

FITZWILLIAM WINE CLUB 37th AGM

Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting

Held on 21st FEBRUARY 2023, at 7.30pm at Whiston Parish Hall, Well Lane , Whiston

1 Apologies

Julie and Howard Thompson, Rebecca and Steve Wragg, Claire South, Peter Gibbons, Don Baker, Lynda and Tony Hilbert.

2 Minutes of the 36th AGM held on 15th March 2022.

These were recorded as a true and accurate record.

3 Matters Arising from the minutes.

No matters were arising

4 Chairman's report

The Chair (CD), toasted past members, Moira Ingram, and Malcolm Fitzpatrick who had sadly passed away.

A summary of the past year included thanks to presenters, Starmore BOSS, and Lightfoot WINES. In house expert David Clay, and members John Coates, Robert Hunt, Mathew Hopps, Chris Fry, Tony Hilbert, Margaret Rhodes, and Deb Davis.

Throughout the year we had enjoyed All aboard for the wine lines, British Wines for the Platinum Jubilee, Minted and Skinted, Back to Basics and Call My Bluff, in addition to the normal tasting calendar. Finished off at the end of the year with a Christmas tree representing the FWC at the Parish Church.

CD thanked Dawn Towler for auditing the accounts for the year 2021.

CD asked if we had volunteers for the Members Night in March. The following members Mike Sumption, David Clay, David Geenslade, Margaret Rhodes, Tony Hilbert; Graham Bell and John Coates volunteered. (TH had agreed at a previous meeting).

This evening the pie and peas had been homemade by Emilio. The Spanish wine would be presented by David Clay. CD Thanked both and looked forward to an enjoyable evening.

CD advised that the Committee meeting held on 11th January 2023, had made the decision to charge £5.00 for the taster session, rather than offer this as free. No objections were given.

The monthly fee of £8.50 to remain

Calendar For 2023

March Members Night

April Lightfoot Wines

May Taste Challenge

June date changed . Around the World in 7 Wines.

July USA wines David Clay

August Barry Starmore

September Minted or Skinted

October Annual Dinner tbc

November Majestic Wines

December Call My Bluff

5. Treasurers Report

Margaret Rhodes presented the balance sheet for the period ending 31st December 2022. Income was £ 1710.85. With the caution the accounts were yet to be audited.

Expenditure was £ 1396.94. This gave us a profit of £42.17. We still have reserves of £ 724.42, and have cleared the overspend from the pandemic period. We have 21 people who have enjoyed the free taster, with the majority of them still attending. MR asked if Dawn Towler would be willing to audit the accounts this year. DT confirmed that she would. The numbers attending ranged from 23 to 34. The British wine night proved expensive, and profits would be greater had we not had this night, however it was a good night.

MR requested a member to provide cover and a back up to the Treasurer role. Dawn Towler agreed to this at the end of the meeting.

The statement of accounts were approved by members.

6. Election of Officials

Chairman Clive Davis had received a nomination from Mike Sumption.

Secretary, Treasurer, Speaker Finder all agreed to stand.

Members of the committee also agreed to stand.

The positions were voted unanimously for all officials to remain in post.

7. Future Events

The Whiston Summer Festival on 2nd July, would result in the Fitzwilliam Wine Club, changing the date in June to 27th, to support the community events running that week.

Annual Dinner to be confirmed.

8.AOB

None.

9. CD Closed the meeting, and thanked everyone for attending.

Pie and peas were excellent prepared and served by Emilio

CD thanked Emilio on behalf of all the members.