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Minutes of the 6th Annual - I.B.A. - Meeting

Held on 18th till 22nd October, 1957
At The Hotel Cavalieri, Milan – Italy

Present:

Mr. G.Sievi – IBA-President – SBU
Mr. Jacq. Platteschore – Mr. G. Kooyman – NBC
Mr. Roger Lebet – SBU
Mr. Comm.Pietro Grandi -Mr. Angelo Zola – AIBES
Mr. Charles Tuck – UKBG
Mr. Viggo Christensen – DBL
Mr. Rudolf Slavik – GABF
Mr. Björn Brandberg – FBSK
Mr. D.de Vries – SBU
Mr. Gustave Tops – BLBU
Mr. Arne Norman – OBF
Mr. Ake Sjöö – SBG

Present as observer:

Mr. H. Schöninkle – ÖBU
Mr. Pedro Chicote – Spain – Representative for Argentina / Uruguay

Agenda:

1. Welcoming address by the Meeting host, Mr. President of AIBES
2. Welcoming address and opening of the IBA meeting by the President
3. Mr. George Sievi – SBU
4. Minutes of the last meeting in London, Nov. 1956
5. President's Report and résumé of the presidency 1954 – 1957
6. Report on the finances of the IBA
 - a. Mail received from the Guilds, proposals for program of the IBA
 - b. Suggestions by the Guilds
 - c. Adoption of the Overseas Guilds to the IBA
 - d. Professional questions, etc.
7. Modifications of the Statutes, discussion on the subject "Board of Directors of the IBA"
8. Suggestions from the delegates from their Guilds
9. Bulletin questions "The New Bulletin IBA"
10. Standardization of drinks, discussion about an urgent solution of this problem
11. Decision as to which place and Guild will take over the IBA Cocktail Competition 1958. What will IBA do at the World Exhibition in Brussels?
12. Elections, (changes, etc.)
 - a. Information about the fusion of the Belgian-Luxembourg Barkeeper Union
 - b. Vote about the acceptance of the Austrian Barkeeper Union (IGV) as an IBA member application dated Mai / June 1957.
 - c. Election of the IBA President for the years 1958 – 1960.
 - d. Election of the IBA Vice-President for the years 1958 – 1960.
 - e. Additional elections – if any necessary – of further members of the Board of Directors of the IBA
in conform to new regulations that may have been decided upon at the Meeting.
13. Any other business
The symbolic IBA BABY is brought back by President Georg Sievi and handed over to the new President for safekeeping.



Point 1

Mr. Pietro Grandi, AIBES President

welcomes the foreign participants at the Meeting, he hopes that the meeting will go in a good- and friendly atmosphere.

Mr. George Sievi, IBA President asks one minute of silence for those colleagues who passed away in the past year. He thanks Mr. P. Grandi and Mr. A. Zola of AIBES for the organisation of this 1957 IBA-Meeting.

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He also hopes that all present will take care of a good and fruitful gathering and we shall need all the available time for we have a rather extensive Agenda.

Further on he wants to underline once more, that all Guilds do have one vote and to speed up the meeting he proposes that the present secretaries will not take part in the discussions.

The President thanks Mr. Platteschore NBC for the proposals and other suggestions for changes for the IBA rules as send in before and he reproaches the inactivity of the other Guilds at this point.

He reads the list of absences at the Meeting.

Mr. Perico Chicote from Spain represents Argentine-and Uruguay.

Mr.Freddy Friede was unable to come but he sent a letter- and telegram with his vote regarding the President election.

Brasil had sent a letter to the President asking to become an IBA-member. The request was written in Portuguese, which complicated the answer. The request was further on quite arrogant formulated. The request was refused.

The President gave a resume of the past 3 years of his presidency.

He believed, that the work of the Presidency should have to be part in different tasks for different persons. He really hoped, that the new President could count on more assistance and co-operation of the member guilds.

The presidency demands nearly all the time of the president and that is nearly impossible considering that he also have his daily duty as Barman.

Mr. Ch.Tuck objected the fact that the President did not follow the Agenda, for he forgot Nr.2.

The President replied that he had not forgotten it however he thanked the UKBG for the observation.

Point 2.

For time-reason the Minutes of the 1956 Meeting in London, are accepted by all participants without reading.

Point 3.

This point was already done in the introduction of the President.

Point 4.

Also the past year gave a lot of difficulties to receive all the duties and subscription of the different members. Again the president requested the members to pay their subscription in time. They should that –at least- one month before the Meeting. Quite some countries paid their duties during the meeting but it was therefore rather impossible for the treasurer-/ President to make an annual budget before the meeting.

To his mind, the UKBG and the FBSK didn't pay up till now their subscription of last year.

The troubles of the UKBG for the paying had everything to do with the 'Ôclearing' of the money but he (Mr. Tuck) promises that paying will be done in a few days.

The FBSK representative tells that it is impossible for the Finish to send the money by the s.c. clearing, it is forbidden by law. However, in 1955 via the Fa. Seagrams Overseas Company, they have paid for two years in advance.

The GABF did still have to pay 25 Sw. francs. They will take care of that during the meeting.

Mr. Sievi felt sorry about the fact that he – during his presidency – did not have a treasurer.

That was also the reason of his overdone task

The President needed the full time to arrange presidential affairs and should mainly concentrate himself on that.

The figures of the financial report were:

December – 1956 Zw.Frs. 2980. =

June – 1957 Zw. Frs. 3001. =

October – 1957 Zw. Frs. 4181. =

Expenditures porti (also for the (IBA Bulletin) Zw.Frs. 2500. =

Mr. Viggo Christensen DBL asks if the financial report can be send one month before the meeting to the different guilds as well as publication of it in the IBA Bulletin. Mr. Sievi says that this all takes quite some time but he will study it for later.

Point 5.

The president reads a letter from an Austrian Bartenders Organisation in which is asked to become a member of the IBA.

Mr. H. Schönikle ÖBU explained to the meeting that the ÖBU wants very much to become IBA-member.

Disadvantages for an IBA- membership of Austria is the membership of the ÖBU of the International Genver Verband, ergo the ÖBU is not an independent organisation.

But Mr. Platteschore NBC says that also the DBU of Germany was, and the GABF of France still are IGV members and they are both very respective IBA members as well. For him is that no reason to refuse the ÖBU, however, they, the ÖBU nor the Brazilian Guild did send their Rules to the other IBA-members. He says further, "the IBA is a chain of friends but friendship gives obligations. These commitments are based on Rules".

Neither Austria nor Brazil sent in their Rules.

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The President says that he wrote a letter to Mr. Duval the Brazilian Bartenders President, in which he mentioned that a request for the IBA membership have to be send –to all IBA guilds- 3 month before the IBA meeting and does have to be written in English and / or French.

About an UKBG letter to the President concerning his trip to Copenhagen for the SAS-competition. Mr. Conley UKBG did have strong objections about this trip “while the SAS competition was not a IBA affair”! On his turn Mr. Sievi did have strong objections about this letter.

Also the NBC did have its objection about the trip but did admit that the Competition had its great advertisement for the Cocktail and the Barman.

The President adduced that nearly all IBA guilds were represented at this SAS competition, which was organised by the Danish colleagues.

The Luxembourg L.B.U. president Mr. G.Tops told that he got a request from the House of Peter Heering to extend the participation at the competition to the Belgian bartenders. He was glad to do so, for he always had the wish to start a Bartenders organisation in Belgium as well.

This SAS competition was therefore an excellent possibility to make the necessary contacts. He admitted to have made a mistake by sending two competitors.

Mr. Viggo Christensen DBL praised Mr. Tops for his initiative to send Belgium bartenders to the competition. He felt that this competition had been a very good advertisement for the Profession of Bartender and therefore for the IBA.

He thought that the winner, the Belgian Mr. Douchard, was an excellent Bartender who, during his stay in Tokyo underlined the request of the Japanese Bartenders to receive the IBA membership.

The President mentioned the letter from Uruguay AUDEB and Argentina AMBA about the forming of an American section of the IBA. The UKBG ask for control. Mr. Sievi thinks it's a good idea to have goodwill in South-America.

Let's be happy and proud that there is so much interest for the IBA.

OK, but let's also be very keen that each new guild is well organised with Rules and activities mentioned the UKBG.

Point 6.

The NBC President, Mr. Platteschorre asks for the set up of a committee for the drawing up of new Rules.

Mr. A. Zola suggests that each country set up a committee to draw up new IBA Rules. The president proposed to install a committee of two countries and he blamed the AIBES not to know the present Rules.

The meaning of the NBC was a committee that should get in touch with all other country guilds but thought that also the AIBES proposal was fair.

Mr. Sievi should like to print the (new) Rules in the IBA Bulletin. The UKBG offers their co-operation to that.

The President, Mr. Sievi asks the representatives from Finland-, Luxembourg and Norway to give also any comment.

The UKBG representative believed that quite some countries came badly informed and prepared to the Meetings, (a pity for the travel costs) he wonder if the they do take the meeting seriously. Mr. Sievi thanked the UKBG for this remark. After some discussions the UKBG, GABF, NBC, DBL, AIBES, SBU and the BLBU are for the changes of the IBA Rules.



Mr. Ake Sjöö of the SBG and the FBSK president Mr. Björn Brandt-berg thinks that the present Rules are sufficient.

Mr. D. de Vries SBU says that the Rules may not be too strong. Equal important is the formation of good Cocktail competition Rules.

Point 7.

The President thinks that there is much to do and to improve for the IBA Bulletin. The costs fore the Bulletin are very high. Specific “profession questions” have to be dealt with and published.

The NBC and UKBG propose that the Bulletin must be printed 4 times a year and next to that a monthly letters to all guilds to get a better contact and to stay in touch with the IBA affairs. The GABF thanks Mr. Sievi that the Bulletin is printed in French as well as in English. After the discussion it is agreed, 4 Bulletin editions a year and a monthly letter.

Point 8.

The SBU and the AIBES emphasises that the classical – original- recipes have to be respected.

The SBU, Mr. D.de Vries proposes that the IBA should compile a Cocktail book.

Special committees from all countries have to be installed.

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The President thanks the AIBES for the extension of the Meeting. He also proposed, that Members, not present at the meeting, do not have any voting right. This proposal is accepted. Herewith is the Telegram from the DBU president Worthless.



Point 9.

BLBU president Mr. Gustave Tops, tells that they very much should like to organise the 1958 IBA Meeting and Cocktail Competition in the occasion of the World Exhibition in Brussels.

He hopes that the other countries will give financial co-operation. He has already talked with the NBC board and an agreement is made that they together will organize the Meeting.

Invited are 2 Bartenders for the competition and for the meeting the presidents and secretaries. The competitors shall have to make one new –own- recipe and one classic cocktail. The whole gathering will take 4 days.

The proposal is accepted. Remarks are made by France, “the competition have to be done under the IBA-Rules; AIBES promised financial support; the NBC promised full co-operation.

Extensive information is given about the fusion of the Luxembourg- and Belgium Bartenders. After referring to the IBA Rules, which have

to be followed and respected, the meeting accept the fusion.

Also the apply from the Austrian Bartenders Union is granted. The ÖBU is the 14th IBA Member.

Point 10.

The elections went on smoothly. President Sievi made known that he didn't want to extend his presidency.

With all votes the AIBES representative Mr. Comm. Pietro Grandi was elected as the new IBA President.

As IBA Vice-President was elected: Mr.Viggo Christensen of the DBL.

The treasury should stay in Switzerland but under the responsibility of the Presidency in Milan.

Mr. A. Zola, AIBES asks for co-operation of all countries with the presidency.

Point 11.

France emphasizes the importance of an International exchange of young bartenders within the IBA.

Mr.Zola says that this idea is maybe 40 years old, but the difficulties concerning always have been too big to make it a success. However, he underlined the French idea and offers his co-operation for that.

Mr. Sievi handed the so-called IBA Baby (a Tyrol doll) to the new President.

The UKBG thanks the (now) past President for the excellent lead of the Meeting.

The IBA President closes the 1957 IBA Meeting.