

# MORNINGTON PENINSULA VIGNERONS ASSOCIATION INC



## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### 28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA VIGNERONS ASSOCIATION INC

Friday 28 August 2009 at Paringa Estate

#### ATTENDANCE

Committee	President	Sandro Mosele
	Vice-President	Martin Spedding
	Secretary	Keith Harris
	Treasurer	Peter Wallace
	Committee Members	Nat White, Hugh Robinson, Ruth Mihaly, Lindsay McCall, Michael Lee
	Executive Officer	Cheryl Lee

#### Also in attendance:

Selma & Jonathan Lowther, Paul Staindl, George Mihaly, Jo Pittendrigh, Marshall Caffyn, Cathie Harris, Andrew & Venetia Adamson, Ian & Jenifer Holmes, Ewan Campbell, Tod & Debbie Dexter Rosalie White, Denys & Inga McCullough, Dean & Marian Nelson, Stephen Stern, Mike Symons, Kevin Keele

**Apologies** Michael Aylward, Tyson Lewis, David & Wendy Lloyd, Richard & Kate McIntyre, Frank Zantvoort, Emily Makiv, Geraldine McFaul

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

- 1.1 Annual General Meeting 29 August 2008

***It was moved by Keith Harris, seconded by Martin Spedding and resolved unanimously to accept the minutes for the 27th Annual General Meeting held on 29 August 2008***

- 2.2 Special Budget Meeting 10 July 2009

***It was moved by Peter Wallace, seconded by Mike Symons and resolved unanimously to accept the minutes for the Budget Meeting held on 10 July 2009***

#### 2. Reports

- 3.1 President

Sandro Mosele welcomed all members to the meeting and in particular noted the attendance of Inga & Denys McCullough who held the Secretary position for the Association in 1983/84, and are honorary members of the Association.

Sandro noted that further to reports given in recent Annual General Meetings regarding the significant positioning given to the region in the annual *James Halliday Wine Companion*, this year although there would be no formal report, although members should note that James Halliday was again very positive in his comments on the region and its wines.

As a member of approximately 10 years and participating on the Committee for 5 years, Sandro outlined his view that it is important to support the industry association and he plans to continue to drive for greater member participation.

He noted the unusual events of this year and the irony of the hottest day during vintage but overall the coolest vintage since 1999. The success of the Mornington Peninsula International Pinot Noir celebration was a highlight with Jancis

Robinson as significant presence at the event. Sandro mentioned he had been invited to attend the Oregon Pinot Celebration this year where Jancis was key note speaker also, and that Jancis was very impressed with our region. However in the international wine world it should not be assumed that the Mornington Peninsula is well known. In visiting many of these markets during the last 10 years, Sandro stressed it is only now that there is starting to be an understanding that our region exists and that it is a cool climate region and not actually part of the Barossa Valley. There is a long way to go to establish our region in other markets and the Association is significant in establishing inroads to these markets and promoting the strengths of the Mornington Peninsula and it's wines.

He also advised members of a proposed change which supports the primary focus of the Victorian Wine Industry Association (VWIA) as the industry voice to State Government. The current industry representation of the VWIA is only 20% of the industry and this lack of support needs to be addressed as well as regional memberships of Associations such as the MPVA recognised by the wider industry bodies. A potential change could encompass a three tiered membership for MPVA members – one membership would provide membership to the regional, State and Federal wine industry Associations.

Sandro mentioned his intention to encourage a broader membership base to include growers during the coming years and thanked the Committee for their support and stated his enthusiasm for the coming year.

### 3.2 Financial Statements, 2008/2009

Peter Wallace reported the Association's financial position was in great shape and noted a record cash position as a result of the surplus of \$55,000. He noted the surplus was due to positive variance from budget in an increase of membership fees, a reduction in administrative costs and an increase in surpluses from the events held throughout the year.

#### **Motion 1:**

***It was moved by Peter Wallace, seconded by George Mihaly and resolved unanimously to accept the budget for the year ending 30 June 2010 as presented and approved at the Budget meeting on 10 July 2009***

#### **Motion 2:**

***It was moved by Peter Wallace, seconded by Lindsay McCall and resolved to formally adopt fees & levies for period ending 30 June 2010 as approved at the Budget Meeting on 10 July 2009***

### **3. Appointment of Auditor**

***It was moved by Peter Wallace, seconded by Keith Harris and resolved that the Auditor, Mr Peter Corrigan, be reappointed as the Association's Auditor for year ending 30 June 2010***

### **4. Election of Office Bearers and Committee**

It was announced by Keith Harris that nominations for the position of President did not exceed the position available. It was therefore declared that Sandro Mosele be duly elected as President.

Keith Harris formally thanked Sandro Mosele for his year as President and welcomed him to his second year in the role. He also thanked Cheryl Lee for her continued commitment to the needs of the Association and affirmed the significant role which the Executive Officer plays. He noted that the 10 years of experience and dedication are of great benefit to all members. Those attending provided applause to support the comments.

Sandro Mosele then announced that all nominations did not exceed positions available on the committee and outlined the MPVA committee for 2009:

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Vic-President	Martin Spedding
Secretary	Keith Harris
Treasurer	Peter Wallace
Committee Members	Nat White, Hugh Robinson, Lindsay McCall, Ruth Mihaly, Tyson Lewis, David Lloyd, Michael Lee, Mike Aylward

### **5. Other business - none**

The meeting concluded at 6.40pm