MBAA District Northern California Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2010

On November 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm, the winter meeting of the MBAA District Northern California was called to order by President Terence Sullivan. Minutes from the February 18, 2010 meeting were read by the Secretary and submitted to the membership for approval.

Treasurer's report:

Previous Balance: \$14,235.80

Current Balance: \$19,485.10

Only \$800 awarded for scholarships so far in 2010. \$3000 allocated.

Membership report:

• Only 4 lapsed memberships currently.

Scholarship report:

- \$3000 has been awarded. 13 applications, 6 selected. 2 scholarship awards have been paid.
- The 2011 application will be revised and submitted to the membership via e-mail.
- The 2011 scholarship deadline will be the end of Feb. 2011. Winners will be announced at the spring technical conference.

Technical report:

- The technical session tonight covers solar energy technologies integration in breweries.
- For the February 2011 meeting, a topic of grain handling/moving has been proposed.
- Topics are being proposed for the spring technical session. The membership is invited to suggest topics of interest.

Board of Governors report:

- President's report: packaging course in Spanish (in South America), District Europe formed, Beer Certification Program.
- Scientific Society report: 2,431 total members in 2010, 3% growth over last year.
- Brewing/Malting Science course sold out with 52 students.
- Scholarship: Districts can enter drawing to win a scholarship/discounted registration rate for the Brewing/Malting Science and the Brewing & Packaging courses.
- Technical Quarterly: 13 papers published in 2010 so far 6 papers scheduled for the 4th quarter.
- \$31,992 net income generated YTD in 2010. Favorable net income vs. 2009.

New Business:

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2011:

- Jim Mellem President
- Steven Russell Treasurer
- Mark Worona and Colin Kaminski Technical
- Rob Heller Secretary
- Darren Moser Membership
- Scott Cramlet Scholarship
- Ruth Martin Board of Governors Representative
- The Membership approved the proposed slate of officers.
- CBC San Francisco The District is proposing a hospitality suite at the CBC (March 23-26, 2011). It is likely that we would have the suite for 2 nights. The Membership voted to allocate funds for the CBC hospitality suite. Suppliers would be asked for sponsorships to help offset costs. Ruth has volunteered to head up the hospitality suite committee. A signup sheet was made for members who wished to participate in the planning committee.
- February 2011 meeting proposed Sudwerks Davis for the meeting location. The final date is to be determined. It was suggested that 2010 scholarship winners describe their experiences during the upcoming February meeting.
- 2011 Spring Technical Session The target date will be early May (before Boonville Beer Festival) at Sierra Nevada Brewing in Chico. A survey of topics will be sent to members for feedback.
- Topics proposed:
 - Panel discussion on canning
 - Environmental issues & conservation (water reduction, etc.)
 - Wort aeration analysis
 - Barrel aging
 - High gravity brewing
 - Fermentation propagation techniques panel discussion
- District Facebook page A Facebook page would be an additional on-line communication tool to foster a sense of community. Jim Mellem volunteered to administer the Facebook page.
- Big increase in Napa County breweries "no boil" breweries. These "breweries" are setup to obtain a license so the site can sell hard liquor (type 75 license). This is occurring throughout CA. The beer is very bad quality. This would be a good topic for MBAA National. California ABC is aware of the situation.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted for approval at the next scheduled District Northern CA meeting,

Robert Heller

District Secretary 2010-2011

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