

Aluminum Bottle CANnoisseurs

Eighteenth Annual Meeting; September 11, 2025; Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Tom Fay opened the meeting at 4:55 pm by greeting everyone and introducing all the officers and Board members in attendance.

Officers in attendance:

Tom Fay #92 – President

John Doran #240 – Vice President

Brad Ambruso #007 – Sec/Treasurer

Joe Hobaugh #069 – Board Member

Joe Germino #004 – Board Member

Tom also introduced:

Carter Stahl #276 – Newsletter Editor

Mike Fritz #198 – Minutes Taker

Brad read the minutes from the 2024 Business Meeting at CANvention 53 in Little Rock.

Motion to accept – Joe Germino #004, 2nd – Joe Hobaugh #069

Approved unanimously.

Brad gave the treasurer's report. The current balance of chapter accounts is: \$2,194.60.

Motion to accept – Bob Renforth #001, 2nd – Joe Germino #004

Approved unanimously.

Brad reported we now have 132 members, including 6 new members and 2 re-joins. All members are now lifetime members.

Brad proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to split the Office of Sec/Treasurer to separate Secretary and Treasurer positions. The Secretary will be responsible for taking meeting minutes and maintaining the chapter roster. The Treasurer will maintain records of the chapter's treasury.

Motion to accept – Bruce Gregg #003, 2nd – Larry Sampson #073

Approved unanimously.

Brad proposed changes to the Bylaws to indicate there will be no annual dues. All current members are lifetime members. New BCCA members will pay a one-time \$20 fee to join, Non-BCCA members will pay a one-time \$25 fee to join, re-joins will be \$20.

Brad read Section 1 of the old Bylaws and the proposed Bylaws.

Motion to accept – Joe Hobaugh #069, 2nd – Joe Germino #004

Approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom announced that Brad Ambruso, our current Sec/Treasurer is resigning. Brad is not upset with anyone, but desires more time for travel.

Brad nominated Mike Fritz #198 for Secretary and asked for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Joe Germino made a motion to accept the nomination by acclamation, 2nd - Joe Hobaugh. Approved unanimously.

Brad nominated Dave Vitale #241 for Treasurer and asked for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Joe Germino made a motion to accept the nomination by acclamation, 2nd – Bob Renforth. Approved unanimously.

Bruce Gregg asked how the website will be handled in the future. Joe Germino, one of our website administrators, reported that we receive a lot of posts that go to “spam” and must be approved by the administrators to be posted. There is also a lot of “spam” produced by the Chinese that needs to be blocked.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Renforth asked if there was any progress on chapter shirts. Tom proposed using a one-color logo to save costs. Members would be able to order a shirt and have it delivered directly. Bob said he obtained 5-color printing on chapter shirts for \$14.95/shirt with a min. order of 35. Tom asked Bob to provide the information for the source of the shirts. We will consider whatever would be the best deal for chapter members.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Germino reported that we are selling raffle tickets and bottles at our table in the lobby near the trade floor. Tom reported that there is a sound system available on the trade floor that we should use to announce our raffles and our table location. Tom asked for help to sit at the chapter table. The table cost us \$40 this year but the meeting room ended up being free.

We need article for the Newsletter. Send your articles to Carter Stahl.

We need someone to take over as Webmaster for our Web page. Brad will continue until December 2025, and is available to assist with the transfer to a new page.

Tom announced that Danny Bora can provide us with resources to have Zoom Meetings at no charge. We plan to have 1 board meeting each quarter.

Tom asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Joe Germino #004, 2nd – Bob Renforth #001

Approved unanimously at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fritz #198, Secretary