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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions).
- All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No. 1545-1150

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A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning

January 1

, 2011, and ending

December 31

, 20 11

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization

Montana Brewers Association

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

D Employer identification number

26-3868508

P.O. Box 763

E Telephone number

406-439-8075

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Helena, MT 59624

F Group Exemption
Number ►G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ►H Check ► if the organization is notI Website: ► montanabrewers.org

required to attach Schedule B

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c)(6) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

K Check ► if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II,

line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	1,000
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	36,995
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	24,447
	4 Investment income	4	0
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0
	c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0
	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0
	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0
	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0
	8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	62,422
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	0
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	28,800
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	0
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3,419
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	32,703
Net Assets	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	64,922
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(2,500)
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	5,525
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	3,025

Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	5,045	22
23	Land and buildings	0	23
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	480	24
25	Total assets	5,525	25
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	5,525	27
		3,025	0
		3,025	0
		3,025	0
		3,025	0

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Trade Association for Montana's Craft Brewing Industry

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28	Grew Membership to 34 breweries, 33 Associate members, and 400 individual members. Conducted all association business during the year, participated in 2011 legislature, held 3rd MBA Festival, help coordinate the Senate Small Brewers Caucus (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29	Developed our 2011 Montana Brewers Trail Map, partially through Growth Through Agriculture funds (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30	 (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ► <input type="checkbox"/>	32

Part IV **List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees.** List each one even if not compensated. (see the instructions for Part IV.)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Todd Scott, Bozeman Brewing Company 504 No. Broadway, Bozeman, MT 59715	President	0	0	0
Josh Townsley, Tamarack Brewing Company 105 Blacktail Drive, Lakeside, MT 59922	Vice President	0	0	0
Jason Goeltz, Bitterroot Brewing Company 101 Marcus Street, Hamilton, MT 59840	Treasurer	0	0	0
Max Pigman, Lewis and Clark Brewing Company 1517 Dodge Avenue, Helena, MT 59601	At Large Director	0	0	0
Brad Simshaw, Blackfoot River Brewing Company 66 So. Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59601	At Large Director	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O 33

34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions) 34

35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)? 35a

b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 35b

c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 35c

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N 36

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ► 37a

b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? 37b

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? 38a

b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ► _____ ; section 4912 ► _____ ; section 4955 ► _____ 40b

b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40c

c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40d

d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40e

e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T. 40f

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ► _____

42a The organization's books are in care of ► _____ Telephone no. ► _____ Located at ► _____ ZIP + 4 ► _____ 42b

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. 42c

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ► _____

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► 43

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a

b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44b

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c

d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 44d

45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a

45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) 45b

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Montana Brewers Association

Employer identification number

26-3868508

Line 16, Other Expenses: Advertising, \$615; Board Meeting Expenses, \$2,217; Dues and Subscriptions, \$136; Festival Expenses, \$21,039

Marketing, \$1,350; Insurance, \$2,281; Legal and Professional Fees, \$265; Meals and Entertainment, \$2,714; Office Expense, \$425;

Supplies, \$27; Taxes and Licenses, \$165; Travel, \$1,469.