

**Master Brewers Association of America  
District Michigan  
January 9, 2013  
Winter Conference- Kalamazoo Radisson**

Attendees:

Paul Popa	Spencer Channeh
Ken Belau	Todd Parker
John Stewart	Mike Downey
Debbie Smith	Matt Sutton
Fred Scheer	Sam Sherwood
Mary Pellettieri	Alec Mull
Chuck Skydeck	Rex Halfpenny
Adam Beratta	Bill Wamby
Sean Trowbridge	Mike Hoepfner
Bret Kuhnenn	Andy Brew
Jeremy Altier	Chas Thompson
Ben Tackett	Dave Sippel
Dan Rogers	Dan Kiplinger
Marty Rapnicki	Bryan Wiggs
Jeff Sheehan	Dan Buonodono
Brian Roeters	Sonia Buonodono
Andrew Koehring	
Jeff Carter	

Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm by Paul Popa

Eric Kuhnenn, John Mallett and Brad Stevenson – board members not present

**Old Business:**

Paul briefly went over minutes from the previous meeting. No real old business to discuss

**Paul Popa- Vice President:**

District Michigan will be offering 2 scholarships for the 2014 year

Approve: Jeff Carter

2<sup>nd</sup>: Debbie Smith

3 MBAA Past or current board members were present – Welcome to District Michigan

Fred Scheer  
Mary Pellettieri  
Mike Sutton

**Ken Belau- Treasure:**

New Chase Account is all set up and good to go  
Keep current member dues at \$15.00 per person  
File with the IRS under our new Non Profit Status  
Account information is at the end of the minutes

Approved: Brett Kuhnhehn  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Rex Halfpenny

**John Stewart- Technical:**

Chemical Safety will be the topic for the March 2014 Meeting held at Founders  
Always looking for new topic ideas

**Upcoming Events:**

Summer Social 2014

Sponsorships to stay at \$250, \$400 and \$600 until further notice  
Brett will contact Dan the Smoke Man for the food  
Debbie Smith will handle tickets and get them out middle of February  
Update sponsorship letter- ensure sponsors receive their 2 tickets and t-shirt  
Venue is rented- need to re-pay Karl  
Ticket price will be the same as last year  
200 Tickets will be made

Paul will be contacting volunteers from last year. If you would like to help, please contact a board member.

**Board Of Governors:**

Mary Pellettieri stepped in as John Mallet was absent

National Scholarships are available. People need to go to the MBAA website for more information

Awards of Excellence, need to have brewers sign up and submit their papers. Information is on the MBAA website

New Brewing Engineering Course in the works, watch for updates

**Fred Scheer- :**

Fund a research project with a popular topic.  
Allocate the money and find a topic  
National can help with statistics  
Ideas such as hops variety, casks etc.

**District Michigan Scholarship Ideas:**

Courses fills up fast and we need to see about having seats reserved. Mary Pellettieri was going to check with National and let us know.

Should we reconsider how and when we draw names, first person can choose, second person gets what is left or they can possibly wait till next year for the course they want to attend

Keep the drawing at the Summer Social still?

Brewery Engineering class could be another option for a class for a winner(currently in the works)

**District Michigan Meeting Options:**

Talks of how to use our money.

\$3000 a year to help cover costs of technical speakers, in consideration, majority agree. Need to check financial and membership count

MBAA website has a list of speakers

Alec Mull suggested other benefits that the MBAA can offer such as a lab, library and expanding technical information

**Scholarship Winner – Dan Buonodono- Eagle Monk Brewery:**

Toured Briess and New Glorious

Great for networking

Recommends other attend if they can

Pub type course may be better for smaller scale breweries

Learned more on beer clarity, priming pumps, pH testing and more

Great to be able to share knowledge with fellow brewers

**Upcoming Meetings:**

March 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 at Founders in Grand Rapids MI

Chemical Safety with Paul Popa and Debbie Smith

July 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 Summer Social at the Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge MI

October 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 51 North Brewery in Lake Orion

Meeting closed at 6:50

1<sup>st</sup>: Jeff Carter

2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Popa

**MBAA MI Treasurer Report, Kalamazoo, Jan 9, 2014.**

After new officers were elected in January 2013 and after our non-profit, tax exempt status was reaffirmed in spring of 2013, new accounts were set up at Chase Bank, with signing authority currently residing with Ken and Debbie.

Between Jan. 1 2013 and Jan. 1 2014, our account balance increased by \$3708.

As of January 6, 2014:

Checking: \$12,964.89

Savings: \$21,367.62

Paypal: \$1.00

Petty Cash: \$80.00

Total: \$34,413.51

Overview of our cash flow:

Income sources:

Membership dues of approx. \$1800 per year (\$15 per member/year)

Donation from Frankenmuth World Expo of Beer: \$2000

Summer Social Net Income: approx. \$1500 (after expenses and paying of scholarship and dues)

Expenses:

Travel expenses for speakers: tbd, - needed to attract quality speakers for conferences and mtgs.

Assistance with MBAA booth at CBC: has been \$200, promotion of MBAA

Ad in MBG: \$1657.50 – is effective way to reach out to new and aspiring brewers, allied trades

