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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No 1545-1150

2014

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014, and ending 12-31-2014

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: MAINE BREWER'S GUILD
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address): 38 EVERGREEN DRIVE
Room/suite:
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: PORTLAND, ME 04103

D Employer identification number: 01-0508275
E Telephone number: (207) 878-2337
F Group Exemption Number:

G Accounting Method: [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify):

H Check [X] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: WWW.MAINEBREW.COM

J Tax-exempt status (check only one): [] 501(c)(3) [X] 501(c)(6) (insert no) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

K Form of organization: [X] Corporation [] Trust [] Association [] Other

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, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 51,635

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 [X]

Table with 3 main sections: Revenue (lines 1-9), Expenses (lines 10-17), and Net Assets (lines 18-21). Includes sub-rows for detailed calculations like 5a-5c and 6a-6d.

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	27,942	22 20,270
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	7,502	24 10,223
25 Total assets	35,444	25 30,493
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	1,699	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	33,745	27 30,493

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?
PROMOTION OF CRAFT BEER INDUSTRY IN MAINE

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

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

28 MAINE BREWERS' GUILD PROMOTES AND PROTECTS THE MAINE CRAFT BEER INDUSTRY THROUGH PUBLIC RELATIONS, EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS, AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY (Grants \$ 0)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	52,382
29			
(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)		32	52,382

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 title	(b) 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
SEAN SULLIVAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	5 00	25,704	0	0
HEATHER SANBORN PRESIDENT	5 00	0	0	0
KAI ADAMS VICE PRESIDENT	5 00	0	0	0
KELLY LUCAS TREASURER	5 00	0	0	0
CHELSEA LIVINGSTON SECRETARY	5 00	0	0	0
WIN MITCHELL AT LARGE	5 00	0	0	0
BRANDON MAZER AT LARGE	5 00	0	0	0
JOEL MAHAFFEY AT LARGE	5 00	0	0	0
DAN KLEBAN IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	5 00	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 [X]

		Yes	No
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		No
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)	Yes	
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)?		No
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		
35c	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 [X]	Yes	
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		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		
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?		No
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 ▶ _____		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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	40b	
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
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	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u>KELLY LUCAS</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(207) 878-2337</u> Located at ▶ <u>38 EVERGREEN DRIVE PORTLAND, ME</u> ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>04103</u>		
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 ▶ _____	42b	No
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)			
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 ▶ _____	42c	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here [X] 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	No
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	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
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	No
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	

	Yes	No
46		No

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

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

	Yes	No
47		
48		
49a		
49b		

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here *****
 Signature of officer
 Date 2015-02-13
 KELLY LUCAS TREASURER
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Print/Type preparer's name: JUSTIN S COFFIN
 Preparer's signature: _____
 Date: 2015-02-13
 Check if self-employed
 PTIN: P01262699
 Firm's name: MACPAGE LLC
 Firm's EIN: 01-0242373
 Firm's address: 30 LONG CREEK DRIVE
 SOUTH PORTLAND, ME 04106
 Phone no: (207) 774-5701

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Table with 2 columns: Name of the organization (MAINE BREWER'S GUILD) and Employer identification number (01-0508275)

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
2 Political expenditures \$
3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 \$
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$
3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
4a Was a correction made? Yes No
b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$
3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns														
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<i>For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.</i>			
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	No
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	No
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3 Yes	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	30,732
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	16,050
b Carryover from last year	2b	15,000
c Total	2c	31,050
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	30,732
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation

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.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization
MAINE BREWER'S GUILD

Employer identification number

01-0508275

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16 - OTHER EXPENSES	
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24 - OTHER ASSETS	DESCRIPTION ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 140 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 971 DESCRIPTION INVENTORIES BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 7,362 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 9,252
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26 - OTHER LIABILITIES	DESCRIPTION BEG OF YEAR AMOUNT 1,699 END OF YEAR AMOUNT 0
FORM 990-EZ, PART V, LINE 34, CHANGES TO ORGANIZING OR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS	THE ORGANIZATIONS BYLAWS IN ARTICLE 2, SECTION 201 WERE UPDATED TO ALLOW ELIGIBILITY OF ALIEN AND ENTHUSIAST MEMBERS RESPECTIVELY, THESE INCLUDE TRADESMAN OR SUPPLIERS DOING BUSINESS WITH THE BREWING INDUSTRY, AND SUPPORTIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE BREWING INDUSTRY NEITHER OF THESE NEW CLASSES OF MEMBERS HAVE VOTING RIGHTS, NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TY 2014 Transfers Personal Benefits Contracts Declaration

Name: MAINE BREWER'S GUILD

EIN: 01-0508275

Declaration: THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.