

Minutes – MBAA District Northern California – Winter Meeting – March 11, 2015 – Track 7 Brewery.

1. The Meeting was called to order by Jeff Eaton. He stated that this was the first meeting of 2015 and the first meeting for the newly elected officers. There was thunderous applause.
  - a. Jeff asked the new incoming officers introduce themselves.
    - i. Jeff Eaton – New President – more applause.
    - ii. Ruth Martin – New Scholarship Chair– more applause.
    - iii. Jay Prah – New Secretary – more applause.
    - iv. Robert Heller – Treasurer – more applause.
    - v. Lars Larson – Board of Governors Representative – more applause.
    - vi. Bryan Donaldson – Membership Chair, and also currently covering as Technical Chair for Tanner Davis who moved to Portland – more applause, for Bryan (not because Tanner moved away).
2. Jeff Eaton outlined the proposed 2015 meeting schedule, hoping to get all meetings on the calendar sooner than later.
  - a. June Meeting at Gordon Biersch in San Jose – need to select at day/date
    - i. Informal show of hands displayed preference for Thursday meeting over a Saturday meeting.
    - ii. Still need to choose between June 18 and June 25.
  - b. August Social Meeting – looking for a host/date
  - c. November Meeting – looking for a host/date
  - d. Technical Conference – 1/29/16 at Sierra Nevada in Chico
3. Jeff Eaton reported that we are looking for a volunteer to take the role of Technical Chair.
4. He also thanked the meeting Sponsor, Perkin Elmer and the Meeting Host, Track 7 Brewery.
5. Jeff Eaton stated that the minutes from the last meeting were available on line on the district page at MBAA.com and asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - a. Dr Lewis made the motion.
  - b. Brian Hunt seconded the motion.
  - c. All assented and the minutes were thereby approved.
6. Jeff Eaton gave the President's Report:
  - a. The deadline to nominate a brewery for a National Award of Excellence in Sustainability is March 31, 2015. Any brewery that executed a sustainability program from 2012 to now could be nominated.
  - b. The Call for Papers for the MBAA National Convention has been made. The deadline to submit papers is 5/6/15. The convention is October 7 – 10, 2015 in Jacksonville, Florida.
  - c. There are webinars available to members for further education. For example, there is a Sustainability Webinar on March 27, 2015 at 10 am Central Time. See MBAA.com
  - d. There is a Members' Only Area on the Website with much information of use to brewers. Such as:
    - i. GBPs (Good Brewing Practices)
    - ii. HACCP Accreditation
    - iii. SQF Accreditation

- e. The District Presentation Archives has past presentations available on line. This includes:
  - i. 2014 California MBAA Districts Joint Technical Conference Presentations
  - ii. District Northwest Presentations
- 7. Lars Larson gave the Board Of Governors Report:
  - a. The last meeting was October 2014.
  - b. The search for a new Technical Director continues.
    - i. The search has been modified to look for two individuals for two distinct roles
      - 1. Technical Director – Education
      - 2. Technical Director – Outreach, District Needs
  - c. There are many continuing education opportunities in various formats. See MBBA.com:
    - i. Webinars
    - ii. Beer Steward Program Course at CBC
    - iii. HACCP Course at CBC
    - iv. Brewery Packaging Course at UW Madison
    - v. Brewery Engineering and Utilities Course at UM St Paul
    - vi. Brewery Malting Science at UW Madison
  - d. The next Board of Governors Meeting is in May
- 8. Bryan Donaldson gave the Technical and Membership Reports:
  - a. Technical Report
    - i. Presentations from 2014 Joint Technical are available on line at MBAA.com in Archives.
    - ii. Presentation from Northern California District Meeting in Fall 14 by Kara Taylor of White Labs will be posted in Archives soon.
    - iii. UCD presentations this evening will also be posted in Archives.
    - iv. Two meetings upcoming are in need of technical presentations.
      - 1. June Spring meeting in San Jose
      - 2. Fall meeting - site to be determined
    - v. Technical Conference on January 16, 2016 in Chico – seeking volunteers for an organizing committee.
  - b. Membership Report – 265 Members – Cheers and Applause
    - i. Plus new members who joined at meeting.
    - ii. 220 Professional Members
    - iii. 31 Students
    - iv. 6 Retirees
    - v. 2 Honorary
    - vi. 16 New members
    - vii. 11 Suspended
- 9. Ruth Martin gave the Scholarship Report
  - a. There are three scholarships with application deadlines approaching:
    - i. 2 Scholarships for 2 MBAA courses
    - ii. 1 Scholarship to attend MBAA National Conference
    - iii. Deadline is March 31, 2016

- b. General Scholarships and Travel Grants are available – Apply! We have money.
10. Robert Heller gave the Treasurer’s Report
- a. Account Balances
    - i. \$27,243 in Checking
    - ii. \$11,140 in Savings
    - iii. \$38,383 Total Balance – Money for Scholarships – Cheers and Applause.
  - b. Non Profit Status Update
    - i. District Northern California, like all MBAA Districts, has been going through a change in tax status, becoming a Non Profit Organization.
    - ii. This involved completing and submitting form 1023 to IRS. This has been completed.
    - iii. The IRS randomly selected MBAA District Northern California for “Extra Scrutiny” which involved further review of District organization and finances.
    - iv. After further review, the District’s Non Profit Status is confirmed by the IRS – Cheers and Applause.
11. Dr Lewis moved that the meeting be adjourned.
- a. Brian Hunt seconded.
  - b. The motion passed.