

1899 January 19thMinutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery Offices at 3.30 p.m.on Thursday 19th January 1899

Present: J. Dodds, Chairman, H. Baehr, W. R. Bennett, F. S. James, and (by invitation) M. Kirkwood

The Minutes of the previous meetings of 16th and 21st December, 1898 were read and confirmed.

➤ Consulting Engineer

Consulting Engineer In connection with this matter the question as to whether it would be better to secure a superior permanent Engineer was considered, but while the opinion was held that the services of a local consulting Engineer would be sufficient it was decided not to make any appointment until the erection of the new machinery was about to commence.

➤ Hydrostatic Test of Boilers

Hydrostatic Test of Boilers In view of the present cleaning operations affording an opportunity of making the test recommended by Mr. Tresize, last summer, the advisability of doing so was considered. The boilers having been examined by Engineer-Surveyor Macnab on 22nd March last and reported upon as being "in excellent condition and in a good state of preservation" and as the Company's Engineer Chemnitz verbally also reported them to be in perfect order it was resolved not to make any test in the meantime - particularly as unnecessary strain might thereby be placed on the boilers.

➤ Heckert's Monthly Report for December

Brewer's Report for December This was submitted and commented upon at all points, the lower percentage of bottle breakage being noted with

satisfaction.

➤ Secretary's Financial Statement

Secretary's Financial Statement This also was read.

➤ Price of Beer

Price of Beer An increase in the price of Beer previously decided upon, but postponed, was again discussed. Resolved to keep the matter well in mind but not to take steps at present.

➤ Electric Lighting of Old and New Premises

Electric Lighting of Old and New Premises Two estimates for this work were submitted but a decision was deferred pending a third estimate expected from Mr. Healing in a few days.

➤ Bottling Room Extension

Bottling Room Extension The Secretary reported that this extension, declared by Mr. Heckert – who had by this time attended by request – to be necessary to meet the larger business expected and otherwise prepared for next Summer, would cost, together with works required to complete the most recently constructed Fermentation Room, about Yen 4,000.00.

➤ Reconstruction of Company

Reconstruction of Company Further alterations and suggestions by Mr. Walford were considered and decided upon and the Secretary was instructed to call on Mr. Walford and arrange accordingly with him and at the same time to discuss as to the best time to hold a general meeting at which to propose the scheme in a complete form.

The Meeting then closed at 5.30 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman