



## *The International Wine & Food Society*

**The International Wine & Food Society, Cayman Islands Branch**

**The IW&FS Wine Company Ltd**

### **Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meetings**

The 2016 Annual General Meetings of the Society and the Company were held concurrently at the Cracked Conch Restaurant on 7 December 2016 and were chaired by Justin Appleyard.

1. The minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meetings (held on 12 January 2016) were approved.
2. It was reported that in July 2016 the Board of the Society had accepted the resignation of Vanessa Elmas as a Director of the Society. Antonia Hardy and Glenna Black were appointed as Directors of the Society. There were no changes to the Board of Directors of the Company.
3. The following Directors of the Society continue in their existing roles: Justin Appleyard, Chairman; Andrew Jones, Deputy Chairman; Paul Anderton, Treasurer; Ana Santos Smith, Branch Secretary; Gaye Randolph, Events Committee; Justin Appleyard, Branch Contact.
4. Paul Anderton presented the annual accounts for the Society and for the Company, both of which were approved.
5. The Chairman summarised the events held by the Society since the last AGM and outlined the Society's proposed programme for the first quarter of 2017. In particular, the Chairman thanked the members of the Society who had graciously hosted dinners for the visiting members of the board of the IWFS Americas at their annual meeting held

in Grand Cayman in May 2016. The Chairman also thanked the members who had attended the gala dinner at Blue Restaurant at the Ritz-Carlton, an impressive closing event for the IWFS Americas meetings.

6. The Chairman reported on the difficulties in sending branch emails to members through the IWFS Americas website. The website offers a convenient way to contact all members, but the growing sophistication of members' email junk/spam filters seem to prevent many members from receiving the Society's emails. This is reflected in unpredictable read/unread email statistics for email campaigns and lower attendance at events. The Chairman undertook to investigate further and to write to members by mail to explain the problem and to suggest any possible solution.
7. The contribution of Betty Lou Hendrickson, who died in July 2016, was recognised and acknowledged, especially for generously hosting, with her husband Roger, the Society's cooking demonstrations, first at their house at Conche Pointe and more recently at their house in the Shores.
8. Special thanks were recorded for Andrew Jones and Paul Anderton for their work in managing the wine for all events and for Ana Santos Smith for her work in running the administration of the Society. Vanessa Elmas and Gaye Randolph were thanked for the event planning and Justin Appleyard for his role as chairman. Felix Jones was also specially thanked for her often unacknowledged role in ensuring that the Society's wine glasses are organised and delivered to each event.

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Justin Appleyard, Branch Chairman