

## **MBAA District Northern California Meeting Minutes – Thursday, November 13, 2014**

At 6:22 PM, the winter meeting for District Northern California was called to order by President Lars Larson.

- Introductions of the District Executive Committee: President Lars Larson (Trumer Brauerei), Board of Governors Representative Ruth Martin (Sierra Nevada Brewing Co.), Treasurer Rob Heller (Henkel), Membership Chair Nikki Harwood (AB-InBev), Scholarship Chair Scott Cramlet (Rubicon Brewing Co.), Technical Committee Chair Tanner Davies (Gordon Biersch Brewing Co.), and Secretary Jeff Eaton Jr (Trumer Brauerei).
- Thank you to our meetings sponsors American Stainless Equipment/ Barnum Mechanical. The proceeds will directly benefit the district scholarship fund.
- Quick review of previous meeting minutes from 03/20/2014. Minutes from previous meetings are available online on the District Northern California MBAA website.
- Minutes from the March 20, 2014 meeting were approved by membership.

### **President's Report – Lars Larson**

- Last meeting of the year. Previous meetings held at Rubicon Brewing Co., Lagunitas Brewing Co., and Firestone Walker Brewing Co.
- Every district is required to have General Liability and District Officer Liability insurance. National has agreed to pay 1<sup>st</sup> year dues for all districts.
- *Motion:* Ask National to cover yearly insurance cost for individual districts.  
*Motion:* Approved
- California Craft Brewers Association held its meeting at Russian River Brewing Co on 11/3-4. Lars invited to introduce meeting attendees to the MBAA and explain its mission.
- California Craft Beer Summit scheduled for Sept. 11-12, 2015 in Sacramento.

### **Board of Governors Report – Ruth Martin**

- At the National Conference in Chicago in June 2014, MBAA bylaws and Manual of Operations were reviewed and approved.
- Glen Hay Falconer Foundation and MBAA are working together to offer a scholarship to the MBAA Engineering Course.
- There were many scholarships for MBAA courses available. More information can be found on the MBAA website.
- Form 990: Annual Report Return for non-profits was approved.
- MBAA is seeking a new National Technical Director.
- Technical Committee is seeking Vice-chair.
- Fred Sheer is currently handling “Ask the Brewmaster” while the search for a new Technical Director continues.
- New District created. District Northern Rockies includes Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.
- 2015 National dues to not rise.
- Brewery Safety Committee seeking volunteers.
- Food Safety Committee developing HACCP programing.
- Higher Education Committee developing curriculum guidelines for colleges and community colleges regarding brewing education.
- Next National Conference scheduled for October 7-10, 2015 in Jacksonville, FL.

- Mary Pellitieri stepped down as National President. Tom Eplett stepped into presidential role. Past President Horace Cunningham has continued to help the National Executive Committee.

### **Technical Committee – Tanner Davies**

- 175 people registered for the California MBAA Technical Conference in Paso Robles on October 24-25, 2014, 71 people from District Northern California, 41 people from District Southern California, and 43 non-members.
- Successful Event!
- Kara Taylor, White Labs, will present a talk about diacetyl this evening.

### **Secretary – Jeff Eaton Jr**

- National Announcements:
  - Currently accepting applications for 2015 MBAA Brewery Award of Excellence until March 1, 2015.
  - Webinars: Beer Labels, November 19 & 26, 2014
  - Brewery Packaging Technology Course: April 26 – May 7, 2015 Madison, WI
  - 2015 Annual Conference: October 7-10, 2015 Jacksonville, FL
  - Brewing & Malting Science Course: October 25 – November 5, 2015

### **Membership Report – Nikki Harwood**

- At the start of 2014, there were 204 members in District Northern California. Currently, there are 250 members in our district.
- Challenge to district membership to bring 1 non-member to the next District meeting.

### **Scholarship Report – Scott Cramlet**

- 2014 Scholarship Winners
  - Mike Guilford, Russian River Brewing Co: MBAA Engineering Course
  - Tanner Davies, Gordon Biersch Brewing Co: Microsoft Excel class
  - Jennifer House, student UC Davis: brewing textbooks
  - Brian McGillivray, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co: MBAA National Conference
- 2015 Scholarship Fund increased to \$10,000
  - 2 full ride scholarships to attend choice of MBAA course
  - 1 stipend to attend 2015 Annual Conference
  - Remainder of money to be awarded to professionals and students

### **Treasurer Report – Robert Heller**

- Checking Account Balance: \$15,138.05
- Saving Account Balance: \$11,139.47

### **Unfinished Business**

- Seeking feedback from attendees of California MBAA Technical Conference.
- Executive Committee recommends biannual Technical Conference with District Southern California with a local technical meeting within the District in off years.
- Currently waiting for help from National posting technical presentations from the conference into a Members Only area of our District website.

### **New Business**

- Executive Committee proposed new slate of officers to District:
  - President: Jeff Eaton Jr, Trumer Brauerei
  - Vice President: Tanner Davies, Gordon Biersch

- Board of Governor Representative: Lars Larson, Trumer Brauerei
- Treasurer: Robert Heller, Henkel USA
- Secretary: Jay Prah, S.S. Steiner
- Technical Committee Chair: Tanner Davies
- Scholarship Chair: Ruth Martin, Sierra Nevada
- Membership Chair: Bryan Donaldson, Lagunitas
- *Motion* to Approve Slate of District Officers  
*Motion:* Approved
- Technical Committee Volunteers: Brandon Smith (Sierra Nevada) & David Pringle (AB-InBev)
- Scholarship Committee Volunteers: Brian Hunt (Moonlight Brewing Co.), Stephen Russell (Sierra Nevada), and Steven Presley (retired)

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:40 PM. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Eaton Jr  
District Northern California Secretary