Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation / Annual Benefit Report

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 304A



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The Annual Benefit Report covers the 12 month period ending on December 31 of the previous year. Notice: Failure to file this form by March 31 of this year will result in the revocation of the corporation's public benefit status without further notice from the Secretary of State, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 304A.301

- 1. Corporate Name: (Required) Stone Saloon, SBC dba Waldmann
- 2. The public benefit corporation's board of directors has reviewed and approved this report.
- 3. In the field below, enter the information required by section 304A.301 subd. 2 or 3 for the period covered by this report, (see instructions for further information): Note: Use additional sheets if needed. (Required)

See Attachment A

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am the chief executive officer of this public benefit corporation. I further certify that I have signed this document no more than 30 days before the document is delivered to the secretary of state for filing, and that this document is current when signed. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

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Signature of Public Benefit Corporation's Chief Executive Officer

3/31/19

Date (Must be dated within 30 days before the report is delivered to the Secretary of State for Filing)

#### **Email Address for Official Notices**

Enter an email address to which the Secretary of State can forward official notices required by law and other notices: tom@waldmannbrewery.com

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#### List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:

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# Entities that own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed must register with the MN Dept. of Agriculture's Corporate Farm Program.

Does this entity own, lease, or have any financial interest in agricultural land or land capable of being farmed? Yes No

## ATTACHMENT A

### STONE SALOON, SBC d/b/a WALDMANN 2018 MN PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION REPORT

Stone Saloon, SBC d/b/a Waldmann ("Waldmann") is a Minnesota specific benefit corporation having its principal place of business in the oldest surviving commercial building in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area, a solid limestone structure that originally housed the German lager beer saloon of Bavarian immigrant Anton Waldmann between 1857 and 1863. After Waldmann returned to Germany in 1885, the building was rehabilitated as a home, and by 2008 it had fallen into severe disrepair. The building is included in numerous historic site surveys, and in 2015 was designated as a Heritage Preservation Site by the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission.

Waldmann was incorporated in March of 2016. In the spring and summer of 2017 we completed the restoration of the historic structure, construction of a "brew barn" to the rear, equipment acquisition, licensing and hiring—all culminating with our public business opening in October 2017 as a historically-themed brewery/tap house. In addition to preserving and showcasing this historic building and site, we now serve traditional German lagers, our own proprietary sausages and other simple, high-quality fare appropriate to the mid-19th century Minnesota frontier.

Waldmann's articles of incorporation state that it has been organized to promote the following specific benefit purposes:

- 1. Educate the public regarding mid-19th century American and Minnesota history, including its diverse German-American and other immigrant cultures; and
- 2. Maintain, preserve and provide routine public access to the Anthony Waldmann House/Saloon in accordance with the preservation program adopted by the HPC and the United States Secretary of Interior's Standards of Rehabilitation.

2018 was Waldmann's first full calendar year of operation. Our activities throughout the year demonstrate our commitment to our specific benefit purposes, as follows:

- Waldmann hosted a monthly **"Ramsey County History Society (RCHS) Appreciation Day,"** and donated 10% of the proceeds from RCHS attendees to this nonprofit 501(c)(3) historical society.
- We hosted the following **historical/architectural presentations in collaboration with RCHS** in 2018: Kristin Anderson, *Building for Beer in St. Paul's West End*; Peter DeCarlo, *Minnesota's Columbus Memorial: Immigration, Colonialism, and Memory on the State Capitol Grounds;* Natalie Heneghan, *Noticing the New Deal*.
- We hosted a community fundraiser for the restoration of the historic house at 412 Goodrich, a
  project sponsored by Historic St. Paul to save a modest 1856 Greek Revival-style structure in the
  West 7<sup>th</sup> neighborhood from demolition.
- We served as the kick-off site for the German American Institute's tour of St. Paul Historic German Churches.

- The owner presented Waldmann's architectural and social history at the **2018 Minnesota History Whatever**, sponsored by the Minnesota Historical Society.
- We hosted a visit of the Minnesota Society for Architectural Historians in a bus tour of historic sites along West 7<sup>th.</sup>
- We hosted an OLLI/University of Minnesota Preservationists luncheon tour and meeting.
- We organized **three Euchre Tournament** Nights with more than 40 participants at each, reviving a card game initially popularized by German-Americans around the time of the Civil War.
- The owner presented **"Brews in the Barn: Pioneer Brewing in St. Paul"** for the Ramsey County Historical Society, placing Waldmann in the context of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century frontier brewing and beer culture.
- We served as the kick-off and first presentation site for "Historic West 7<sup>th</sup> Breweries," a bus tour sponsored by the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota.
- Coinciding with the reopening of the Smith Avenue High Bridge, we hosted a "High Bridge Prost-Ribbon Cutting Celebration" including a presentation on the history of the High Bridge and its influence on local and regional development.
- The **Minnesota Krampus**, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that preserves the historic culture and customs of the winter holiday traditions from the Alpine region of central Europe held four public performances at Waldmann in December.
- Waldmann's 3-day, family-focused **Oktoberfest** featured nine performances of German-American music, dancing and other traditional German-American cultural activities.
- Numerous nonprofit board and membership gatherings by (among other nonprofit affinity groups) the Minnesota 1<sup>st</sup> and Minnesota 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Civil War Reenactors, the Living History Society, German-American Institute, Minnesota Krampus, La Compagne, Cass Gilbert Society, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, Historic Saint Paul and many other history and preservation-related nonprofits have conducted meetings at Waldmann.
- Frequent **period music performances**, including the music of the logging camps, European folk and American folk, blues and Tin Pan Alley.
- We expended considerable resources in 2018 maintaining and preserving the structure of the Anthony Waldmann Saloon/House, including substantial improvements to the beer garden which provide a fresh vantage on the structure for patrons seated outside.
- Most significantly, throughout the year, we provided daily and routine access to over 35,000 visitors, all of whom experienced Waldmann first-hand as a "living museum" operating in a manner consistent with its historic use. Throughout, Waldmann has provided scores of impromptu tours to guests and passers-by, always without charge.

In recognition of these and other activities, we were honored to receive the **Preservation of Alliance's 2018 "Minnesota Preservation Honor Award,"** the **West 7<sup>th</sup> Business Association "Neighborhood Improvement Award,"** and most recently, the **City of Saint Paul's "St. Paul Business Award"** in the category of new businesses 5-years or younger. In the coming year Waldmann will continue to provide tours, a venue for meetings and events, outreach to community groups, host musicians and other special gatherings, and routinely provide information and access to anyone interested in its history and architecture.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Schroeder President and Chief Executive Officer Stone Saloon, SBC d/b/a Waldmann



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