

**District Michigan Meeting Minutes**  
**10 January 2020**  
**Winter Conference Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo, Mi**

**President:** John Stewart

Meeting called to order at 9:07am.

John informed members and had a moment of silence for Nick Carson a fellow brewer from Petoskey Brewing Company who passed in a car accident on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Marty Rapnicki posted a GoFundMe link to the Michigan District MBAA page. Please reach out to board member if you have questions on how to find the link to support Nick's family w/ medical and funeral expenses.

**Secretary update:** Kimberly Schneider- Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes  
Ed Stencil moved to approve.  
Paul Popa seconded the motion.

**Vice President:** Tim Gossack

**Summer Social Committee update:**

This year's summer social is July 11<sup>th</sup>, same location at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge.  
We are looking for volunteers to provide cups, jockey boxes and the equipment we need for event.  
Let Tim know (tgossack@bellsbeer.com) if you can help and/or donate.

**Scholarship Committee Updates:** Brad Stevenson

2019 Scholarship Winners:

Brian Wilson (Lansing Brewing Company)– **MBAA Course scholarship winner #1 – scholarship redeemed**

Dan Buonodono (Eagle Monk Brewery) – **MBAA Course scholarship winner #2**

Eric Kuhnenn (Kuhnenn Brewery) – **book allowance (\$500)**

Peter Sanford (Steel St Brewery)– **National conference allowance (\$1200)**

Brian Wilson has used his scholarship. Dan, Eric & Peter have not redeemed theirs. Please talk to Brad or email him (brad@foundersbrewing.com) to do that.

We have a healthy cash reserve balance and we are considering having a 3<sup>rd</sup> course scholarship available for Michigan members. This will allow us to offer 5 scholarships to members at the summer social: 3 scholarships for MBAA courses, 1 for book allowance, and one for National Conference allowance.

A reminder that National offers a scholarship lottery and they cover one free scholarship as well. A plea for members to apply for the national scholarships. It's always open for us.

Brad will send an email out to the members w/ information & qualifications for the national scholarship and for the MI district scholarships.

**BOG Report & Updates:** Alec Mull

For the last few years the MBAA's focus has been and is safety. A reminder that personal & food safety is critical for what we do.

The podcasts offered by the MBAA are amazing. Please take the time to download the MBAA app and listen to them.

A reminder to read the Professional Code of Conduct on the MBAA website.

It's important to get our membership engaged through the BOG to national. At this upcoming March meeting Alec will be asking attendees to right down 3 categories or topics that are most important, critical, and pressing to us for our industry, state and/or our businesses. He will communicate this information back to national so that these topics can be discussed and addressed through resources provided by the MBAA.

Upcoming National Conferences:

2020: Saturday, August 1 – Tuesday, August 4, Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, MN

2021: in Cleveland, OH

2022: in Providence, RI

**Treasurers Report:** Ken Belau, Treasurer

Cash: \$148.61

Checkings: \$23,559.83

Savings: \$12,758.35

Paypal Account: \$0

Total: \$36,466.79

**Technical Committee:** Alec Mull and Louwrens Wildschut

The Michigan Brewers Guild has been gracious to cover costs of speakers to attend the winter conference. In the past the MBAA has given \$2000 to the MBG to help cover these costs. Alec and the board propose that we increase the number from \$2000 to \$3000.

Motion passed by members.

Thanks to Scott Graham, John Mallett, Alec Mull and Louwrens Wildschut for procuring speakers for this conference.

Let Alec know via email ([alec@foundersbrewing.com](mailto:alec@foundersbrewing.com)) who you would like to hear present at future meetings and conferences.

**New Business:** John Stewart, President

Recap on HACCP (Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Points) Course:

Thanks to Dustin and Bell's Brewery for hosting and lining up. 18 people attended this most recent course on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. This course is a tremendous value for members. It provides certification and training on beer and food safe processes. HACCP allows food manufacturers to look at each process step and identify and help mitigate risks (chemical, physical, or biological) that may pose a hazard to the end consumer.

Upcoming meetings:

Spring meeting: March 19<sup>th</sup> at Bell's Brewery, Comstock.

Summer Social: July 11<sup>th</sup> at Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge

Fall meeting: October 15<sup>th</sup> at Griffin Claw Brewing Company, Birmingham

Meeting closed 9:23 am.

62 Attendees:

Mike	Alsup
Bryan	Bastow
Ken	Belau
Josh	Benson
Adam	Berattta
Zeke	Bogan
Jeff	Carter
Kim	Collins
Brian	Confer

Konrad	Connor
Cordell	DeMatte
Chad	Doane
Brad	Etheridge
Tim	George
Tim	Gossack
Scott	Graham
Jay	Green
Bryan	Groff
Mark	Hamon
Mike	Hoepfner
Sean	Hogan
Tommi	Jackson
Barry	Johnson
Sheldon	King
Dan	Kiplinger
Jeff	Knoblock
Eric	Kuhnhenh
Russ	LaLonde
Brett	Langschied
Brian	Lindsay
Tim	Lozen
Alex	Maggetti
John	Mallett
Jacob	Miller
Alec	Mull
Chandler	Nadeau
Gary	Nicholas
Robert	Orler
Shawn	Paczkowski
Matt	Peterson

Paul	Popa
Matt	Pratt
Brian	Roeters
Kim	Schneider
Chris	Schnepf
Michael	Sharp
Susumu	Shiina
Edward	Stencel
Brad	Stevenson
John	Stewart
Chas	Thompson
Lauren	Torres
Jon	Wagner
Danny	Warner
Harmony	Wellington
Meg	Whitener
Louwrens	Wildschut
Matt	Wiles
Rob	Williams
Angie	Williams
Brian	Wilson
David	Wilt