



SWAS 'Bin Endy'

## Sussex Wine Appreciation Society

### Minutes of the 2022 SWAS Annual General Meeting

AGM held at 17 Vicarage Lane, East Preston, BN16 2SP

On Saturday 2 July 2022 at 3.00 pm

Present: James  
Sally & Peter  
Sioned & Peter  
Jill & Bryan  
Bill & Lindsay  
Andrew  
Christopher & Elizabeth  
Ted & Jackie  
David  
Nik & Karen

#### Introduction

Sally welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that Peter take the Chair

1. Apologies for Absence  
Apologies have been received from Billy & Tina, Dinah, Mike & Claire, Ian and Jan
2. Minutes of the 2021 AGM  
It was proposed by Bryan and seconded by Peter V that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record and unanimously agreed.
3. Matters Arising  
There were no matters arising.
4. Treasurer's Report  
Sioned proposed that the accounts be accepted as a true record. Christopher seconded and unanimously agreed.
5. Secretary's Report
  - i. Sally stated that her report only covers the period from December to July 2022.
  - ii. There have been some excellent tastings over the last 6 months, including "Austria" with Peter & Sioned, "A Rhine Journey" with Billy & Tina, "Italy" with Peter & Sally, "Bordeaux Old and New" with David and Ruth, "Austria to Uruguay" with Bill and Lindsay and "Greece" with Dinah.
  - iii. The proceeds of David's tasting in April were donated to St Peter and St James Hospice. David took no money for the tasting and £435 was donated on his behalf.

- iv. We had welcomed two new members and tastings have been oversubscribed. Sally intends to send out the invite for the tastings on the first Monday after each tasting so that everybody has an equal chance of attending. However, the invite for the September tasting will be distributed on 8 August.
- v. Zoom tastings have continued on a once a month basis but volunteers are needed to suggest themes.
- vi. Afternoon tastings are on the increase which makes it easier for those living further afield to attend.
- vii. Sally wished to express thanks to Mike who maintains the website to a very high standard. She also expressed thanks to Peter and Sioned for hosting the AGM. Finally thanks to all our hosts.

## 6. Election of Secretary and Treasurer

Sally has agreed to stand as Secretary for another year. Tina has nominated Sally as Secretary, seconded by Ted unanimously agreed.

Peter has agreed to stand as Treasurer for another year. Proposed by Peter V, seconded by Bryan and unanimously agreed.

## 7. SWAS 2022-2023 Calendar

### a) Dates and Hosts

- i. All face to face tastings are held on the first Saturday in the month.
- ii. The planned tastings at present are:
  - September – Christopher & Elizabeth
  - October – Bill
  - November –
  - December – Lindsay

## 8. AOB

### a) Future Zoom Meetings

- i. David wants these to continue but we need people to lead on a theme and provide a bit of background. Majority voted not to continue. However it was agreed to continue for those people who wanted to do so.

### b) Raffle

- i. Financially this is not needed. It was proposed that this be left down to the host and that the wines in the raffle should perhaps be wines that are in the tasting, bearing in mind the cost.
- ii. It was proposed that subs be raised to £10 per couple, £5 for a single person. All agreed.

### c) Food costs:

- i. Inflation is causing the £8 to not cover the cost of food for a full meal. It was proposed that this be increased to up to £10 to cover the cost of food with an understanding that if people spent less than any excess would be returned.

The meeting closed at 15.26