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Minutes Of The Technical Committee Meeting Toronto, Ontario, January 26, 2012

## In attendance were:

Vera Morton – Mill Street Brewery - Chairperson Dave Coutts - Mill St. Rob Doyle - Mill St. Faranak Hafezi – Mill St. Kaitlin Vendenbosch - Mill St. George Agius - Diversey Lee Zaharchuk – Ross Hartrick Ltd. Paul Dickey – Cheshire Valley Brewing Kevin Somerville - Niagara College Mark Murphy - Niagara College Angelo Tobia - Ecolab - past Technical Chair Alex Nichols – Barley Days Brewery

Regrets: Chris Wells - Sleeman Brewery

Technical Chair Angelo Tobia called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Introductions followed, as roughly half of the committee contains new faces.

Angelo recognized the hard work of the 2011 committee and welcomed all of the new people to the 2012 committee. The new 2012 Technical Committee Chairperson is Vera Morton, Quality Control Manager at Mill Street Brewery.

## Proposed 2012 event dates:

Springfield technical session

- Thursday April 26, 2012
- 2 speakers

Iron Brewer

Friday September 28, 2012

Annual General Meeting

- Thursday November 22, 2012
- Proposed location is the Molson pub .
- 1 technical presentation •

**Ontario Technical Conference** 

- January 24/25 2012 .
- Need to determine if we want to go back to the 2 day format, or keep it at one day •

• 5-7 speakers needed

Barley Field Day

• Bill will ask Matt from Canada Malting if/when this event will take place this year

Social Events

- Interest in social events from the membership has been low in recent years. Resulted in the canellation of the summer social this past year.
- Bill will ask Chris Williams about the status of this year's curling event

## **Other Business:**

- A listing of roles was distributed relating to the 2012 OTC and committee members were asked to sign up to help.
- Angelo encouraged the committee to solicit as much feedback from the membership as possible, and encourage anyone who would like to present to let the committee know.
- Kevin Somerville mentioned that Niagara College would be willing to host a meeting or event since they have available space and catering capabilities.
- Budget is available to cover speaker travel expenses and hotel. Suppliers will typically cover their own costs when travelling to make a presentation to our membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.