

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Florida Beer Wholesalers Association

Hotel Effie, Sandestin, FL

September 17, 2024

Joseph Little, Bernie Little

Tripp Transou, Tri-Eagle

Ken Daley, Tri-Eagle

Mike LePorin, Tri-Eagle

Harris English, Daytona Beverages

Chris Bowler, Daytona Beverages

Jeff Weckback, Pepine Diistributing

Frank Schwiep, Gold Coast Distributing

Michael Trabulsy, Southern Eagle

Paul Trabulsy, Southern Eagle

Sue McCollum, Eagle Brands Sales

Rick Dansdill, Double Eagle

George Halper, Eagle Brands Sales

Greg Holzmeyer, North Florida Sales

Gentry Pelham, North Florida Sales

Mike Dougherty, Carroll Distributing

Justin Saenz, Carroll Distributing

David Gonzalez, City Beverages

Justin Gill, Tri-Eagle Sales

Tripp Transou IV, Tri-Eagle Sales

David Bear, The Lewis Bear Company

Matt Sokolowski, Great Bay Distributing

Chris Bina, Great Bay Distributing

Molly Wright, Great Bay Distributing

Ana Rodriguez, Great Bay Distributing

Belle Bear, The Lewis Bear Company

James Allred, Great Bay Distributing

John Williams, Wayne Densch, Inc

Kevin Mitchell, Suncoast Beverage Sales

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Bear, at 10:03am

Secretary George Halper presented the Minutes from the December 5, 2023 membership meeting noting that they were available online.

Motion to Approve from Mr. Halper, Seconded by Mr. Sokolowski. The minutes were unanimously approved.

President, Jared Ross presented a financial update of where the organization sits as of Q3.

Past Chairman, Ken Daley, presented an update on the Single Voice Initiative – Ken gave a short history of the initiative, talked about the board level governance, and showed the timeline of the budget and business plan.

John Williams moved to approve the proposal for the Single Voice Initiative, Jeff Weckback seconded the motion.

A robust discussion was held about the pros and cons of having one association. There was discussion about the Board make up and the entire process. Finances, both of the association and political committees were discussed. Every member was afforded the opportunity to give their thoughts, if they had any. After nearly 45 minutes of discussion, Chairman Bear called for a vote and the initiative passed unanimously.

FBWA President Jared Ross then presented an update on Hemp Consumable Products and the potential legislation that would be introduced for the 2025 Legislative Session. An extensive discussion was held with each member being able to weigh in on their thoughts related to the legislation. A suggestion was made that Mr. Ross put together a list of items that should be included in legislation and transmit that to the membership, asking for feedback. All members agreed this was an important initiative to move forward with.

At the conclusion of that discussion, Mr. Ross let the Membership know that the Governance Meeting for all FBWA members would be December 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM Eastern via Zoom. The agenda would consist of Board elections, approving the audit and the 2025 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM Central time.