

1893 July 3rd

Directors Meeting held at No.7 Water Street Yokohama

at 3.30 PM on Monday the 3rd July 1893

Present: Messrs. J. Dodds (Chairman), H. Baehr, T. B. Glover, W. Gordon, and
(by invitation) M. Kirkwood.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 5th and 14th June were read and confirmed.

➤ Finance

Finance The Chairman reported that he had arranged the matter of the Company's overdraft with the Bank Manager, and that Debentures to the extent of \$18,000 had been lodged with the Bank as collateral security.

➤ Copelands Bluff Lots

Mr.Copelands Bluff Lots advertised for sale by auction. After some discussion, in which the present cramped condition of the Brewery as regards space was referred to, it was resolved to have someone attend the auction on behalf of the Company and to bid up to say \$1800 for the lot of 280 tsubo adjoining the Brewery Compound, with the house thereon.

➤ Beer Prices

Fall in Silver Value The question of an increase in the selling price of Beer in consequence of the recent heavy fall in Exchange was fully discussed at all points and it was finally resolved to issue notice to the Company's Agent, Mr. Isono, at once, thus:- "Owing to the greatly enhanced price of German Malt and Hops and other imported Stores the Japan Brewery Company have to inform their Customers that in order to continue to use only the best materials as hitherto that are obliged to charge from the 31st August next the

following prices, viz:-

Quarts	\$2.25	per dozen		
Pints	\$1.35	"	"	
In Cask	\$0.75	"	"	"

And it was determined to advertise the same in Foreign newspapers for one week before the date on which the increase comes into force.

➤ Brew of beer of Quality Distinct from Kirin

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A suggestion made verbally by Mr. Isono to the Secretary on this subject was considered. In view of the practical difficulties which would attend the brewing and maintaining in stock of two different kinds of Beer, it was resolved to make no immediate change in the present system of brewing.

➤ Price Charged Isono for Cases

Price charged Mr.Isono for Cases The Chairman having reported that the price charged Mr. Isono at present for cases and Straw Envelopes was 15 sen per case whereas the actual cost to the Company was, for quart cases 39 sen and for pint cases 45 sen, even after allowing for certain economies which had recently been made, some discussion followed which resulted in the conclusion that although some modification was desirable the present was not a good time to attempt any charge. The Secretary was however directed to bring the matter forward again at the first Directors Meeting held in October next.

➤ Transfer of Shares from N. Watanabe to His Nephew

Mr. Watanabe Noboru's desire (expressed verbally through Mr. Isono to the Secretary) to have his 5 Shares in the Company transferred to his nephew-

also named Watanabe- was discussed; and although the Directors noted the fact that they can refuse to allow this transfer before the end of 1895, it was resolved that as the matter did not involve an actual sale but was simply a family arrangement, no objection to the transfer should be made.

➤ Paper Label over Mouth of Bottle

Paper Label over Mouth of Bottle A suggestion on this subject from Mr. Isono was discussed and it was referred to the Manager to consider with the Brewer whether better mucilage could be used for the labels and capsules now affixed to the bottles and so obviate the necessity for a new label.

➤ Prizes to Club Germania and Yokohama Cricket Club

Prizes to Clubs It was resolved to approach the Club Germania and the Yokohama Cricket Club with a view to presenting each with a Permanent Challenge Trophy – Mr. Baehr undertaking to attend to the former Club and Mr. Dodds to the latter.

➤ Letter from B. Kobayashi

A letter from Mr. B. Kobayashi was read and it was determined that the Secretary should acknowledge the same with thanks and at the same time inform Mr. Kobayashi that his suggestions were having the best attention.

➤ Bremner:s Resignation from the Auditor and Baron to Take His Place

Auditors The Chairman reported that Mr. Bremner could no longer act as Auditor and that he had arranged for Mr. Barron to take his place- conditionally on the approval of the Board. This was at once agreed to.

➤ Beer Product

Beer Product Resolved, on the proposition of Mr. Baehr, to inform Mr. Heckert that the Directors had more reason now to be satisfied with the out-

turn of Beer during the past year than they had when they addressed him on the subject on 25th March last.

James Dodds

Chairman