

**MBAA District Michigan Meeting at Rochester  
Mills Brewery, October 18, 2012**

**General Meeting**

In attendance was:

Bret Kuhnhen  
Eric Kuhnhen  
Roland Hernandez  
Dan Case  
David Shaw  
Santiago Gomez  
Dan Rogers  
Valarie Pickard  
Tark Heine  
Konrad Connor  
Brandon MacClaren  
Andy Farrell  
John Mallett  
Marty Rapnicki  
Ken Belau  
John Burtica  
Ben Tackett  
Paul Brady  
Travis Fritts

Matthew Flannery  
Tom Hudak  
Chas Thompson  
Paul Popa  
Dave Cincicone  
Adam Beratta  
Andrew Heyboer  
Dan Heisler  
Brett Cotton  
Krista Cotton  
Todd Parker  
Nick Chapke  
Dan Buonodone  
Forrest Knapp  
Brad Stevenson  
Jason Schriden  
Chad Sprinkman  
Deb Smith  
John Stewart  
John Haggerty  
Eric Briggeman  
Scott Graham  
Rex Halfpenny

## Meeting Minutes

### **Elections**

John Mallett to stay on as B.O.G  
Ken B will mail out election cards  
Call for nominations – 30 days  
Board positions are named at the Winter Conference

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Winter Conference January 9-11, 2013

Spring- March 21, 2013- Dave Shaw at Sullivan's Black Forest Brewery in Frankenmuth, MI

Summer- July 13<sup>th</sup>, Summer Social in Grand Ledge - Karl will confirm date when reservation is made

Fall -October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013- Dan Rogers, Griffen Claw.

### **New Chair Position**

Brett Kuhnenn: Feather Bowling

### **Current Business**

No agenda yet for next year

Discussed the Political Action Committee (PAC) and how it plays a roll in the MBAA and MBG

-Separate entities

-Separate Bank accounts

-Discussed having separate meetings, but at same time

-The pro's and con's of MBAA sponsoring the MBG Winter Conference

-Ways to sponsor without handing money direct to MBG

-How to continue the relationship

-Bi-laws were discussed and none were being violated

-How will separation work of the 2 groups, splitting may make people have to choose which to attend.

-Mtg's at the conference are low attendance due to timing

-Eric B will let the MBAA have a choice for a meeting slot

-Selected individuals for running the board

## Treasury Report

Assets for National  
Need proper paperwork  
Ok to use MBAA behind us when we follow board of laws  
Need process completed before December  
We have a tax specialist to help with situation

Dues to National went up \$5, we decided to lower our district dues from \$20 to \$15

Outstanding pledges of \$1,250. Members have been notified to collect money.

John H went thru account totals. Paul Popa accepted and Konrad seconded.

Net Checking:	\$18,391.67	as of 10/18
Current Savings:	\$13,314.44	as of 10/18
Total liquid cash:	\$31,706.11	

Lawrence W was the scholarship winner from the Summer Social. Program was sold out, but due to a cancellation he will be able to attend the brewing course.

Our net income from the summer social was \$6261 (\$12756 income less \$6495 expenses).

## Membership

Erik Kuhnhen welcomed some new faces: Brett and Kristy from the Adrian area.  
Need to work on current members encouraging new and old brewers to become members.  
Meeting cost is \$10.00 for guests and members.

## BOG

John Mallet  
National Mtg in Portland  
Working on website, many new easy tools for members.  
No expected ready date for the website as of yet

## Technical

John Stewart  
Asked the group if anyone had any specific topic they would like to learn more on.

Regional Technical conference discussed and still an option

### **Board Meeting (held immediately before the general meeting)**

Board members and committee chairs in attendance were:

Rex H.  
Eric K.  
John H.  
Ken B.  
Marty R.  
John M.  
Debbie S.  
John S.

- Rex informed that National MBAA is aware of our \$5 reduction in district dues.
- Louwrens W. is using his scholarship this year to attend the brewing course.
- John H. presented the numbers from the summer social.
- John also briefed the group on status of bank account balances
- \$1250 in unpaid sponsorships exists.
- John M. explained that the national MBAA website is getting a makeover.
- John also explained about the 501c3 status. John is getting paperwork from Nat'l to bring our district into compliance.
- Rex summarized the conference call held with board members a month ago, concerning the potential MBAA/MBG (Michigan Brewers' Guild) cooperation at the winter conference.
- John M. confirmed that we are not in violation of any MBAA bylaws in how we currently conduct the MBAA winter conference in conjunction with the MBG.
- Scott Graham and Eric Briggeman joined the discussion and explained how the Political Action Committee (PAC) they work with is a completely separate entity from the MBG and cannot accept funds from the MBG itself.
- Scott and Eric expressed their interest in working together to find an amiable resolution.
- Ultimately, agreement was made to work toward de-coupling the MBAA and MBG at the winter conference.
- Scott suggested MBAA paying speaker costs directly, instead of transferring money to the MBG.
- In the case that the MBAA stops its direct sponsorship of the winter conference, MBAA members would still receive the discounted rate for the MBG winter conference registration or be able to attend the MBAA portions of the event without registering for the full conference.

