

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs

Ninth Annual Meeting; September 3, 2015; Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Viancourt #132 at 5:00. Officers and Board member were introduced: Vice President Joe Hobaugh #069, Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007, Newsletter Editor Dave Vogl #174 and Board Members Cristian DeAntoni #195, Juan Carlos De Marco #031, and Joe Germino #004.

Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007 read the minutes from the previous meeting. Larry Sampson #073 moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by David Dosier #204.

Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007 gave the Treasures report. At this moment, the balance of accounts was \$2909.99 with no outstanding debts. We have a current active membership of 141 (20 were delinquent on dues and may be dropped if not heard from by CANvention end). The Chapter had 10 new members join in the past year and of those only 2 were non-BCCA members.

OLD BUSINESS CHAIR: None

OLD BUSINESS FLOOR: None

NEW BUSINESS CHAIR:

During this time of turmoil and animosity towards law enforcement, President Bill Viancourt #132, asked that we all take a minute to remember fallen officers and thank them for all they do.

President Bill Viancourt #132 announced that Butch Kroskey #008 has stepped down as Secretary/Treasurer and Brad Ambruso #007 will fill the position until Portland CANvention. Butch's health and inability to travel were deciding factors in his decision. Butch has been feeling better and he is very optimistic that his prognosis will be favorable, which was a great relief to all present.

President Bill Viancourt #132 reiterated the fact that newsletter input from our members is very important to help keep a quality newsletter. Bill will formulate a 'Collectors Bio' sheet and occasional call on a few members to participate in the newsletter.

President Bill Viancourt #132 announced that we will be selling chapter T-shirts at a reduced cost of \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

With all the action on Facebook, President Bill Viancourt #132, emphasized the importance of talking up the ABC during a FB trade or sale. Perhaps place a chapter application in the box or direct them to our website.

NEW BUSINESS FLOOR:

Joe Hobaugh #069 asked that we all be more assertive when browsing for bottles at your favorite store. Ask the manager what they plan to do with the aluminum bottle display when the promotion is over. Most plan to throw it away so they probably wouldn't mind to give it to you, those kind of things make great raffle prizes.

Brad Ambruso #007 announced that an on line, searchable, customizable database is in the works and will be accessible to ABC Members only from the website. Work will start this winter and hopes are to launch at CANvention 46.

Juan Carlos De Marco #031 reported that the ABC Chapter's application into the Brewery Collectors World Convention was submitted and is pending a vote at the Saturday BCWC meeting. Juan Carlos stated that the vote is just a formality and afterwards we will receive our membership information. Bill Viancourt #132 will be the chapter representative at the BCWC meeting.

Doug Cramer #156 asked if the ABC Chapter hosting their own show was a possibility. The idea drew several approving nods and it was also mentioned the chapter had co-sponsored shows in the past. Having a centrally located venue would be paramount and the project will be investigated further.

A round of thanks went out to Brad Ambruso #007 for his efforts to design and have made the ABC Chapters first aluminum bottle. The bottle will be handed out to all members in good standing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kurtis Schmidt #111 and was seconded by Jim Demmeka #033 at 5:22.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Ambruso, Secretary/Treasurer #007