

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 Perrott  
Chris Bina, Suncoast Beverages  
Kevin Mitchell, Suncoast Beverages  
Jacob Benton, Champion Brands  
Earl Benton, Champion Brands  
Eva McMullin, SR Perrott  
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 Perrott), 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 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 and 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.