

1897 December 30<sup>th</sup>

Minutes of Directors Meeting held on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1897

at 4.30 p.m. at No.74 Main Street

Present: W. Gordon (Chairman), J.D. Hutchison, W.A. Bennett,

O. Haynemann.

➤ Guarantees from Yokokawa & Masujima

The Minutes of two preceding Meetings were read & confirmed. Guarantees from Messrs. Toyokawa & Masujima were examined & approved.

➤ Meidiya's Advertising Account

Meidiya's Advertising Account — Meidiya's account for advertising expenses incurred on behalf of the Company from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. (Viz. \$3891.97) was produced & examined. Although it had formerly been thought advisable to hold back this amount it was now decided that, as the amount had actually been disbursed by Meidiya, a cheque covering it should be at once sent.

➤ Telegram from Rohde & Co., Hamburg about Extension of the Brewery

Telegram received on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. by Messrs. Carl Rohde & Co from Hamburg – at Extension – The following telegram from Hamburg was laid before the Directors:

“We recommend to Not yet building  
Brewery Material (Cellars)  
Germania Masch fabrik, Chemnitz  
will make proposals  
with latest improvements  
Particulars have been despatched by last mail”

Telegram from Carl Rohde & Co. Hamburg Wire New Buildings Dec 1897

It was decided that since the excavation of the embankment was now proceeding & in view of our contract with Iwata Zendo to let matters drift, until the proposals referred to in the telegram should arrive.

➤ Equitable Insurance

Equitable Insurance (Claim under Policy #655550) –

A letter from Mr. F Kiene concerning the Company's claim under the late Mr. Isono's Life-Policy was read. Forms of application were examined and it was found that to obtain the information required by them would be very troublesome & occupy much time: on Mr. Gordon's suggestion, however, it was agreed after some discussion to apply upon the Doctor's Certificate & our affidavit, in case Mr. Kiene should be inclined to consider this as sufficient to establish our claim: in the meantime the forms were handed to the Company's office to be filled up. In connection with this a question arose as to whether the Company should give Mr. Isono's Estate formal notice that it held promissory notes for credits given to Mr. Isono. It was decided to defer this question to a later meeting.

➤ December Wages & New Year Gifts

December Wages & New Year gifts were examined and passed.

➤ Mr. Heckert's Illness

Mr. Heckert's Illness — It was suggested that in view of Mr. Heckert's Illness and the odd behavior of Mr. Von Mann that it would be well that Code Words should be arranged by Mr. Haynemann with his Hamburg correspondents, so that a Brewer or Under-Brewer, as required, might be procured from home at a moment's notice. Mr. Haynemann however stated that he had at present a Code sufficient for the purpose.

➤ Crane's Remuneration

Mr.Crane's Remuneration — It was agreed to fix this at \$150 per month and it was resolved to give him some Honorarium in addition if he would open a new set of Books & Accounts at the beginning of the next financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 1898) . It was also agreed to allow Mr. Lay the sum \$25 extra per month while acting for the Secretary.

The Meeting, then closed at 5.30 p.m.

W. Gordon

Chairman