

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs

Tenth Annual Meeting; September 1, 2016; Portland, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007 at 5:07. Officers and Board member were introduced: Newsletter Editor Dave Vogl #174 and Board Members Cristian DeAntoni #195, Juan Carlos De Marco #031, and Joe Germino #004. President Bill Viancourt #132 and Vice President Joe Hobaugh #069 were not present.

Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007 read the minutes from the previous meeting. Keith Bennett #136 moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Kurtis Schmidt #111.

Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007 gave the Treasures report. At this moment, the balance of all accounts was \$3817.12 with no outstanding debts. We have a current active membership of 129. The Chapter had 11 new members join in the past year and of those 4 were non-BCCA members.

OLD BUSINESS CHAIR:

Brad Ambruso #007 announced that the online aluminum bottle database has been temporarily sidelined. Issues of security and compatibility with our current forum/website arose. Hopefully by the next annual meeting there will be more progress to report.

OLD BUSINESS FLOOR:

Juan Carlos De Marco #031 reported that the ABC Chapter's application into the Brewery Collectors World Convention was approved at last year's BCWC meeting. The next BCWC World Convention will be in Tychy, Poland, May 19-21, 2017. Cristian De Antoni #195 has agreed to be the ABC Chapter representative at the next World Convention. The chapter will also send Cris a case of our chapter bottles to take along as a give away at the convention in hopes of promoting aluminum bottle collecting and the ABC Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS CHAIR:

Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007 announced that during the current year officers and members of the board have been discussing the possibility of creating a lifetime membership. This will be based on a 5 years continuous ABC membership, making all members that are up to date with their membership dues, and an active member for at least 5 years a 'lifetime member' releasing them from having to pay any annual dues. All this was based on the current economical position of the Chapter and will become effective as of CANvention 2017. Considering that the chapter raffle income at CANvention helps balance our operational costs, and gives us revenue each year, we have no further need to collect yearly fees. The below motion was made by Brad Ambruso #007 and seconded by Shaun Van Der Hoop #072.

Motion to change Chapter By-Law Article 1. Dues; to read from:

The dues for all members shall be \$5.00 per calendar year. 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. *Family Members may join with dues at \$2 the 1st year and \$1 per year thereafter.*

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

To:

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'.

The floor was opened for discussion and we all agreed that, if in the future, the chapters financial situation changes, we will be able to start collecting the annual dues again. The family membership option was also removed from the article and any current family members will become regular members. The motion was called for a vote and passed unanimously.

This year all Officer and Board of Director positions were opened to elections. All current members stated that if any other member will like to step up and have the possibility of becoming a Office or Board member, they will have no problem stepping down. No other member showed interest in becoming an Officer or part of the Board of Directors. Nomination for each position were open to the floor, none were heard and nominations were closed. Since all current Officers and Board Members wished to continue their position, all current Officer and Board Members will remain the same for the next term.

NEW BUSINESS FLOOR:

Joe Germino #004 stated that with next year being the ABC Chapter's 10th anniversary, it would be a good idea to enter in the CANvention display contest. Joe offered to chair/coordinate the effort and will be looking for ideas and contributions from our members for this endeavor.

Brad Ambruso #007 also proposed a new aluminum bottle will be produced for the next CANvention to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of our Chapter.

Ibes Schmidt Pacheco #252 took the floor to thank the collaboration he received from fellow ABC member Kurtis Schmidt after the last convention, replacing a lot of bottles that got damaged during his trip back home in Brazil.

Since it was foreseen this CANvention would be lightly attended, in lieu of a chapter table and raffle, door prizes and several cold Bud Light UFC bottles were given away at the meeting. Members attending enjoyed a few cold brews and about a dozen or so aluminum bottles were given out as door prizes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kurtis Schmidt #111 and was seconded by Dave Dosier #204 at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristian De Antoni, ABC Board of Directors #195