

Meeting Minutes

Officers Present:

- Kris Kalav
- Mike Scanzello
- Randy Thiel
- Tom Volke
- Andy Jones
- Gretchen Kalav
- Jerry Hilton
- John Kretsch

Officers Absent:

- Penny Pickart
- Mary Pellitieri
- Joe Thorner

Kris called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody to the Lowell Center; a big thanks to Ray Klimovitz and Dave Radzanowski for suggesting the location.

Secretary's report (Randy Thiel):

- Presented the minutes from the previous meeting which were seconded and accepted.

President's report (Kris Kalav):

- Discussed CBC and beer procurement.
 - Sheriton is being difficult about high corkage fee.
 - John mentioned that breweries often send more beer than requested.
 - Kris to contact breweries about donations.
 - Not recommending kegs due to logistics of returning.

Treasurer's report (Tom Volke):

- Misplaced info from the last meeting; still looking.
- Savings = \$22,174
- Checking = \$5,100
- At last meeting, St. Francis Brewery did comp our drinks.

P.R. report (Jerry Hilton & Gretchen Wilson-Kalav):

- Working out details for CBC suite promos, raffles, and room.
- New brochures to be made & displayed in suite.
- Website has been updated w/ meeting notices & CBC info.
 - Will have cross-postings of MBAA meetings and Guild meetings.
- For the Madison meeting, the bus was cancelled. Bus costs \$600; thus need 20 riders to cover cost. Only had 10 signed up...
- Jerry is turning 75!
 - Suggested assistance for John Kretsch's duties.

Membership report (Andy Jones):

- For CBC, National will donate swag + 2 memberships.
- The upcoming May 20th meeting at Malteurop will be a membership drive.
 - Suggested free meal to potential members (but to guests of guests).
- Two new members in February:
 - Tom Lindley from Nalco Company
 - Joe Kolodzinski from Symbiont
 - Tom Connors from TC Chemicals was present.
- WI/IL Brewers Guilds have been contacted.
- Ray Klimovitz suggested that we should embrace the homebrew community as a possible source for membership (citing Stephen Holle as a great example). Currently not allowed by bylaws.
 - Mike will bring this up at the Executive Board meeting in Providence.

District Governor report (Mike Scanzello):

- June 17th BOG meeting.
 - Will be pushing to revisit TQ/Communicator issue.
 - Per Ray: Mike Sutton has put together a document outlining costs and savings of the decision.
 - Per Jerry: retirees used to pay a one-time fee.

New Business:

- Motion put forth for the district to pay for the district fee portion of the 2nd raffle item (for District Milwaukee membership).
 - Travis Hixton (visiting district Prez from Mid-South) will pony up for dues to his district.
 - Other districts will be pushed to do the same.

- Motion approved w/ one opposition (Tom).
- Motion to table the details of the May meeting “guest criteria” in regards to free meal.

Technical Presentation by :

- Ray Klimovitz and Dr. Jon Roll: Brewing education through the MBAA and UW-Madison programs.
 - During presentation Ray suggested contacting Greg Harris from MillerCoors to have a future presentation on Best Practices for Packaging Maintenance. It was very well-received during the classes at the Lowell Center.