

1898 June 20<sup>th</sup>

Minutes of adjourned meeting of Directors held at the Brewery Offices

at 4 p.m. on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1898

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), F.S. James, H. Baehr, J.D. Hutchison,  
W.R. Bennett

➤ Meidiya new form of Contract

Meidiya new form of Contract The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Yonei acknowledging receipt of the copy of contract sent him and promising to meet the sub-committee at an early date.

➤ Figures for Tabular Statement

Figures for Tabular Statement A letter to Mr. Gordon sending him figures and asking for the assurance desired was read and some discussion followed - the general opinion being that the furnishing of figures or not was entirely at the discretion of the Directors. It was decided not to furnish further information until the question was again referred to the Board.

➤ Prosecution of Fraudulent Imitators of Beer

Prosecution of Fraudulent Imitators of Beer A letter and account from Mr. Masujima were read and considered. Decided not to appeal against the judgment which had been gained but to accept the sum of Yen 300.00 awarded. It was also decided to refer to an arrangement verbally communicated by Mr. Yonei to the effect that Mr. Masujima was to be recompensed by a percentage on the amounts he succeeded in recovering as damages and not by payments by the Company.

➤ Management of Brewery

Management of Brewery A letter from Mr. H.Z. Wheeler on this subject

was read and it was resolved to reply that the changes proposed were so radical and extensive that the Directors thought they could only be brought before a general meeting of the Company.

➤ Coal

Coal The Chairman stated that the present suppliers of coal had intimated a considerable increase in price and that efforts were being made to obtain fuel elsewhere.

➤ Lot No: 122 C Bluff

Lot No: 122 C Bluff A letter from Mr. Keil was read advising that he was prepared to carry out the transfer of this property and the Secretary was desired to do what was necessary.

➤ Chief Brewers Attendance at Directors Meetings

Chief Brewers Attendance at Directors Meetings The Chairman made a suggestion which was unanimously approved that at least once a month the Chief Brewer should attend a Directors Meeting and present a detailed Report on the working of the Brewery. The Secretary was directed to communicate this in writing to the Chief Brewer and to furnish him with a list of the points which the report should embrace. Mr. Heckert then presented himself by request and was informed of this desire of the Directors.

➤ Beer Stock and Breakage of Bottles

Beer Stock and Breakage of Bottles Mr. Heckert made various remarks on these subjects but offered no real explanation of the great decrease of in the average out-turn of Beer per brew which the last half-year and still more the last two months and a half (accounts for which had been presented) showed as compared with previous periods extending back for years. He said he had

appointed a trustworthy man, an old servant of the Company, overseer of the breakage of bottles and he hoped that this together with other steps he was taking would result in an improvement in the Beer Stock Account for the current month and hereafter.

It was resolved to press the Bottle manufacturers to the utmost extent to improve the quality of the Bottles.

The meeting then closed at 6.20 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman