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District St. Louis

Board Meeting Minutes October 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM by President Brad Seabaugh. Board members in attendance were Brad Seabaugh, Marc Gottfried, Tom Zimmerman, Brad Miller and Wayne Brinkman. A motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from April 2009 was made by Tom Zimmerman and seconded by Brad Miller.

The October agenda was reviewed and the motion to approve was made by Wayne Brinkman and seconded by Marc Gottfried. The Board Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with the note that we should discuss considering changes to local dues for retired members.

October Meeting Discussion

The location will be Favazza's on the Hill.

Brad Seabaugh confirmed that our after dinner speakers will be Sara and Stephen Hale. Their topic has not been determined yet. Brad Miller confirmed that the sponsors will be Sudmo and Siemens.

The districts PA system and video equipment and screen will be required.

Parking will be available on the street and in the lot east of the restaurant.

Future Meetings

Brad Miller confirmed the following dates/locations for upcoming meetings

November 2009 Meeting – November 19th – Morgan Street Brewery

Holiday Event – Tentatively scheduled at Harry's downtown on Friday, December 4th

January 2010 Meeting – January 14th - TBD

February 2010 Meeting – February 18th – TBD

March 2010 Meeting – March 18th – TBD

April 2010 Meeting (Joint ASBC/MBAA) – April 15th – Schlafly Tap Room

Brewkettle Draft Review for October

Wayne will get with Darren for input on the MBAA National Convention. Per Tom there were 71 golfers at last months golf outing.

Chair Reports

Technical Chair – Darren Goodlin

Darren was unable to attend but we did have a discussion on possibilities for future meetings. Marc Gottfried has agreed to work with Darren to help identify topics. Mark offered to help put on a “Brewing Lab” at the November meeting that will be held at his brewery. His ideas include making a mash at each table.

There is no confirmed topic for the January 2010 meeting but Darren is considering setting up a tour of the Michelob Brewing Company if we are able to secure a location at the A-B brewery for the meeting venue.

The February 2010 meeting topic may be on brewery sanitation using new cleaning chemical technologies. Both Birko and Ecolab gave presentations on this topic at this years MBAA national convention. Darren will find out if either of these companies is interested in presenting on this topic.

The March 2010 is currently open. Darren is considering STL beer industry history as the topic and trying to get Henry Herbst to be the guest speaker. This may not be possible because of health problems that Henry has.

April 2010 is currently open. Marc suggested considering a presentation on alternate beer filtration strategies from BASF. They presented at MBAA 2009 Conference

Social Chair – Brad Miller

Brad confirmed the dates for upcoming meetings as well as some of the meeting locations. He will look into possible venues for the Holiday event given a date of Friday, December 4th. He will start with Harry’s downtown and if it is unavailable he will consider Vin De Set. French Gerleman, Tuchenhausen and Emerson have already agreed to sponsor this event so Brad will look for other sponsors so the district does not have to fund the event.

Possible meeting venues for this year include Square One Brewery in Lafayette Square, Sage, Highlands Restaurant and Brewing Co. (formerly Wm. D. Alandale Brewing Company).

Membership Chair – Rob Naylor

Not Present – no report

Publicity Chair – Ron Jansen

Not Present – no report. Steve Huffman has agreed to take over these responsibilities in the future.

Golf Chair – Kevin Eggemeyer

Not Present. Tom Zimmerman stated that there were 71 golfers. He does not have all of the figures in so at this time we do not know the financial impact of the event

Web Chair – Keith Angle

Not Present – no report

Old Business

None

New Business

Ideas for the future

We will have to constantly evaluate the change in the makeup of the districts membership. This will drive meeting topics and venues.

Home Brew Equipment

A majority of the base equipment required to brew has been secured. Marc Gottfried suggested that we provide sanitizer with the system. A spray bottle for the sanitizer may also be purchased. We should also consider purchasing as many as 10 -6 gal. fermenters, a dip tube for racking and a bottle filling tube.

Change in local dues for Retired members

We believe that the significant increase in retired members may require us to begin charging local dues for retirees. Currently retirees only pay \$20 membership dues, all of which goes to national. With about 50 retirees in our district our income from local dues has dropped significantly. This topic will be discussed in old business at the next board meeting

Motion to Adjourn

Tom Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM and it was seconded by Brad Miller.