

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs
Third Chapter Meeting 9/10/09 Springfield, Illinois

The meeting was opened at 5:03 p.m. by Chapter President Bob Renforth #001. Introductions of the officers and all present were made. Bob made a highlight of all international members.

Bob outlined the meeting agenda in the following order:

1. Upcoming Officer – Board Member switch. Effective with the end of this 2009 CANvention, Bruce Gregg #003 resigned as Secretary Treasurer and will assume a position on the ABC Board. Butch Kroskey #008, ABC Board member, will assume the office of Secretary Treasurer. Bruce thanked the members for allowing him to serve as ABC Secretary Treasurer. He stated that he really enjoyed his time as S/T and that he definitely felt that the ABC is an outstanding group.
2. Committee Chairs – Jerome Spindler #006 will assume a new position of Supply Chairman. It is hoped that he will be able to develop a support staff located throughout the country.
3. Web Site – Brad Ambruso #007 will now start his focus on an ABC Chapter Web Site. He will focus full bore now, get a URL and Go All Out. Steve Stone #151 does web site work as his business and will help in this effort. As a start, the Web Site will be designed to include our Roster listing, Cabottle pictures, a supply page, a member's only section, and a Forum. Target completion is by the end of 2009.
4. Shirt Designs – President Bob asked if we should go to a new design, a change to our maroon color, or keep things the same. Members are to e-mail officers and board members with their opinion and a decision will be made at a later date. Comments were made that larger sizes were needed.

Secretary Bruce Gregg #003 read the 8/29/08 meeting minutes from Orlando, Florida. Bruce also gave a 9/10/09 Secretary Treasurer's Report highlighting the current status of membership numbers and finances.

Gary Brinkmeyer #055 asked about Boomer's #013 health. President Bob commented that Boomer's health was good and that he said hi to all.

Vice President Tobi Hick's #005 urged everyone to sell raffle tickets and highlighted some of the items that were to be raffled.

There was no Old or New Business.

Announcements:

- President Bob commented that there were 3 ABC members running for the BCCA Board of Directors: Brad Ambruso #007, Greg Lenaghan #053, and Tom Fay #092.
- Bob also stated that totes (\$9) and USBC V1 books (\$35) will be sold out of his room to chapter members for the same cost to our ABC Chapter.
- Bruce #003 commented that he had paper copies of our US Cabottle listing for any members who would like one.
- Bruce also commented that ABC Annual Renewals will be handled by Butch Kroskey #008.
- Gary Brinkmeyer #055 asked if we can pay our dues for multiple years and Bruce #003 responded with a definite Yes. Bruce commented that about 20% of our ABC members have

paid for two or more years in advance. The Secretary Treasurer's records can effectively track this.

- Bob Renforth #001 asked for a motion for the ABC Chapter to pay the upcoming year's dues for those members who worked shifts on the ABC supply table at this year's CANvention. Brad Ambruso #007 made the motion with a second by Joe Germino #004. The motion passed near unanimously with 2 dissenting votes. However, many of the recipients refused to accept the dues waiver when renewal dues were collected at the end of the meeting. **Action Item: Secretary Treasurer Butch Kroskey #008 will work out who, how, when and if these dues waivers will be enacted.**
- Juan Carlos De Marco #031 from Argentina commented that he has certainly met a lot of ABC members at this CANvention and he appreciates all of the trades that he has been able to make through the mail in the past. He made a trophy presentation to the ABC, received by President Bob Renforth #001, highlighting appreciation to our Chapter.
- Juan Carlos also stated that we need a World Wide Catalogue of Cabottle's and that he is working on one.
- Joe Germino #004 commented that the ABC chapter is an excellent example of the effectiveness of Fair Trade, i.e. we have a super track record of our members being "up front" with each other as they make their Cabottle trades.

A motion was made for Adjournment at 5:38 p.m. by Bruce Woolley #070 with a second by Tom Fay #092. The motion passed unanimously.

Post Note: The ABC brought in 7 new members to the BCCA this last year (2009) and tied with 2 other chapters for this noteworthy achievement. **As we send in our chapter's renewal application to the BCCA in October 2009, our Chapter dues of \$10 will be waived as a result of our accomplishment.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Gregg #003 Secretary Treasurer
9/13/09