

Minnesota Public Benefit Corporation / Annual Benefit Report

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 304A



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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 Salven, 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)
Sec 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 are subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.  Signature of Public Benefit Corporation's Chief Executive Officer
Date (Must be dated within 30 days before the report is delivered to the Secretary of State for Filing)
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List a name and daytime phone number of a person who can be contacted about this form:  (12-385-8838)  Contact Name  Phone Number
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## **ATTACHMENT A**

## STONE SALOON, SBC 2021 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 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, we now serve traditional German lagers and 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:

- Educate the public regarding mid-19th century American and Minnesota history, including its diverse German-American and other immigrant cultures; and
- 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.

2021 was Waldmann's fourth full calendar year of operation. The COVID 19 Pandemic continued to substantially curtail operations, limiting seating and discouraging use of our restaurant-taproom for substantial periods of time. Health and safety concerns prevented us from engaging in many of our previous public purpose activities, but we adapted and utilized other channels and media to the extent possible. Perhaps the most important public benefit we achieved through these pandemic years was simply remaining viable and sufficient solvent to continue to protect this historic site. But beyond this, we were able to conduct the following activities in 2021:

- Several historic presentations live and via Facebook and Zoom by owner Tom Schroeder describing various aspects of Waldmann's family and building history, the history of lager beer in America, and retelling the story of Waldmann's redevelopment.
- We hosted several gatherings of the Minnesota 1<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Infantry Reenactors, the Living History Society, the Cass Gilbert Society and several other local and historic-interest nonprofits at no charge.
- We continue to support local artists specializing in period and folk music appropriate to Waldmann's setting, including the music of the logging camps, Irish/Gaelic/Canadian folk, American blues and Tin Pan Alley.

- Waldmann's 6-day, family-focused Oktoberfest featured 21 performances of German-American music and other traditional German-American cultural activities.
- We expended almost all of our income maintaining and preserving the structure of the Anthony Waldmann Saloon/House, a St. Paul Heritage Preservation Site, including improvements to its HVAC system, bar remodeling and biergarten improvements.
- Most significantly, we provided daily and routine access to an estimated 30,000 unique visitors, all of whom experienced Waldmann first-hand as a "living museum" operating in a manner consistent with its historic use. Numerous visits included impromptu tours to guests and passers-by, always without charge.

With the pandemic hopefully drawing to a close, Waldmann is returning to some semblance of normalcy, providing regularly scheduled tours, a venue for meetings and events, outreach to community groups, hosting musicians and other special gatherings, and routinely providing 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

## **CERTIFICATION OF BOARD REVIEW/APPROVAL:**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Board of Directors of Stone Saloon, SBC, a Minnesota specific benefit corporation, has reviewed and approved the report above.

Thomas S. Schroeder, President/CEO

Date



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