

MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP
Florida Beer Wholesalers Association
Zoom
December 12, 2024

Attendance:

Colby Kiene, City Beverages
David Gonzalez, City Beverages
Andrea Saputo, Gold Coast Eagle
Genesis Smith, Pepin Distributing
Greg McLeod, Pepin Distributing
Tripp Transou IV, Tri-Eagle
John Williams, Wayne Densch
Kevin Bowler, Daytona Beverages
Tripp Transou, Tri-Eagle
Chris Bowler, Daytona Beverages
Matt Sokolowski, Great Bay Distributors
David Bear, The Lewis Bear Company
Ken Daley, Tri-Eagle
Jordan Wheeler, FBWA
Jared Ross, FBWA
Frank Schwiep, Gold Coast Distributing
Rick Dansdill, Double Eagle
George Halper, Eagle Brands Sales
Sue McCollum, Eagle Brands Sales
Greg Holzmeyer, North Florida Sales
Tim Mitchell, Suncoast Beverage Sales
Kevin Mitchell, Suncoast Beverage Sales
Philip Busch, Southern Eagle
Gentry Pelham, North Florida Sales
Alex Williams, Wayne Densch
Louis Cayll, SR Perott
Chris Bina, Suncoast Beverages
Kevin Mitchell, Suncoast Beverages
Jacob Benton, Champion Brands
Earl Benton, Champion Brands
Eva McMullin, SR Perott
Rebecca Maisel, Goldring Gulf
John Taylor, JJ Taylor

Chairman Bear called the meeting to order at 10:01am and handed it over to Mr. Ross.

Mr. Halper called for approval of the minutes from September 17 and. Mr. Pelham moved, Mr. Bowler seconded. Minutes were approved.

Mr. Daley asked for the introduction of the new members. Eva McMullan, Louis Cayll, Earl Benton, and Jacob Benton (Rebecca Maisel joined the call later). Mr. Daley, after presenting the Single Voice Committee report, made a motion to accept new members (Cone, Goldring Gulf, Champion Brands, JJ Taylor, SR Perott), Mr. Bowler seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr Daley presented the Nominating Committee's recommendation to keep the expired Board members on the board (Pelham, Saputo, and Schwiep). It was recommended we have 8 board members for 2025 to allow Jacob Benton to be added to the board for a two-year as well. Mr. Daley made a motion to waive the constitutional requirement of 10-days written notice for a constitutional amendment, as well as directed the board to form a committee to modernize the constitution and bylaws in the next year. Nominating committee report concluded and motions were made.

Chairman Bear took action to approve the waiver, Mr. Bowler made a motion, Mr. Transou seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bear took action to approve the Board members. Mr. Transou moved, seconded by Mr. Bowler, motion carried.

Chairman Bear took action to approve directing the 2025 Board to work on a restatement of the constitution and bylaws, Mr. Transou moved, seconded by Mr. Bowler. It was questioned what happens if there is a stalemate on the board and discussion was had on FBWA being more member-driven than board-driven. The new committee will address it in the rewrite. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Halper presented the audit and asked for any questions. Mr. Transou made motion to approve the 2023 audit, Mr. Bowler seconded. The audit was approved.

Mr. Halper presented the 2024 financials and 2025 budget which included 5% increase for Jared and 8.12% increase for Jordan. Mr. Halper asked for questions or concerns. Mr. Transou motioned, Mr. Bowler seconded, the budget and financials passed unanimously.

Mr. Ross shared some upcoming dates for the Legislative Meeting and the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Mr. Bear asked for closing remarks and called the meeting adjourned at 10:35am.