

## **MBAA District-Milwaukee Meeting**

**Location:** Albanese's Roadhouse, Waukesha, WI

**Date:** 5/19/2011

### **Officers Present:**

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

### **Officers Absent:**

- Penny Pickart
- Mary Pelletieri

**Kris called the meeting to order and welcomed everybody to Albanese's Roadhouse - thanks to John Sonnemann for suggesting the restaurant last meeting.**

### **Secretary's Report (Andy Jones):**

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

### **President's Report (Kris Kalav):**

- Nothing new to report
- Kris did not make it to CBC this year and asked those who did attend their impressions of the MBAA hospitality suite.
- It was noted that it was well attended (~300 people) but the room could have been bigger and it would help to be in the same hotel as the conference.
- We have not yet received a receipt for our contribution to the suite.

### **Treasurer's Report (Tom Volke):**

- Current accounts: \$3,816 in checking; \$24,434 in savings; net of \$28,250.
- Regarding the inquiry into the nature of the district's investments at the last meeting, Bill Ladish noted that we have about \$5,700 in money market, but the rest is in a floating rate fund - a high return but high risk investment. He suggested we may want to go back to FDIC insured investments for the majority of our savings.
- It was suggested that Bill Ladish may be a candidate for replacing Joe Thorner as district finance chair - this was tabled for new business.
- Condolences were noted by Tom V. for the following members who passed away since the last meeting: Greg Beeson and Larry Murkuski.

**Membership Report (Gretchen Kalav):**

- Three new members were gained during March and April 2011
- Two new members were in attendance: Heiko Grimm of Norit Haffmanns, Inc. and Kaitlyn Lane of Stevens Point Brewing Co.
- At least one guest was in attendance.

**Arrangements Report (John Kretsch):**

- The September meeting will be at Lakefront Brewery in Milwaukee.
- Thanks to New Glarus for donating the keg of beer for tonight's meeting.
- This week is American Craft Beer Week around the country with events in Milwaukee, Madison and elsewhere in Wisconsin.
- Please give feedback on meeting venues.

**V.P./Tech Chair Report (Randy Thiel):**

- Nothing new to report.

**National Technical Report (Mike Scanzello filling in for Mary Pelletieri):**

- New news on National Conference: this year we may not have a banquet, but rather a social hour - still being discussed. This may be because of time constraints, but also for better networking opportunities, but at the expense of the joys of a sit down dinner.

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

- Attendees of this year's CBC hospitality suite should give feedback to SciSoc, or send comments to Gretchen and she will forward them.
- It was asked if we should promote a suite for the ASBC Conferences.
- Jerry noted that we currently have an MBAA display at the Potosi National Brewing History Museum.

**District Governor's Report (Mike Scanzello):**

- Report on the Board of Governors webinar April 28:
  - New BOG V.P. is Mike Sutton
  - Two motions were passed:
    1. Since the joint Brewing Summit with ASBC went well in 2010, we will be working with them to have a joint meeting every 4 years - next will be 2014.
    2. We will also work with ASBC to present/conduct at least one seminar during CBC.
  - The board approved spending \$17,000 to update the national website.
  - Karl Ockert presented the Beer Steward Program to the board - we've already had 500 people in the program and it has already paid for itself!
  - Next program is immediately before/in conjunction with the conference in Minneapolis.
  - Mike gave the same presentation on the Beer Steward Program via Powerpoint:

- He also noted that courses to prepare students for the IBD DBE are well attended and the MBAA will probably continue/increase such courses in the future.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

- As noted earlier, Bill Ladish may be taking over as finance chair in Joe Thorner's absence. This will be tabled until the next meeting so we can discuss it further with Bill.
- Kris noted that his e-mail is always open for suggestions on any district business.
- Gretchen brought up the possibility of having a district picnic this year - Tom Volke offered to host sometime in September or October. Kris suggested to post it on the district website and e-mail to members once we know a date.
- Tom Volke also noted that the Glendale Picnic Beer Fest will be at Bayshore Shopping Center June 18 from 1-4 pm.

**The meeting was adjourned, followed by a Technical Presentation given by Dave Radzanowski of Radzan Associates on the topic of changing regulation of food manufacturing practices by the FDA. This was followed by a wonderful Italian dinner served by the staff of Albanese's Roadhouse.**