

1887 March 25th

Directors' Meeting

Friday, 25th March 1887 4 p.m.

Present: Messrs. Dodds (chair), Baehr, Winstanley, Grosser and Talbot

- Transfer of shares
- Bills for rental of office
- Letters from Diack & Okura
- Contract with Hermann Heckert through Rohde
- Purchase of machinery
- Ordinary General Meeting on May 9th
- Auditor, Townley and Till in place of Playfair
- Numbers of directors and Glover to join
- Members in arrear with calls
- Curnow & Co applying for retail agency in Yokohama and Kobe

1. Minutes of meeting of Nov 26th read, confirmed and signed.
2. Transfer of shares Nos. 130 to 134 from William Gordon to E.J. Geohegan assented to.
3. Bills for rental of office, 9 months to 31 March 1887 @\$10 per month, stationery printing and advertising \$52.50, and cost of common seal of the Co. \$28.77 in all \$171.27 ordered to be paid and cheque signed therefor.
4. Letters from Messrs. Diack & Okura read & recorded.
5. Mr. Baehr verbally explained the negotiations undertaken by Mr. Rohde to secure the services of a competent brewer, resulting in the selection of Mr. Hermann Heckert whose testimonials are stated to be of a most

satisfactory description. Should Mr. Rohde decide upon the engagement of Mr. Heckert the testimonials, translated from the original German, will be presented to the company. It was resolved, Mr. Baehr not voting, that Mr. Rohde's efforts on behalf of the Company should be acknowledged with thanks; and that the matter should be left in his hands. A power of attorney drawn up in the name of the Japan Brewery Co, Limited, empowering Mr. Carl Rohde of Hamburg to engage a competent brewer and to sign all necessary agreements for and in the name of the Company, but confining the authority to the special purpose named was then, by virtue of the powers conferred upon the directors by the articles of association, and in conformity with rule 92 signed by Mr. Dodds, chairman, Mr. Winstanley and by the secretary pro tem, Mr. Talbot, and sealed with the common seal of the company in the presence of Messrs. B.H. Pratt and J.L.O. Eyton as witnesses.

6. Mr. Baehr explained the proceedings in Germany in connection with the purchase of machinery the whole of which it was stated would be here in August next.
7. The second ordinary general meeting was fixed for Monday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. to be held at No. 7 Water-street, Yokohama, the secretary to give the necessary notices.
8. The Company's auditor, Mr. Playfair, elected September 17th, 1885, having left Japan, it was resolved to invite Messrs. F. Townley and W.W. Till to act as auditors.
9. Mr. Talbot gave notice that he would, at the next meeting of shareholders, second Mr. Kirkwood's proposition that Mr. Thomas Blake Glover should

be elected a director of the company. As by article No. 77 the number of directors is limited to five, it was resolved that an extraordinary general meeting, to be held on the same day but subsequently, to the next annual general meeting, should be called for the purpose of passing a special resolution empowering the directors to substitute the number of seven for five as the highest number of directors, the secretary to give the necessary notices.

This resolution was deemed necessary in order to retain the services of the present directors in addition to those of Mr. Glover, whose accession to the board is considered to be most advantageous & desirable.

10. Members in arrear with calls were then named; and it was resolved that the secretary should inform each member of his indebtedness to the Company; and further, in Mr. Skinner's case, notice should be given under the articles 23-32 of the articles of association, requiring him to make payment to the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited, Kobe, Company's bankers, on or before the 5th of May next ensuing, failure to comply with such notice to render his share liable to forfeiture.
11. A letter from Messrs. Curnow & Co applying for retail agency in Yokohama and Kobe to be acknowledged.

Adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

W.H. Talbot

Sec. p.t.

James Dodds

Chairman