

District NW MBAA Executive Board meeting minutes, April 26, 2013
Gorge Room, Hood River Inn, Hood River, OR

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM, 165th meeting.

Brad introduced the officers and members introduced guests.

Minutes were posted on the web and hence not read.

Treasurer report was read by Tom Shellhammer
Balance 3/31/13 - \$36,835.81
Income to date - \$1,909
Expenses to date - \$1,274 – loss from Corvallis meeting
Vanguard/Dodge & Cox - \$11,836
Total = \$48,671

BOG report was presented by Jeff Edgerton
Jeff presented highlights of the April BOG meeting. Membership is up 7.9% increase over last year. ~2850 total members. Made ~\$330,000 in income last year. District NW is now incorporated in Minnesota as 503(c). Annual convention will be in Austin. Brewing Summit (combined ASBC and MBAA) held in Chicago in June 2014.

Hop report was presented by Ralph Woodall.
2012 crop – total production 61 million pounds in US, down 5% from 2011 crop despite increased acreage, where were acreage increases this year for Cascade, Chinook, Simcoe, Citra. There is increased demand for aroma varieties. Varieties that had been out of style are coming back. 2013 crop is nearly completely sold up to harvest. Brewers are encouraged to contract into the future. Things are looking good for hops.

Malt report was presented by Brad Loucks
If corn has a good crop then barley prices will be low. Last year was tough for corn. Looking forward, there was not a lot of carryover of corn or barley and carryover helps stabilize prices. Current prices are still high. Planting is about half done – on time in US but late in Canada because of poor weather. Late planting is not a good thing because it delays harvest. But we are a long ways out to make a call on how the harvest will go. Corn should have a bumper crop. No concerns in Europe. Australia is dry and often have drought issues. Quality from last year was average.

Scholarship report was presented by Joe Casey
No current applicants for scholarships

Membership report was presented by Joe Casey
The district has 280 members. Last year at this time we had 220 members.
We inducted 10 new members.

Publicity report

Brad acknowledged the efforts of Doug Hindman as publicity chair.

Technical Committee report was presented by Brian Faivre

Looks like 260 attendees at the meeting...a big thank you for coming. And, thank you to the Tech Committee members.

Old Business

Event coordinator – Thank you to Christina for stepping into the role. We value what she brings to MBAA and plan to continue hiring her in the future.

Yakima Fall meeting is Oct 4 & 5 - Melody Meyers, Hop Union is coordinator but all of the hop guys have promised to assist.

District NW scholarship endowment funded at OSU. Endowment hurdle is \$25k and after that the endowment stays in perpetuity and spins of income at 4.5%. The membership was unanimous in creating this endowment. We plan to go with a \$5k a year gift agreement but wish to fund it at a more aggressive rate. We would like to fund it at \$10k this year.

New Business

Spring meeting – May 2 & 3, Hood River Inn. Double Mountain will serve as host.

Fall 2014 meeting will be hosted by Worthy Brewing Company.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM.