

United States Association of Cider Makers

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 19th, 2017

A Board of Directors meeting was held via phone conference. Members in attendance: Eric Foster, Ben Calvi, Dan Young, Paul Vander Heide, Bruce Nissen, Ryan Burk, Dan Wilson, Eleanor Leger. Missing were Marcus Robert, Trevor Baker and Brian Shanks. Also in attendance: Executive Director Michelle McGrath and Admin, Ellen Husch.

Call to Order

Bruce called the meeting to order. Dan Wilson motioned to accept the minutes of the last meeting; Eric seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Eleanor gave the finance committee report. They are watching revenue for December and noted it's a typical pattern thus far. They are looking forward to working with the new fiscal year.

CiderCon update

Ellen reported on registration number and planning for CiderCon. The conference plans are well underway and numbers are comparable to previous years.

Code of Conduct

Michelle noted that she has been doing research on a Code of Conduct and has received a statement from the hotel on their policies. Ben spoke with HR directors at Vermont Cider and will be on a call with Ryan and Eleanor in early January. They plan to speak with a specialist and have a draft code ready by the next board meeting. Ben felt they might not have time to develop a complete code but would try to at least have an outline for attendees, in light of the current climate.

Special Guest

Anne Hubatch of the NWCA was a special guest. She went over the mission of the NWCA and how their association is structured, as well as how they and USACM can work together in the future.

Bylaws Revision

The lawyer who was hired to look over the new bylaws delivered them the night before the meeting. Board members asked for clarification on some areas. Eleanor motioned to have the new bylaws adopted. Eric seconded. Motion carried. The new bylaws will now need to be sent to the association membership by January 1st and voted on at CiderCon.

Dan Wilson motioned to adjourn. Dan Young seconded. Meeting adjourned. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, January 24th at 12pm EST.