

MBAA – District Milwaukee Meeting

Location: Raised Grain Brewing Company, Waukesha, WI

Date: 11/17/2016

Officers Present:

- Kris Kalav
- David Gunn
- Joe Kolodzinski
- Joe Walts
- Tom Volke
- Henri Fischer
- Gretchen Wilson-Kalav
- Jerrold Hilton

Officers Absent:

- Heather Mullins
- Philip Goodloe

David called the meeting to order and thanked Raised Grain for hosting the meeting. Raised Grain co-owners Scott and Nick gave a brief history of the company and welcomed us to their brewery.

Treasurer's Report (Tom Volke):

- District accounts are currently valued at \$39,661 (\$10,064 checking + \$29,597 savings).
- The Midwest Technical Conference was a good event, but attendance was light and we lost some money. Gretchen is disputing the hotel charges, so the exact amount of loss is still unknown.

Membership Report (Henri Fischer):

- Introduction of new members in attendance.
- 272 current members. 232 of them list District Milwaukee as their only district membership.
- District membership breakdown by residence: 63% Wisconsin, 19% Illinois, 3% Indiana, 1% Iowa, 14% other.
- District membership breakdown by membership type: 88% professional, 9% retiree, 1% student, 2% honorary.

David mentioned that information about future meetings will be in the internet, so district members won't need to wait for the detailed email notices.

District BOG Representative's Report (Kris Kalav):

- The updated MBAA website is very useful; especially the Ask The Brewmasters forum.
- Mark Sammartino is retiring as Technical Director, so candidates are needed.
- Courses are very informative. Fred Scheer oversees the Engineering and Utilities course and he's in attendance tonight, so talk to him if you're interested.
- Next national conference is in Atlanta in October of 2017.

PR/Arrangements Report (Gretchen Kalav):

- This is the first general meeting where attendees could pay by credit card. Please let Gretchen know if you paid by credit card and experience any issues.
- Tentative meeting schedule for year:
 - 1/26 at Best Place. Gary Luther will speak about Old World Wisconsin.
 - 3/16 at Delafield Brewhaus with corned beef & cabbage for dinner.
 - 5/26 at Goose Island. Joe K is still working on details with the brewery.

- Possible golf outing in July or August.
- 9/9-9/10 Midwest Technical Conference. Location TBD.
- November TBD.
- Jerrold Hilton asked if the May meeting will be Old Timers night. Gretchen: yes.
- We should avoid near-Chicago locations for the next Midwest Technical Conference due to cost.
- Jerry Janiszewski: Gary Luther is organizing a trip to Germany on 4/30-5/11 (2017) and all are invited.
 - Took a similar trip two years ago, and it was fantastic.
 - Cost of \$3,200 includes airfare, lodging, transportation and about 95% of meals.
 - Give Jerry your email address if you're interested in the trip.

Old Business (David Gunn):

- At our last meeting, we approved a district scholarship that would cover the tuition cost of an MBAA course for one student per year.
- If you're interested in applying for a scholarship to a 2017 course, check the website in about a week for the application forms.
- The national organization will supposedly contribute \$1,200-1,500 in matching funds for each scholarship, but Fred Scheer thinks we shouldn't count on the matching funds because it's a lottery.
- Fred: we should give away more scholarships instead of sitting on money because education is the primary goal of the organization.

New Business (David Gunn):

- Joe Walts: check out the Community website at community.mbaa.com if you haven't already. The national organization is moving towards centralizing all information there.
- Proposal to create a separate Technical Chair to be appointed by the district board and hopefully serve for at least 3 years. Idea is to improve continuity in technical planning from year to year, and Fred Scheer offered to fill the position. David Radzanowski noted that it's always been the VP's job and prefers to keep it that way. No other opinions from members-in-attendance, so proposal did not move forward.
- New list of elected officers proposed: President = Joe Kolodzinski, Vice President = Joe Walts, Secretary = Sara Hagerty. No other nominations from membership. Proposal passed.

The meeting was adjourned and followed by a presentation given by Cassie Liscomb of Briess on the Hot Steep Malt Sensory Method she developed, which was recently approved by the ASBC. This was followed by dinner and hospitality.