

1904 June 17th

Minutes of Meeting of Directors held at the Brewery Offices

on Friday the 17th June 1904 at 4 p.m.

Present: F.S. James (Elected Chairman), T.B. Glover, O. Haynemann,

W.R. Bennette, C.B. Bernard

➤ F. S. James Elected to be Chairman

The Managing Director said that the first business of the Meeting was to elect a Chairman in the plan of Mr. Dodds who had resigned on his departure for Europe.

It was proposed by Mr. Glover and carried unanimously that Mr. F. S. James be Chairman.

Mr. James thanked the Directors for showing their confidence by electing him Chairman, and said that he would do his best to fill the position.

The routine business was then proceeded with.

The Minutes of Meeting of 7th April were read & confirmed.

➤ Financial Statement

The Financial Statement was read.

➤ Reports of Chief Brewer and Engineer for March, April and May

The Chief Brewer & Engineers Reports for March, April & May were read.

➤ Managing Director's Report

The Managing Director's Report was read. It referred at some length to the unpleasantness caused by a letter of Mr. Eichelberg, portion of which had appeared in the Yorodz Choho Newspaper – claim against Samuel Samuel & Co for 40 B damaged Corks-Beer Export – and notes on a request from Meidiya that their agreement be altered, so as to allow 90 d/s credit on

monthly payments instead of 60 d/s as at present. It further stated that Meidiya did not expect to be able to take the whole Yen 900,000 for 10 months ending 31st Dec. 1904 as agreed.

➤ Chief Brewer Eichelberg

Chief Brewer It was arranged that the Managing Director should interview Mr. Eichelberg and let him know that the Directors were very angry and much annoyed at his action in writing such an injudicious letter, and that it must be understood, that no Foreign Employee of the Company, is to express his political ideas to the detriments of the Japanese.

➤ Meidiya Credit

Meidiya There was a general discussion over the request for longer credit, and it was the unanimous opinion, that it would be unwise to extend Meidiya credit, unless they would agree to deposit with the Company, Bonds or approved securities, for an adequate amount.

It was thought that if Meidiya found they could not take beer to the amount of Yen 900,000 for the 10 months ending 31st December, 1904, that the Company should not insist, but allow them to take as much as they could sell.

Mr. Glover said that the present was a very trying time for Meidiya. On account of the war, money was very difficult to collect and although he thought we should not extend their credit, we must all sympathize with Mr. Yonei, and try to show him that we were willing to treat his proposals with fairness – and that we should help him as much as possible. This was the sentiment of all present.

The Managing Director said that he had arranged to see Mr. Yonei next week and go into the matter thoroughly. After the interview he would report

to the Directors.

➤ Honorarium to Dinsdale

The Managing Director suggested that some honorarium should be given to Mr. Dinsdale for the extra work he was obliged to undertake during the absence of Mr. James. This was agreed to.

Mr. Bennett asked whether Mr. Dodds had received anything for his services and the Managing Director explained that Mr. Dodds had written him on the subject and he would arrange.

Nothing further of importance coming before the Meeting, it closed at 5 o'clock.

F. S. James

Chairman