

# Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

## Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation / Annual Benefit Report

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 304A



Read the instructions before completing this form  
Must be filed by March 31  
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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

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)

*Please see attached*

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.

Thomas S. Schroeder  
Signature of Public Benefit Corporation's Chief Executive Officer

April 21, 2020  
Date (Must be dated within 30 days before the report is delivered to the Secretary of State for Filing)

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

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Check here to have your email address excluded from requests for bulk data, to the extent allowed by Minnesota law.

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

Tom Schroeder 612-385-8838  
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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 2019 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 and construction of a "brew barn" addition to the rear—and then opened business in October 2017 as a historically-themed brewery/tap house. In addition to preserving and showcasing this historic building and site—more on that below—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.**

2019 was Waldmann's second full calendar year of operation. Our activities throughout the year demonstrate our commitment to our specific benefit purposes, as follows:

- Beginning in April, we began conducting **weekly (Saturday) 45 minute history and brewery tours** of Waldmann, free to the public, presenting the building in the context of 19<sup>th</sup> Century political, cultural and architectural history. More than 34 of these tours were provided in 2019.
- Waldmann continued to host, for the second year, 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 in collaboration with the **Ramsey County History Society (RCHS) the following historical/architectural presentations at Waldmann** in 2019: Tom Schroeder, *Ghost Saloons of St. Paul*; John Guthman and Jim Moffet, *Military Music of the Civil War*; Andy Sturdevant and Bill Lindeke, *Closing Time: Saloons, Taverns, Dives and Watering Holes of the Twin Cities*, Gary Bruggeman, *Minnesota's Oldest Murder Mystery, the Case of Ed Phelan*, Andrea Swensson, *Got to be Something Here*, David Page, *F. Scott Fitzgerald in Minnesota*, Eric Dregni, *Let's Go Fishing!*, Kitty Gogins, *A Story of WWII Refugees and their Children*, Iric Nathanson, *Downtown St. Paul*,

and Doug Hoverson, *Wisconsin Breweries*. We donated 10% of the proceeds attendees at these events RCHS, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) historical society.

- We created a new presentation series entitled **"Pint of History,"** sponsoring 4 different speakers on St. Paul architectural history, music history, crime history and other local/regional themes.
- We organized **four 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 **"How the Germans Saved America"** from the cultural stage of the St. Paul Oktoberfest, placing Waldmann in the context of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century frontier brewing and beer culture.
- We served as the kick-off site for **"Historic West 7<sup>th</sup> Breweries,"** a bus tour sponsored by the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota.
- 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 three public performances at Waldmann in December.
- **Waldmann's 3-day, family-focused Oktoberfest** featured six performances of German-American music, dancing and other traditional German-American cultural activities. More than 2,200 individuals attended.
- **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, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and many other history and preservation-related nonprofits conducted meetings or held gatherings at Waldmann in 2019.
- 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 2019 **maintaining and preserving the structure of the Anthony Waldmann Saloon/House, a St. Paul Heritage Preservation Site**, including continued improvements to the saloon interior and beer garden.
- Most significantly, throughout the year, we provided **daily and routine access to over 45,000 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 **City of Saint Paul's "2019 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,



Tom Schroeder

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



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