

Master Brewers Association of the America's District Michigan Meeting Minutes

Flint, October 27, 2011

Technical presentation and baseball hats

Dan Rogers delivered the technical presentation, entitled "Recipe Formulation", going over some of the fundamentals of tailoring a beer recipe and some of the software that is available to assist. He received a District Michigan baseball cap as a speaker gift.

The hats are available for purchase for \$20.

MBAA Scholarship drawing information

Each meeting a member attends earns an entry into the scholarship drawing. Entries are also earned by selling tickets for the summer social. The MBAA brewing or packaging course is a \$3500 value.

Call for committee volunteers

A plea was made for anyone wanting to increase their voluntary contributions to consider joining one of the various committees in our MBAA group.

Past minutes

The minutes from the previous technical meeting were read by Ken Belau and accepted.

Treasurer Report

John Haggerty reported: The checking acct. had \$10,582.86 and the savings acct. had \$5005.30, earning 0.1% interest. The CD was cashed out and deposited into the savings account with 0.25% interest. The total of the CD was \$8292.60. The new total in the savings account as of 10/26/11 is \$13301.22. The summer social brought in \$12521 in gross revenue. Summer social expenses were \$5168. \$180 were received in district dues. \$405 was owed to the Red Salamander for hats. As of 10/26/11, the checking acct. has \$15142.18

V.P Report

Eric Kuhnenn reported that he is now the chair of the newly created summer social committee.

Board of Governors Report

John Mallett, Board of Governors Representative needed to leave before the general meeting began so Rex Halfpenny read the BOG report. There are currently technical difficulties with the TQ-online magazines. Rex gave a brief explanation of how to use the new TQ website. John H. added that another problem the TQ is having is a lack of technical material to print. Presenters from national conferences are not submitting their papers in a timely manner. John emphasized that the TQ is looking for practically oriented research and that craft brewers would be well suited to contribute! Rex continued that membership is growing nationally. The next national conference is in Portland OR, coinciding with the Portland Beer Fest. National membership dues are increasing by \$5. To counteract this, our district board approved a \$5 decrease in district dues.

PR Chair Report

Deb Smith is updating the web site.

Technical Committee Report

Keith Boneburg is the new technical chair. Keith presented some of the winter conference speaker ideas. There is still a need for speakers. If anyone has ideas on technical topics or speakers, please contact Keith at kboneburg@bellsbeer.com.

Winter Conference

Scott Graham presented some information on the upcoming event. It will be held at Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, January 11, 12, 13 (Wed – Fr). Wed. evening there will be tubing and ski rentals and beers on the slopes. The theme of the event will be Growth and Expansion in the Brewing Industry. Some of the presentation ideas: draft beer quality, hop and barley reports, MLCC history and current news, growth/expansion considerations, packaging QC basics. There are still some speaker slots open. Automation could be a possible topic. Scott also said that the Michigan Brewers Guild will cover the admission of MBAA members from other districts.

Other Business

Konrad Connor: Redwood Lodge held a raffle for a keg of Oktoberfest beer, raising \$230 which they are donating to the MBAA district Michigan to assist with funding the scholarship. Thank you Redwood!

Marty Rapnicki: Marty asked about potential participants for the BARTS winter beer fest, January 21st, 2012.