

1899 September 29th

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

on Friday 29th September 1899

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), T.B. Glover, W.R. Bennett, H. Baehr,
J.D. Hutchison and (by invitation) M. Kirkwood

A letter was received from Mr. F. S. James expressing inability to attend through indisposition.

The Minutes of the previous regular meeting of 23rd August and also those of the emergency meeting of 8th September were read and confirmed.

➤ The Managers Memoranda

The Managers Memoranda on the subjects dealt with at previous meetings and also the usual financial statement were read.

➤ Finance

An estimate of the total cost up to 31st December of the Brewery extension together with a similar estimate of the Bank account to the same date was submitted and at the same time the question of the transfer of Debentures from the old to the new Company was considered. After discussion it was resolved to make the re-issue of the Debentures for the sum of yen 200,000 instead of \$100,000 and also to advertise at once for tenders for the purchase of yen 10,000 not yet placed of the old issue of yen 100,000.

➤ Chief Brewers Report for August

Chief Brewers Report for August This was submitted and commented upon. Resolved that future reports should present a statement regarding the European Staff of the Brewery and the manner in which their duties were performed.

➤ China Agencies

China Agencies The Chairman reported that Messrs. Caldbeck MacGregor & Co had been informed that the arrangements between the Company and them would be terminated on 31st December. Names of firms at some of the various ports were mentioned and the Secretary was desired to communicate with such as appeared suitable and he was authorised, for the purpose of starting the new agencies, to make small shipments on consignment.

➤ Articles of Association

Articles of Association Mr. Dodds said a suggestion had been made that the various Companies in Yokohama might unite for the purpose of resisting compliance with the Japanese Commercial Code, and after consideration he was authorised to consult with the Chairman of the other Companies and if found desirable to take steps to sound the British Minister on the subject – obtaining legal aid if necessary.

➤ Architects Estimate of Yen 23,000 for Further Foundations

Architects Estimate of Yen 23,000 for further foundations Messrs. Baehr and Hutchison reported that they had gone into this matter and found that the sum had been provided for in the original estimate. On the whole estimate a saving had been effected to the extent of about yen 4,000.00.

➤ Manila Agency

Manila Agency The Chairman reported that somewhat unsatisfactory position of affairs with Messrs Langfeldt & Co and said there was some prospect of an arrangement with another firm – Messrs. Witkowski & Co.

➤ Engineer Roger Hamilton

Engineer Mr. Dodds reported that he and also the Secretary had met Mr. Roger Hamilton and that a formal application was expected from him shortly.

➤ Meidiya District Agencies

Meidiya District Agencies This subject was referred to in connection with reports which had been received from friends of the Company. It was resolved to keep the matter well in mind and to lose no opportunity of pressing it upon Meidiya.

➤ Consulting Engineer's Report

Consulting Engineers Report This was read. The Secretary was desired to consult with the Chief Brewer regarding Engineer Chemnitz performance of his duties and general attendance, and if desirable to write to Mr. Chemnitz requiring him to rectify his shortcomings.

➤ Weights and Measures

Weights and Measures The Secretary reported that the Weigh-bridge ordered from Europe had been arranged for English weights; but on his recommendation it was resolved to alter this to Japanese Kin and so comply with the law.

The Meeting then closed at 5.30 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman