

## **MBAA District Northern California Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 20, 2014**

At 6:15 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 Tartaric Products and Great Western Malting Co. The proceeds will benefit the district scholarship fund.
- Minutes from previous minutes are available online on the District Northern California MBAA website.
- Minutes from the November 7, 2013 meeting were approved by membership.

### **Membership Report – Nicole Harwood**

- In the fall of 2013, the District had reached a high of 204 members. There are still 204 members; although, there are still several memberships that are suspended until their renewal.
- Please remember to renew your membership when it lapses.

### **Treasury Report – Rob Heller**

- The District can now accept credit cards as payment for meetings.
- Combined checking and savings balance: \$24,126.72, of which \$12,988.74 is in the checking account and \$11,137.98 is in the savings account.
- The District was not required to file taxes for 2013 since we were transitioning to our new nonprofit status. We did report to MBAA National though.

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

- No new information to relay since last meeting.
- Next Board of Governors meeting planned for June 2014 during the MBAA National Conference.
- Currently completing yearly district report for National including information about district meetings, scholarships, membership, etc.

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

- District Northern California, District Southern California, and California Craft Brewers Association are joining together to host California MBAA Technical Conference. The conference is scheduled for October 24-25, 2014 in Paso Robles. Firestone-Walker Brewing Co. will host.
- The conference is currently planned for a half day Friday afternoon and the full day Saturday.
- Still looking for volunteers to assist the Technical Committee.

- Karl Ockert, Technical Director of MBAA, will present “Barrel Dwellers: The Microbiology of Barrel-aged Beers.”

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

- Of the \$3500 allotted for 2013 scholarships, \$3445 will be paid out.
- One scholarship from 2013 is still waiting to be paid.
- The 2014 scholarship application is currently available. The deadline to submit the application has been extended to Friday, April 18, 2014.
- For 2014 \$2500 was allotted for general scholarships. Additionally, there is a single award for \$1000 to travel to the MBAA National Meeting in Chicago this June. For the first time, the District is offering a full-ride scholarship to any of the three MBAA courses (Brewing and Malting Science, Brewery Packaging Technology, or Brewery Engineering and Utilities).
- There are two scholarships available to professional members to pay registration fees for the California MBAA Technical Conference scheduled for Fall 2014. There is also a single full-ride scholarship for a MBAA student to attend and present at the California MBAA Technical Conference.
- The scholarship committee is still seeking volunteers to help review scholarship applications. Interested parties should contact Scott Cramlet at [scott@rubiconbrewing.com](mailto:scott@rubiconbrewing.com).

### **New Business**

- District social meeting is currently in the planning stages for the summer 2014.
- California MBAA Technical Conference scheduled for October 24-25, 2014 in Paso Robles.
- The FDA is currently accepting comments regarding brewers’ spent grain handling for Animal Feed as a part of the Food Safety Modernization Act. The current proposed rules create a burdensome set of regulations and will increase the cost of spent grain removal. The Brewers Association and American Malting Barley Association have already submitted comments and encourage all breweries to do so too. Comments are being accepted until Monday, March 31, 2014. Submit comments here <http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FDA-2011-N-0922-0019>
- The current term for the District Executive Committee will end this fall. We will be seeking nominations for people interested in participating. Please remember that the Master Brewers Association of America is an all-volunteer run organization.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Eaton Jr  
District Northern California Secretary