Food and Wine Meeting June 24, 2019

This was a meeting / workshop very ably facilitated by Lauri O’Brien on the subject of the Purpose of the Food and Wine group and the format structure of the meetings. It was well attended by 22 members as well as inputs from 5 members who were unable to attend.

The first part of the workshop was to come up with a consensus on the purpose of F&W. Each member put up to 3 ideas on the purpose on stickies and these were roughly put into categories. The results were further refined by Lauri afterwards (all the inputs can be seen on the attachment- you may have to select “themes and notes“  on bottom) into these 4 “purposes of the Food & Wine group”:

1. Promote/Showcase and Organise Regional Food and Wine events
2. Support and Promote regional produce and businesses
3. Share Food and wine in a relaxed environment
4. Facilitate Learning opportunities about local Food and wine

After this there was some discussion about the format of the meetings and then members voted on the format of the meetings from the 5 alternatives noted in the previous emails to members. Overwhelmingly option a was selected which was the formal 1 hr. meeting with agenda and fixed chair and minute taker. (votes can be seen in attachment- you may have to select “extra comments regarding format” on bottom)

This being the result, the following people agreed to take these positions for the next 6-12 months:

Chairperson-  Sania Pankiw and support by Lauri O’Brien

Minute Taker- Roger Stainer with support by Scott Woodsmith

Meal Theming- Andrew and Maureen Graney

Please send any agenda items for next months meeting to Roger at  [rstainer@internode.on.net](mailto:rstainer@internode.on.net)

Also contact people were noted for each of the F&W “umbrella” subgroups and they are:

At the Wharf- Jane Williams and Greg Button

Smoke Off- Sania Pankiw

How-To- Tony Trimbole and Angela Nesci

Seasonal Dinners- Helen Allport

Reports from these groups will be on each months agenda as well as the next meeting meal theme as well as new activities/new business

It was agreed to look for a warmer venue for winter meetings and Maureen, Andrew, and Scott will look into this.