

MBAA District-Milwaukee Meeting

Location: Emmett's Brewing Company- Palatine, IL

Date: 3/15/2012

Officers Present:

- Kris Kalav
- Mike Scanzello
- Tom Volke
- Gretchen Kalav
- John Kretsch
- Andy Jones
- Jerry Hilton
- Randy Thiel
- Erin Eller
- Joe Walts

No Officers Absent

Randy called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody to Emmett's Brewing and thanked them for their hospitality and tours. Also thanks to Sprecher, Lakefront, Delafield, Leinenkugel, and Capital breweries for providing the evening's beverages.

Secretary's Report (Erin Eller):

- Presented an abbreviated version of the minutes from the previous meeting which were seconded and accepted. Also mentioned that the complete minutes will be posted to the MBAA-Milwaukee website.

President's Report (Randy Thiel):

- The 2012 Midwest Technical Conference will be held in Milwaukee on August 10th (Friday) with a golf outing on August 9th (Thursday) and Great Taste of the Midwest on August 11th
 - Speakers include Mary Pelletieri (MillerCoors) and John Mallet (Bell's Brewery) and we're in the process of securing more
 - An announcement about the event will go out soon

Treasurer's Report (Tom Volke):

- The Kronos meeting had a net loss of \$11
- District Checking Acct @ \$5,358.00, Savings @ \$24,582.00 for a total of \$29,941

P.R. Report (Gretchen Kalav and Jerry Hilton):

- Thanks to Emmett's
- Thanks to John Kretsch and Joe Walts for sending e-mails to the WI and IL Brewers Guilds inviting members to the meeting

Arrangements Report (John Kretsch & Gretchen Kalav):

- There were 24 riders on the bus to Emmett's (4 canceled)

- Big thanks to the breweries providing beer for the bus
- Next meeting will be May 17 at Pabst Theater in Milwaukee
 - No bus will be provided
 - Old Timers night – a heritage display with photos and historical info will be provided for your viewing pleasure
 - Andy is working on the speaker

Membership Report (Joe Walts):

- Nine new members joined since last meeting:
 - Christopher A. George** (Riverside Brewery and Restaurant)
 - Joshua R. Reit** (MillerCoors)
 - Rick F. Weber** (MillerCoors)
 - Christopher J. Kidd** (MillerCoors)
 - Brian M. Loughrey** (The Country Malt Group)
 - Ed Michalski** (Pro Engineering and Mfg Inc)
 - Michael Skroblin** (Krones Inc)
 - Tim A. Raymond** (Krones Inc)
 - Don Soich** (Krones Inc)
- We had 11 guests RSVP for the event but at least a couple of them didn't show.
- 5 applications were given to guests at the meeting.

District Governor's Report (Mike Scanzello):

- The BOG has a meeting coming up and Mike will be discussing the possibility of changing membership options (base on barrelage, size, etc.) based on suggestions that have been brought up by board members.
- He'll have more to update us on after the meeting so stay tuned for May meeting minutes.
- MBAA 2012 Packaging Course 4/29-5/10
- WBC in Portland 7/28-8/1; book your hotel rooms!

Old Business:

- We had tabled the topic of what to do for the national MBAA suite for Craft Brewers Conference and whether or not to give a monetary donation. It was decided that instead of giving the suggested \$500, Tom and Marge Volke would arrange to provide cheese and sausage for the suite.

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned, followed by a Technical Presentation given by Jered Rouben of Goose Island on the how chefs and brewers can create a beer-oriented culinary experience. This was followed by dinner and lively conversation at Emmett's.