

ALUMINUM BOTTLE CANnoisseurs

BYLAWS

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1. Dues

The dues for all members shall be \$5.00 per calendar year. *After 5 years of continuous membership yearly dues are no longer required and said member will be considered a 'Lifetime Member'. Members may also pay in advance to receive a 'Lifetime Membership'.* Dues shall be due and payable on or before September 30th each year. The Board of Directors has the authority to adjust dues on an annual basis in order to cover Chapter expenses.

Any first time member joining the ABC in conjunction with a new BCCA membership, will receive their first year ABC dues waived.

Former ABC members wishing to rejoin the Chapter may do so, and retain their original ABC number, for a \$20 rejoin fee and will be a 'Lifetime Member'.

2. Members

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws, membership in the Chapter is open to *anyone* who has an interest in aluminum bottles both International and Domestic. The Board of Directors has the authority to decline membership or renewal of membership to any person determined to not be acting in the best interests of the Chapter. No reason or notice needs to be given for refusal of membership. All members will be issued a membership number upon processing their application. A roster shall be made and kept current by the Secretary/Treasurer.

3. Meetings of Members

An annual chapter meeting will be held in conjunction with the BCCA CANvention. Notification and an agenda for the meeting must be sent to all chapter members 2 weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting. When appropriate, new officers and Board Members will be selected and voted on for the next term. Chapter business will also be discussed. Meeting minutes are required to be recorded and are to be distributed in next issue of the newsletter. E-mail distribution is an acceptable form of distributing meeting minutes and should be

completed no more than 3 weeks after the meeting. If actions are assigned and agreed to by an individual member or members, it is the responsibility of the president to track and ensure timely closure for the actions.

Regional meetings can be held at trade shows for the purposes of but not limited to, meeting other chapter members, discuss options to improve the chapter, discuss options to distribute Aluminum Bottles to the membership, discuss and suggest articles for the newsletter and educating collectors about the chapter. Approval of regional meetings must be received from the chapter president. Notification of regional meetings must be distributed to the entire chapter membership at least one week in advance of the regional meeting. The senior most officer or an appointed BoD should preside over the meeting. In the event no officer or BoD is in attendance, the president can appoint someone to preside over the meeting. Meeting minutes are required to be recorded and should be sent to the president, officers and BoD's for review and approval and then distributed to the entire membership either in the next newsletter or by e-mail. If actions are assigned and agreed to by an individual member or members, it is the responsibility of the president to track and ensure timely closure for the actions.

4. Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by any three (3) Directors or by any ten (10) members in good standing. Board meetings and issues requiring a vote will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order. Every effort will be made to schedule meetings to coincide with Chapter events to encourage participation by the membership. For issues and situations where time is of the essence, the Board is authorized to meet electronically or via conference call. All issues requiring a vote will be determined by a majority vote of the Board.

5. Officers

The President shall preside at all meetings and is responsible for guiding the Chapter and Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall assist the President and be prepared to assume that role if the President is unable to fulfill chapter responsibilities. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for maintaining the records of the Chapter and managing the finances of the Chapter. The Newsletter Editor is responsible for publishing a high quality electronic newsletter on a quarterly basis.

A schedule will be determined and amended in the By-laws.

6. Compensation

No Officer, Director or Member shall receive compensation for any service performed for the Chapter unless approved by the Board of Directors.

7. Committees

The Board of Directors shall determine the committees necessary to meet the goals and objectives of the Chapter. For example, International or regional members can work together to compile aluminum bottle composites and document new aluminum bottles released in their region. These members can also work as a regional co-op point of contact to organize the distribution of new aluminum bottles to members.

8. Publications

- a. The Chapter shall publish a newsletter *three times per year which will be available to all members via the internet*. The Board may also authorize and publish additional materials designed to promote our hobby and increase membership.
- b. A membership roster shall be compiled and kept current by the Secretary/Treasurer, and be made available to the membership *with distribution of the newsletter*.
- c. Newsletter articles of noteworthy content should be submitted to the BCCA web site for posting.

9. Name, Motto, Slogan

The official logo of the Chapter shall include the name of the Chapter, Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs and BCCA assigned number. The name and logo are the exclusive property of the Chapter and may not be used for any purposes other than those approved by the Board.

10. Miscellaneous

- a. This Chapter is a not for profit organization. All revenues shall be used to provide member services and to educate, document and promote the aluminum beer bottle world wide. All notices shall be delivered to members via email or by methods deemed appropriate by the Board. No member has the authority to bind any contract or agreement for the Chapter unless authorized to do so by the Board. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

b. This chapter will exist as a co-op enterprise. The theory behind this is in keeping the cost of new releases to a minimum.

ABC Co-op theory example. A member finds a new release and notifies the chapter representative, in this case the VP. The VP in turn notifies the general membership via email of the new release and the point of contact (POC). Many times new releases are distributed throughout the nation, so there may be more than one POC per release. Each chapter member has the right to buy one new release bottle at a set price of \$1 above the purchase price plus postage. Members will contact POC for purchase and discuss any special shipping instructions. Before any member may purchase additional bottles at the sellers price, all other members shall have the same opportunity to purchase one bottle for their collection. NOTE: All chapter members must abide to these procedures or it will defeat the purpose of this enterprise feature and we will continue to have to rely on online auctions and their high prices to add to our collections.

c. In the event the Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs Chapter disbands, all money in the treasury will be donated to the BCCA.

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