

## District Meeting Minutes

Oct. 22nd, 2015

Arcadia Brewing Company, Kalamazoo, MI

General Meeting: Called to order at 12:15 pm 10/22/2015

**Vice President:** Debbie Smith

Summer Social Recap

202 people attended

Paul Popa and Chas Thompson won the scholarships course and Konrad Connor won the scholarship for the MBAA National Convention

Sponsor's logos have been added to the website

**Treasure Report:** Ken Belau

Grand Total of Chase and Paypal accounts \$31,688

**President:** Paul Popa

Paul read the BOG report given by John Mallet.

Over 4000 MBAA members Nationally, the organization is doing very well and is very strong. The board discussed returning to hard copy for the Technical Quarterly and no decision to change was made. District dues came up and the decision was made to not change the district dues. National is looking for district liaisons for discussing local College brewing programs. District maps were discussed but not changed. John Bryce talked about district resources on Operations and officer responsibilities. Links to all these BOG topics are located below.

Link to district dues

<http://www.mbaa.com/districts/Pages/resources.aspx>

Link to Liaisons to National on College brewing programs

<http://www.mbaa.com/membership/leadership/Pages/commdetails.aspx?code=HIGHEDW>

Link to District Maps

<http://www.mbaa.com/districts/Documents/DistrictBoundaryMap.pdf>

Link to District Operations Manual

<http://www.mbaa.com/districts/Documents/District%20Operations%20Manual.pdf>

Link to Officer Responsibilities Manual

<http://www.mbaa.com/districts/Documents/District%20Officer%20Ongoing%20Responsibilities.pdf>

**Scholarship Committee Update:** Brad Stevenson went over the 3 scholarships we offer, 2 scholarships for courses and 1 paying for registration for the National MBAA conference. He mentioned scholarship deadlines for MBAA National:

Packaging application due by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Engineering by June 1<sup>st</sup>

Brewing and Malting by Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

Brad mentioned past winners of National scholarships, Paul Popa and John Stewart and Bryan Bastow who just won for the upcoming Brewing and Malting School.

John Stewart, Dave Turner, Paul Popa, Martin Rapnicki and Chas Thompson all talked about attending the Engineering course on scholarships and what a positive and very worthwhile experience it was.

Dan Rogers then talked about going to the MBAA national conference and said it was a great time and that the conference was full of very valuable information.

**Secretary:** John Stewart

Reported 8 new members signed up to District Michigan since the March meeting.

Reported that speakers were still being lined up for the winter conference and we were shooting for a district MBAA meeting time of Thursday night before the beer dinner.

**New Business:**

The way in which the scholarships are drawn was discussed. Brad Stevenson went over the current rules of needing to be a member for 2 years and that there is no limit on the number of times you are able to win a district scholarship. It was discussed if you needed to be present at the picnic to win and the idea of having one scholarship for the classes be drawn for those present and one including those not present. No decision was reached and it was determined to hold the discussion for the meeting at the winter conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Brewer's Guild Winter Conference Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

World Brewing Congress Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

**Members in Attendance:**

Alex Gertsman  
Andrew Heyboer  
Bill Gravanis  
Brandon MacClaren  
Bryan Bastow  
Brain Peacock  
Brian Roeters  
Chas Thompson  
Chris O'Neill  
Chris Peters  
Dan Kiplinger  
Dan Rogers  
Dan Buonodono  
Dave Shaw  
Debbie Smith  
Evan Meffert  
Ferdinand Schumacher  
Gabi Palmer  
Jay Green  
Jeff Sheehan  
Jim Russel  
Jo Ostrander  
Joe Walters  
John Rodopoulos  
John Stewart  
Justin Stewart  
Konrad Connor  
Lawrence Worde  
Paul Popa  
Richard Scott  
Rob Henry  
Rolf Schmidt  
Sam Waite  
Scott Isham

Sonia Buonodono  
Stacey Roth  
TJ Waldofsky  
Todd Parker  
Tom Crookson  
Trace Redmond  
Earl Peterson  
Ken Belau  
Jeff Carter  
Evan Meffert  
Wade Begrow  
Kris Campbell  
Elliott Parcels  
Karli Smalls  
Derek Stepanski  
Ben Duffy  
Nathan Shroeder  
Mike Strazdas  
Louwrens Wildschut  
Logan Helton  
Tom Bohs  
Kevin Stuchell  
Jay Pemberton  
Steve Kimble  
Nick LaVelle  
Tim Lozen  
Jake Steele  
Andy Farrell  
Anthony White  
Don Bilaki  
Vaughn Stewart  
Dave Sippel