

United States Association of Cider Makers

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 2nd, 2018

A Board of Directors meeting was held at the Baltimore Waterfront Marriott during CiderCon. Members in attendance: Marcus Robert, Brian Shanks, Eric Foster, Ben Calvi, Ryan Burk, Trevor Baker, Bruce Nissen, Paul Vander Heide, Eleanor Leger, Dan Young and Dan Wilson. Also in attendance: Executive Director, Michelle McGrath and Admin, Ellen Husch.

Call to Order

Board President Bruce Nissen called the meeting to order and read a statement from the board regarding the accidental death of a CiderCon attendee. He then asked for a moment of silence in honor of the deceased.

USACM Bylaws

The revised Bylaws were approved by the membership and are now formally adopted.

Board Elections

Bruce Nissen and Eleanor Leger opted out of running for reelection. That opened up two at-large seats as well as Trevor Baker and Ryan Burk being up for reelection. Election results saw Trevor and Ryan being voted back in along with new at-large members Sam Fitz of ANXO, and Brooke Glover of Swilled Dog Hard Cider.

Business Meeting

Michelle reviewed changes that the association has seen over the past year, including the new bylaws, new website and adoption of the Style Guidelines. She noted that the association continues to promote and grow the CCP program and is working on development of Level 2. She is also working diligently on member benefits and reminded members to check and update their membership levels on the new website.

Finance Report

Executive Director, Michelle McGrath gave a summary of the USACM Financial Report. No questions.

Bruce adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Friday, February 2nd to elect new officers.

United States Association of Cider Makers

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 2nd, 2018

Special Board of Directors Meeting

The current board of directors, minus Eleanor Leger, met in the Iron Room of the Baltimore Waterfront Marriott along with the two new board members, Sam Fitz and Brooke Glover. Also in attendance were Executive Director, Michelle McGrath and Admin, Ellen Husch.

Bruce called the meeting to order and offered a summary of the board's response to the death of an attendee. The board will work to improve the Code of Conduct as well as develop an incident plan for any future events. The Executive committee will meet to decide what next steps the board should take.

The board agreed to hold their yearly retreat at the Angry Orchard facilities near Walden, NY. Dates TBD.

Officer elections were held with the following results:

President: Paul Vander Heide

Vice-President: Trevor Baker

Secretary: Eric Foster

Treasurer: Ben Calvi.

Paul adjourned the meeting. The next board of directors meeting will be held via phone conference on Tuesday, February 20th, 2018.