

District NW MBAA Business Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2014

Hood River Inn, Hood River, OR

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM, 167th meeting.

Brad introduced the officers and members introduced guests.

Minutes were posted on the web and hence not read.

Balance 4/27/14 - \$30,781

Big events from FY13

Hood River meeting - \$1255 loss

Yakima meeting -\$900 loss

\$10,000 gift of OSU Foundation scholarship fund.

Membership dues generated \$6,089

Vanguard/Dodge & Cox – \$13,266 at end of FY13.

Total = (estimate as of May 2, 2014) \$44,047.

BOG report was presented by Jeff Edgerton

Haven't had a BOG meeting since Yakima. Please see the national MBAA webpage for updates. Highlights..Brewpedia, new Process Engineering class offered this fall in Portland. The next meeting is at the Brewing Summit in June.

Hop report was presented by Ralph Woodall

Good snowpack has created good water levels in reservoirs. Spring is warm and things are looking good. Lots of new acreage being planted to keep up with demand from the craft industry. Main varieties from 2013 are sold out. High demand will lead to contracting for most of the 2014 harvest. Some brewers are contracting out to 2015...some to 2018. Contracting helps brewers secure hops in the future and provides financing for growers to be able to expand to meet demand.

Sean (BSG) discussed some real struggles the industry faces as the picking capacity gets maxed out. Cost for a new installation is roughly \$8-10 million. Macro breweries will likely utilize most of their existing stock of hops in storage this year. This issue plus picking capacity will put pressure on supply in 2016 – 2018.

Malt and barley report was presented by Brad Loucks

Barley acreage still is decreasing...10% this year. Moving on Montana will be leading producer followed by Idaho. Washington is down 30%. Feed barley is losing ground pretty fast. The spread between feed barley and wheat is too large, so farmers are not planting feed. Malting barley is stable. Weather – fall was dry, winter got wet. Colorado had 150% snowfall, eastern WA got good rain. US is roughly 50% planted which is on time. Canada had a really cold winter, planting may be a little late but weather is improving so it could be completely planted by end of May. No issues in terms of planting and quality. Pricing...wheat is on a roller coaster due to climate and instability in Russia. Corn is down.

Membership report was presented by Joe Casey

We have 311 and are the largest district in MBAA. Globally there is roughly 3000 members.

Scholarship report was presented by Joe Casey

No applicants thus far this year.

Aaron Gibbs made his presentation

Publicity report was presented by Doug Hindman

Technical Committee report was presented by Doug Hindman

Old Business

Fall Meeting, 2014

Tentatively, Nov 14 & 15, 2014 in Bend, Worthy will host. Theme is sour and barrel-aged beers.

New Business

Spring Meeting, 2015

In Hood River, date to be determined

Everybody's Brewing out of White Salmon will be the host brewery.

Alcohol Policy

We will wrist band everyone of drinking age.

No open containers outside of the meeting, hospitality and dining rooms.

OSU Fermentation Science Scholarship fund

Brad discussed the scholarship account. The membership approved moving \$5000 to the scholarship fund.

Tom Shellhammer discussed upcoming short courses offered through OSU – Beer Analytics and Beer Proficiency.

Joe Casey discussed the spent grain issue with the FDA. The current status of the proposed rule will follow Good Manufacturing Practices and there will not be a requirement to dry grain before release.

New Officers for MBAA District NW

Brad Loucks – BOG representative

Joe Casey – President

Tom Shellhammer – Vice President

Brian Faivre – Treasurer/Secretary

Doug Hindman – Technical Committee Chair

A special thanks to Matt Swihart and Double Mountain for hosting the meeting and sponsoring the hospitality.

Big thank you to Christina LaRue for organizing the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.