

Mr Butcher then introduced to the meeting each member of the Executive in turn, thanking them for their year's hard work and especially over the weekend of the Show, thus ensuring its success. He paid especial tribute to Mr & Mrs Norman Chiverton, who were retiring from committee but rather thought that we would see more of Norman in the near future. (If I can interject an aside into these minutes I would like to add my own personal thanks to Sarah for her sincere assistance given to me in her capacity as Assistant Secretary - Doug).

Close of meeting : The President, Ken Hill, arose in spite of the fact that, as he said, he was now in a 'state of collapse' now that the Show was all over. He had tried his utmost to meet and speak to everyone attending and was sorry to those he had missed. As a past PRO/Newsletter Editor he was aware of the problems of contact with members who do not rejoin the following year with the attendant costs of printing and post with no return from subs and appealed to all to rejoin annually and to rejoin early. Next year would celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the forming of the 'National' and the Conference and Show is to be held at Southampton University on March 25/26/27th.

Ken thanked all for attending and contributing to a successful Show, wished everyone a safe journey home and looked forward to meeting again next year.

The President closed the meeting at 12.25 pm.

DOUG IVES.

General Secretary.