

1899 August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at the Brewery Offices at 3.30 p.m.  
on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1899

Present: Messrs J. Dodds, Chairman, J.D. Hutchison, F.S. James,

W.R. Bennett, T.B. Glover

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July were read and confirmed and the Managers report upon them was also read, in connection with which it was resolved to press Mr. Munster for a written report on coal consumption and smoke nuisance.

➤ Duplicate Machinery

Duplicate Machinery as authorised had been ordered on an indent drawn up by Messrs Munster and Trobitius.

➤ Shanghai Agents Accounts

Shanghai accounts The Secretary reported these had at last been closed and a final remittance received. Later on a telegraphic order for 200 cases of Beer had been received and executed.

➤ China Agencies Generally

China Agencies Generally The Chairman gave details of the present position, under which the business for the whole of China was in the hands of Messrs. Caldbeck MacGregor & Co., by whom he expressed the opinion that the Company had not been well served. He thought the Company should give that firm three months notice to terminate at the end of December and aim thenceforth at shipping to separate Agents at each port – drawing against shipments. This, after consideration, was agreed to.

➤ Secretary's Financial Statement

The Secretary's Financial Statement and Forecast of Bank account were also read.

➤ Kiushiu Beer Trade

Kiushiu Beer Trade A letter from Meidiya was read confirming the verbal arrangements made between them and the Secretary. This was commented upon and the opinion expressed that the Secretary had conceded too much in consenting to an allowance for breakage of one case per hundred throughout Japan, the Directors considering that the arrangement should have been confined to the Kiushiu and Formosa business.

➤ Directors' Remuneration (Extra)

Directors' Remuneration (Extra) voted at the General Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July. It was resolved to place the distribution of this in the hands of the Chariman and the Secretary the other gentlemen saying they considered that the whole amount should be divided between the two Liquidators, but approving of a suggestion to give Mr. Dinsdale yen 150 for his share of the work.

➤ Architect Diacks Estimate of About Yen 23,000 for Further Foundations

Architect Diacks estimate of about yen 23.000 for further foundations This was referred to, as also were the letters received from Mr. Baehr in connection with it. Resolved to await Mr. Baehrs return from the Country when he could be asked together with Mr. Hutchison to compare these figures with the original estimate and afterwards report.

➤ Brewer's Special Report

Brewer's Report A special report by Mr. Kayser was submitted read and commented upon.

➤ Mr. Walford

Mr.Walford The Secretary was desired to consult this gentleman as to what form of Report if any on the winding up of the old Company was proper and whether a Meeting of the old shareholders was necessary – also to settle up monetary matters with Mr. Walford to a point.

➤ Registration of the Company through Mr. Ideura

Mr.Ideura The Secretary was also to push forward Mr. Ideura as to the registration of the Company, papers regarding which had now been in his hands for some time.

➤ Estimate of Cost of Brewery Extension and of Funds

Estimate of Cost of Brewery Extension and of Funds The Secretary undertook to prepare this in time for next meeting.

The Meeting then closed at 5 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman