

MBAA District Northern California Meeting Minutes – Thursday, November 7, 2013

At 6:20 PM, the fall meeting for District Northern California was called to order by President Lars Larson.

- Minutes from the February 7, 2013 were approved by membership

Membership Report – Nicole Harwood

- The District has reached a high of 204 members including 6 retirees and 3 honorary members

Treasury Report – Rob Heller

- The District created a new bank account with our new EIN #.
- Combined checking and savings balance: \$26,004 of which \$14,867 is in the checking account and \$11,137 is in the savings account.
- Hope to have credit card reader by the next meeting so that we can accept credit card payments for meetings

Scholarship Report – Scott Cramlet (absent)

- Of the \$3500 allotted for 2013 scholarships, \$3445 will be paid out.
- Three recipients have already submitted receipts for \$1495
- One recipient is currently attending the MBAA Malting & Brewing Course in Madison, WI.
- Another recipient is trying to schedule a class for \$325.
- Hope to increase amounts of scholarships for MBAA courses as well as individual member needs

Technical Committee Report – Tanner Davies

- Two members of the Technical Committee have resigned. Three other district members have volunteered to sit on the committee.
- Still looking for volunteers to assist the Technical Committee.
- Dr. Jim Whitee, founder of GigaYeast, technical presentation “Yeast Stressors in High Gravity Brewing”

Board of Governors Report- Ruth Martin

- Lot of information to communicate
- MBAA National is seeking volunteers at district levels and national level to sit on different committees. Seeking at least a 50% increase in volunteerism.
- Review of each national committees’ reports.
- More information regarding the Fall 2013 Board of Governors Report can be found at <http://www.mbaa.com/districts/NorthernCalifornia/mash/Documents/Fall%202013%20BOG%20Report.pdf>

New Business

- Reminder: Please be proactive & renew your membership.
- District to change February 2014 meeting location to a new destination in Sacramento.
- Motion to hold joint technical meeting with District Southern California. Unanimous vote to approve motion. District Southern California has been notified and is planning a district vote.
- Another motion to move District Technical Conference to Fall 2014 instead of the usual May timeframe. Unanimous vote to approve motion.
- A district “social” meeting will be planned for May-June 2014 to replace the technical conference.
- Check out the new MBAA website with lots of useful information: job board, Brewpedia, HACCP/ Safety information, Ask the Brewmaster. A lot of these special sections require users to be logged onto the MBAA website to view.
- Plastic Keg Safety: Please review your operational procedures to work safely with plastic kegs.
- The executive committee has created a new position on the board, Vice President. The VP will work with the membership chair seeking to increase membership, help coordinate social events for the district, seek out sponsors and fundraising for scholarships. This position is currently open.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:18 PM. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted:

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District Northern California Secretary