

## 1899 March 29<sup>th</sup>

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery Offices at 3 p.m.

on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1899

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March were read and confirmed.

➤ Remittances to Hamburg

Remittances to Hamburg Remittances made by wire since the date of last meeting to the extent of £7,500 on account of new Brewery Machinery and Material were reported and approved, note being taken that this practically covered the entire cost of what had been ordered.

➤ Financial Statement

Financial Statement This was read. In connection with the rapidly approaching time when the Company would be temporarily short of cash it was resolved that the Chairman should arrange with the Bank for an overdraft when required. The issue of \$10,000 Debentures which are still available was considered, but it was decided not to act in that direction at present.

➤ Dinsdale's Application for Office Assistant

Office Assistant An application from Mr. J. H. Dinsdale was read and it was resolved to engage him at a salary of 175 yen per month temporarily with the prospect of permanent appointment if found suitable.

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The Meeting was here adjourned to admit of an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders and was afterwards resumed at 3.45 p.m.

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➤ Share Register

Share Register In view of the Reconstruction of the Company it was resolved to adopt Mr. Walford's advice that no transfer of shares should be made until after the registration of the new company had been effected and to advertise this fact in the newspapers.

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The Meeting then adjourned at 4 p.m. and was resumed at No. 7 Water Street at 11.15 a.m. on the following day when the same Directors were present.

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➤ New Chief Brewer Kayser

New Chief Brewer Kayser A translation of a letter from this gentleman (from Germany) was read and noted. The Chairman reported that in consultation with Mr. Baehr he had acceded by wire to an application from Mr. Kayser for permission to delay his return to Yokohama till about 7<sup>th</sup> June.

➤ Bicycle Clubs Prize Cup Winners

Bicycle Clubs The Secretary reported that the Nippon and the Reliance Bicycle Clubs would be willing to accept prize cups and it was resolved to arrange for same at a cost of about yen 100 to 150 each.

➤ Watt's application for Engineer

Mr.W.N.Watt A letter was read applying for an appointment as Engineer. Decided to reply to the effect that there was no vacancy.

➤ Meidiya Special Advertising Scheme

Meidiya Special Advertising Scheme This was submitted and the Chairman reported particulars of two meetings on the subject which had

already been held between himself and the Secretary on the one hand and Messrs. Yonei and Nagai on the other – Mr. Kirkwood also being present. After consideration it was resolved to send Meidiya a copy of the memorandum which the Secretary had written on the subject of Special District Agents, the adoption of the principle of which the Directors attached great importance to and expected that Meidiya would try to introduce the system. As regards the Sum to be expended the Directors would be willing to consent to about yen 7500 for the Company instead of about 10,000 yen as proposed – the reduction to be effected by decreasing the amounts expended in sign-boards and gratuities, these pertaining more properly to Meidiya than to the Company – and with the understanding that particulars of the expenditure of yen 1,500 under the head of Contingencies should be communicated to the Company beforehand.

The meeting then closed at 0.45 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman