

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs

Thirteenth Annual Meeting; August 29, 2019; Albuquerque, New Mexico

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Viancourt #132 at 5:01.

A brief moment of silence was observed for members Jerry Matonis #040, David Meredith #147, Robin Carlson #178 and Jim Moffett #191, all of whom we lost in the past year.

Officers and Board member were introduced: Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007, Newsletter Editor Dave Vogl #174, Board Members Joe Germino #004 and David Dosier #204. Not present were Vice President Joe Hobaugh #069 and Board Member Cristian DeAntoni #195

Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007 read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mark Swartz #032 moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded by John Doran #240.

Secretary/Treasurer Brad Ambruso #007 gave the Treasurers report. At this moment, the balance of all accounts was \$3950.05 with no outstanding debts. We have a current active membership of 132. The Chapter had 2 new members and 1 re joins in the past year. Of the active membership, 125 are now Lifetime Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Production of an ABC Chapter bottle for the 2020 St Louis CANvention and 15th anniversary of the ABC Chapter was again discussed. Brad Ambruso #007 reported that finding a manufacturer for such a small run is proving to be very difficult. Several ideas were discussed including a possible paper label bottle, which may be used as a last resort. If a manufacturer can't be secured by January or so, a different route may be taken to provide the membership with some kind of gift for the 15th anniversary.

Bill Viancourt #132 reported that the online store, to provide ABC logo'ed apparel, has fell through. The vendor we were looking at proved to be unreliable and a search for a new vendor is ongoing.

Brad Ambruso #007 again discussed the fact that additional support for the website galleries is needed. The submittal of photos and information on both newer and older bottles is needed to help keep the galleries vibrant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Renforth #001 spoke on the new BCCA magazine inclusion of an aluminum bottle 'Brand News' article. The article is currently every other issue and if the volume of bottles listed can be expanded the hope is to get the article to every issue. Bob asked for support submitting bottles for the article and noted that all submissions must be current (recently released) bottles.

Joe Germino #004 stated that the addition of an aluminum bottle 'Brand News' article will be a great help in the BCCA reinstating a second category for 'Bottle of the Year'.

Several ideas will be discussed for an ABC Chapter display at the 2020 CANvention. Including a 15 bottles for 15 years or maybe a 50 bottles for 50 countries. Joe Germino #004 and Bill Viancourt #132 will be taking the lead on this endeavor and may reach out to the membership for assistance and/or to borrow some bottles for the display.

Bob Renforth #001 motioned that an additional section to the roster for our passed members should be something we include, Joe Germino #004 seconded. After a brief floor discussion, Brad Ambruso #007 will add an additional section to our online roster for our passed active members and may reach out for additional info and maybe photos of those members for the roster. Motion passed unanimously.

Juan Carlos De Marco #031 reported that the BCWC in Argentina will begin October 12. Cristian DeAntoni #195, will be the ABC Chapter representative.

Ibes Schmitz Pacmew #252 advised he will be donating several South American test aluminum bottles for next year's raffle in St Louis.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shaun Van Der Hoop #072 and was seconded by Bruce Higgins #077 at 5:39.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Ambruso, ABC Secretary/Treasurer #007