

1900 December 19th

Minutes of Directors Meeting held at the Brewery Offices at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday 19th December 1900

Present: Messrs J. Dodds (Chairman), W.R. Bennett, J.D. Hutchison,

O. Haynemann, C.B. Bernard, T.B. Glover

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of 14th November were read and confirmed.

➤ Disposal of Old Machinery

Disposal of old Machinery The Chairman reported that the machinery had been put up at auction on the 10th instant when a bona fide bid of yen 16,600 was made (believed to be on behalf of the Fukki Beer Company). This was not as high as the figure decided upon by the Directors and the plant was accordingly bought in at yen 19,900. Since then several enquiries had been made of Auctioneer Hall, in whose hands the business was placed, but so far no result had been arrived at. It was resolved to ask Mr. Hall to put up the old brewery chimney at auction, first advertising it in cheap form at suitable quarters.

➤ Manager's Report

The Managers Report was read and the various topics touched upon were referred to in detail.

➤ Water Supply

Water Supply A letter from the Yokohama water Works office in reply to an enquiry made by the Manager, was read, stating that water would be supplied to the Bluff on the completion of the works now in hand which it was estimated would be during the year 1901. Reports by Engineer Thomson

showing the flow from the wells owned by the brewery at about the end of November and again on 19th December were submitted and read. The quantity on the former date was about 11,094 gallons daily and on the latter date about 10,485 gallons.

Mr. Bernard reported that his enquiries through Mr. De Becker had shown that the land at the Rifle Range, previously referred to, was not for sale but it could probably be rented at 2 sen per tsubo per month. Mr. Bernard suggested that a bid should be made for the land, which he reckoned at about 2,000 tsubo, and also for about 1,000 tsubo of the adjacent hillside. He believed that if no sufficient water was found the land could be sub-let without loss. After consideration it was resolved to authorise Mr. De Becker to make such a bid of as low a figure as reasonable – conditionally on permission for laying a pipe to the brewery being obtainable.

➤ Taxation

Taxation Note was taken that since the date of last meeting the Revenue Bureau had demanded payment of the Municipal proportion of the Income Tax under penalty of immediate stoppage of the business of the brewery – the Chairman reporting that in the circumstances he had authorised payment of the amount under protest.

➤ Income tax on Debenture Interest

Income Tax on Debenture Interest It was reported that payment of this tax also was demanded before the 28th instant. Discussion arose as to by whom, under the law, the tax should be borne, and the opinion was come to that the Company could legitimately deduct the amount of the tax (2%) from the interest; but it was resolved in the meantime to pay what was now

demanded and if desirable consider the subject later on.

➤ Malt Supplies

Malt Supplies A letter from Messrs Carl Rohde & Co was read giving quotations from a Hamburg letter showing that the Malt Factory had under pressure tacitly admitted that the Complaints made by the brewery last spring as to the inferior quality of the malt then supplied were well founded, and that a slight reduction in the price of the present year's supplies had in consequence been obtained.

➤ Breweries Association

Breweries Association Letters from the Yebisu Brewery Company were read detailing the steps so far taken in regarding to a suggested amendment of the Trade Marks Regulations and also with a view to opposing a threatened tax on beer. The Manager had at the Chairmans desire acknowledged these letters and stated that a representative of this Company would be glad to attend any conference held on the subjects.

➤ Meidiya Advertisements during 1900

Meidiya Advertisements during 1900 A Letter from Mr. Yonei was read enclosing accounts for the year showing that the expenditure had been yen 32,392.02, or yen 2,392.02 over the amount which the Company had authorised, and asking the Company to bear two-thirds of this excess. After consideration it was resolved to reply to the effect that the accounts had been received and would be examined in due course but that the Directors could not consent to pay more than the sum which after much deliberation had been fixed at the beginning of the year.

- New Year Presents of Beer to Dealers
New Year Presents of Beer to Dealers Newspapers & Tea Houses in Tokyo- It was resolved to accede to a request by Meidiya to allow 104 1-doz: Cases and 45 gallons on this account.
- Meidiya Travelling-Agent in North Eastern Japan
Meidiya Travelling – Agent in North Eastern Japan A report from this offer was submitted and ordered to be circulated.
- Shimidzu Kaisha Final Account
Shimidzu Kaisha Final Account for new Brewery Buildings and Alterations and also for amount of premium for Completion of contract before due date was submitted and passed for payment.
- Germania Company's Final Account
Germania Company's Final Account for the Expenses of Fitter for new brewery was submitted and passed subject to examination of original estimates.
- Chief Brewer's Report for November
Chief Brewers Report for November and also Special Report on present necessity of Cleaning Fermentation Vats were read. The high percentage of ash from coal was referred and the Manager was desired to write to the Mitsu Bishi Company in Tokyo on the subject.

The Meeting then closed at 5.45 p.m.

James Dodds

Chairman