

1888 July 24<sup>th</sup>

Directors' Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> July 1888 5 PM at 7 Water St. Yokohama

Present: Mr.Dodds (Chair), Mr.Grosser, Mr.Baehr

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

➤ Mr. Gibbs' Salary

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Mr. Grosser said he thought that the salary temporarily granted to Mr. Gibbs at last meeting for the delivery of the beer was too high, as he had received an offer from another candidate who would be willing to do the same work for \$75. Mr. Baehr remarked that a great point in favour of Mr. Gibbs was that he got on well with the Brewer, and Mr. Dodds said that in his opinion Gibbs was especially suitable owing to his knowledge of the local liquor business. It was arranged to discuss the matter further at a fuller meeting.

➤ Isono and Nagasaki

H. Isono

The Chairman stated that Mr. Isono had mentioned that he intended, if no objection were offered, to send supplies of beer to a friend or agent of his at Nagasaki, and the question now arose whether, having already agents at that port, the Company is justified in supplying Isono for that purpose.

The matter was discussed and it was the opinion of the meeting that Isono was entitled to all supplies he chose to order in the ordinary course of business so long as he did not order any specially for Nagasaki, but at the same time if

he sent any beer there he would do so at his own risk (in regard to price &c.) and responsibility.

➤ Brewing Water

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The Chairman said he had learned that the supply of brewing water had run short during the previous week. Mr. Baehr explained that a large quantity had been used for boiling the hazel chips or shavings required for the barrels and that clear water was necessary for this purpose. The general question of the stock of brewing water was discussed, and it was thought that it would be necessary at some future time to apply to the water works for a supply, and the Secretary was instructed to see Mr. Mitsunashi on the subject.

➤ Repairs to Waggon

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An Estimate by A.C. Young for the repairs of the second waggon amounting to \$152 was submitted but was considered much too high, and it was the general opinion of the meeting that it would be a better plan to sell the old waggon by auction and either buy or build a better and more suitable one. This, not being pressing, was postponed for the present.

➤ Germania Factory

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A letter was read from the Maschinenfabrik Germania in regard to the defects which had been pointed out to them on the completion of the machinery. The principal item in the list was the main steam pipe which had been considered too thin to stand a high pressure for any length of time, but it was now stated by the manufacturers that the pipe will resist a pressure of 50 atmospheres of

750 lbs to the square inch, and as the boiler is only built for a pressure of 6 atmospheres or 90 lbs, there is a security of 8 times the utmost pressure required, and consequently similar durability. The other defects were small and will be attended to and replaced. This was considered satisfactory and the Secretary was instructed to communicate these matters to the Engineer.

➤ Engineer's Report

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A report by the Engineer on the present condition of the Boiler and Engines and the probable repairs and renewals required for the next six months was read and was considered highly satisfactory.

➤ Brewer's House

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Mr. Grosser stated that in conjunction with Mr. Abbott he had not yet finally arranged about the plans, but as soon as the latter gentleman would return from the country the matter would be taken in hand.

➤ Correspondence

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The Chairman read some correspondence including a letter from the Nagasaki Agents asking for a supply of beer both in bulk and in bottle. The Secretary was instructed to inform them that as the beer is of a very light description it was thought better for the present not to send any to a distance in wood.

The meeting adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

J. Donaldson

James Dodds

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Chairman