

## **Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs**

### **Seventh Annual Meeting; August 29, 2013; Fort Wayne, Indiana**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 by President Bill Viancourt #132. Offices and Board Members present were introduced: Vice President Joe Hobaugh #69, Secretary/Treasurer Butch Kroskey #8, Newsletter Editor Brad Ambruso #7, and Board Members Cristian DeAntoni #195, Juan Carlos DeMarco #31, and Joe Germino #4.

Butch Kroskey #8 read the minutes from the 2012 meeting. Juan Carlos DeMarco mad a motion to accept the minutes and Brad Ambruso #8 seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Butch Kroskey #8 gave a secretary's and treasurer's report. Membership is at 165 with three renewals at CANvention. We are +10 members over last year at this time. Currently there is 1 member 2 years late, 28 members 1 year late, and 45 currently due for 2013. Dues for 2014 start today. As of 8/26/13 our savings balance was \$2407.64, checking was \$449.81, and PayPal was \$5.04 for a total of \$2862.49. We show a net gain of \$535.93 from the same time last year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

President Bill Viancourt #132 officially welcomed Brad Ambruso #7 back as the newsletter editor. Brad has already produced a make-up issue that included all new issues as well as the regular content of the newsletter. Members in attendance also extended their thanks for his return.

The chair reminded everyone that we still had T-shirts for sale at the chapter table. The chair also indicated that there would be an order form in all further issues of the newsletter and on the website for members to use.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The chair explained the procedures for nomination of bottles for both foreign and domestic bottle of the year. To be eligible, a bottle must have appeared in one of the issues of the BCCA magazine. It is up to every member to inform the correct column editor of new releases and provide a suitable picture. If you have a problem doing this with your new bottle, you can email to Brad who will assist you.

The chapter will have a Facebook page to extend our exposure to the general public. This is in addition to the Forum that is designed for our own use.

The chair also encouraged members to take advantage of the Forum pages for information as well as potential for trades.

The chair wanted to let everyone know that we had a display entered into this contest.

A reminder was issued for dues payments which are due now for the 2014 year.

A lengthy discussion was held on the merit of the board's motion to become involved in some philanthropic activity related to our hobby. There were discussions of dollar amounts and criteria for

choosing who would be eligible and how a determination would be made on who the recipient would be. Joe Germino #4 moved to table the motion in order to allow the membership and board to more fully discuss how to proceed. The chair asked for participation from the chapter members to assist in the matter. Members can use the forum, or contact President Bill Viancourt #132 directly.

President Bill Viancourt #132 called for a motion to adjourn at 6:00. Brad Ambruso #7 so moved and unanimously seconded.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the chapter distributed the Bud Whitecap bottle, the new bottle koozie, and a bottle blank (which were donated by Exal Corp) to all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Butch Kroskey #8, Secretary/Treasurer