

1899 November 1st

Minutes of Directors' Meeting held at No.7 Water Street at 4 p.m.

on Wednesday 1st November 1899

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

➤ Articles of Association

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 27th October having been read and confirmed, Mr. Dodds stated in connection with Articles of Association that Mr. Walford had come into line with Messrs Litchfield and Lowder and that Mr. Walford would seek a preliminary interview with the British Minister. The Grand Hotel Company had registered as a branch and Mr. Lowder had undertaken to ascertain whether the local judge would register other companies in the same way – it being understood that the judge would refer the question to judicial quarters in Tokyo.

➤ Finance

Finance The Chairman reported that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank had agreed to advance sufficient funds to pay the dividend of 10% for the half year, decided upon, against deposit, as collateral security, of debentures to the value of yen 100,000.-

➤ Engineer

Engineer Mr. Kayser, who now attended by request, reported that Mr. Chemnitz was still sick. In answer to a question he said he considered it unnecessary to engage another engineer to take Mr. Chemnitz' place – there was no risk of anything going wrong. He was still of opinion that Mr. Chemnitz was not quite suitable for the new brewery;- whereupon the

question of the best means of severing connection with Chemnitz after the appointment of another man, was spoken of.

➤ Proposed Engagement of Japanese Assistant. Checking Empty Bottles

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Mr. Kayser confirmed the necessity for such a man and the Directors agreed to the engagement of a suitable person.

➤ Chief Brewer's Report for October

Chief Brewer's Report for October This was read and commented upon.

Mr. Kayser said his first assistant Eichelberg was not giving satisfaction and that he could be done without. It was arranged that Mr. Baehr should talk to Mr. Eichelberg and that if no good resulted an official letter should then be sent him pointing out his short comings and requiring improvement.

➤ Arrangements with Meidiya about District Agencies, Future Advertising Methods and General Business

Arrangements with Meidiya It was resolved that a Committee consisting of Messrs Dodds and James and the Secretary should arrange a meeting with Mr. Yonei soon to discuss District Agencies, Future Advertising Methods and General Business; also that the Secretary should arrange for regular weekly meetings between himself and Mr. Yonei or his representative.

➤ Machinery in Old Brewery

Machinery in old Brewery The Secretary was directed to prepare and submit an advertisement in English and Japanese asking offers for the purchase of this.

➤ Prize Cup Given to Sorin Bicycle Club

Sorin Bicycle Club A suggestion that a Challenge Cup be offered to this

Club, similar to that accepted by the Nippon Bicycle Club, was adopted.

➤ “Kunaisho Go Yo” (used by the Imperial Household)

“Kunaishô go yô” (used by the Imperial Household) The employment of this expression on show-boards having been objected to by the Police it was resolved to approach Baron Sannomiya for aid or advice in obtaining permission to continue as hitherto.

➤ Enamel Tiles for New Brew House and Engine Room

Enamel Tiles for New Brew House and Engine Room An estimate from Germany of £200-0-0 c.i.f. for these was accepted.

➤ Mr. Baehr’s Resignation for His Departure for Home

Mr. Henry Baehr This gentleman announced that owing to his approaching departure for home it was necessary for him to resign his position on the board, which he did with much regret; adding that although absent from Japan he would still always have the interests of the Company at heart and be ready to assist in any way possible. Mr. Dodds as Chairman expressed the high appreciation in which Mr. Baehrs invaluable services had been held by the other Directors as well as their personal regret at losing him from their board; and, at the suggestion of Mr. Hutchison, made special reference to the great benefit which his knowledge and energy had been to the Company in connection with the establishment of the new brewery.

Mr. Baehr having briefly responded the meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman