

MBAA District-Milwaukee Meeting

Old Timers Night / St. Patrick's Day

Location: Delafield Brewhaus, Delafield, WI

Date: 3/17/2011

Officers Present:

- Kris Kalav
- Mike Scanzello
- Tom Volke
- Gretchen Kalav
- John Kretsch
- Andy Jones
- Mary Pelletieri
- Jerry Hilton

Officers Absent:

- Penny Pickart
- Randy Thiel

Kris called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody to the Delafield Brewhaus for our annual Old Timers Night meeting.

Secretary's Report (Andy Jones):

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

President's Report (Kris Kalav):

- Cheers to John Harrison and his delicious beer and wonderful hospitality.
- A moment of silence in recognition of the victims and fellow brewers in Japan.
- There will be a hospitality suite for MBAA National at this year's CBC in San Francisco – donations of beer/paraphernalia are being accepted.

Treasurer's Report (Tom Volke):

- Twenty nine people took the bus to Minhas
- The Minhas meeting had a net gain of \$245
- \$500 was donated by the district towards the MBAA CBC hospitality suite.
- District Checking Acct @ \$5,525.00, Savings @ \$24,213.00
- Investments gained interest of \$451 in January 2011 and \$178 in February 2011
- There were some questions about the nature of the District's investment portfolio – it was noted that it is a diversified portfolio with low to moderate risk.

P.R. Report (Gretchen Kalav and Jerry Hilton):

- The deadline is moved to 3/23 for donations to the CBC hospitality suite
- Let Gretchen know if your company makes a donation so recognition can be given
- Jerry brought old pictures and memorabilia from past meetings and conventions for Old Timers Night

- There was an inquiry as to why Jerry was wearing a kilt for St Patrick's Day – it was because St Patrick was born in Scotland, and because Jerry is Scottish, not Irish.

Arrangements Report (John Kretsch):

- The May meeting was going to be at the Ram Brewery/Restaurant near Chicago, but that is not going to work. The location search is ongoing...
- John Sonnemann suggested Albanese's Roadhouse in Waukesha and offered to inquire about availability and suitability for our meeting, John Kretsch took the suggestion and said he would also look into it.

Membership Report (Gretchen Kalav):

- Seven new members were gained during January and February 2011
- Thirteen guests attended the January meeting at Minhas, 10 applications were distributed
- A reach-out has been sent to area member Les Hoffman, who is registered as an independent
- One new member was in attendance: Jeremy Tombisammy of Diversey, Inc.
- Three guests are in attendance at tonight's meeting, as well as two visiting members of other districts.

District Governor's Report (Mike Scanzello):

- There will be a Board of Governors webinar April 28
- Two votes was taken at the last Board meeting :
 1. Forms for changing your home district can now be submitted electronically and one meeting per year can be a webinar with electronic voting
 2. SciSoc now will be submitting possible sites for the national conference
- It was asked if there were plans for the money saved from airfare from having a webinar vs. flying the Governors to a meeting – this will be brought up at the next meeting.

National Technical Report (Mary Pelletieri):

- Call for papers for this year's conference was going to close 3/17, but will stay open temporarily. So far ~40 papers have been submitted.
- Workshops are near finalization and speakers are being confirmed
- The National Tech Committee is including more representatives of smaller, craft breweries in hopes of gaining more interest from breweries of all sizes.
- This year's conference will feature a main topic of malt, and will have many events alongside with bus trips to area breweries

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Kris officially recognized the Old Timers in attendance – there were 15 at tonight's meeting!
- A special recognition was given to past District presidents in attendance – there were 8!
- There was a moment to remember two members lost since the January meeting: John Hawley (Schlitz) and Fred Hicks (Pabst)

The meeting was adjourned, followed by a Technical Presentation given by Dave Kuske of Briess Malting on the topic of current trends in the malting barley market. This was followed by a proper St Patty's Day dinner of corned beef, cabbage, and beer.