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The Boston Beer Company, Inc. Stockholder Meeting to be Held on May 17, 2018**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at:

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Stockholders Meeting Notice

To our Stockholders:

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of The Boston Beer Company, Inc. (“Boston Beer”, the “Company”, “we”, or “us”) will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Samuel Adams Brewery located at 30 Germania St., Boston, Massachusetts.

The Class A Stockholders will meet for the following purposes:

1. For the election of three (3) Class A Directors, each to serve for a term of one (1) year;
2. To conduct an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers; and
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

The sole holder of Class B Stock will attend for the following purposes:

1. For the election of four (4) Class B Directors, each to serve for a term of one (1) year;
2. To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm; and
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 19, 2018 as the record date for the meeting. Only stockholders of record on that date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

The Board of Directors recommends that Class A Stockholders vote “FOR” the election of the Nominees for Class A Director:

Michael Spillane, Gregg A. Tanner, Jean-Michel Valette; and “FOR” the adoption of the resolution approving the Company’s executive compensation policies and procedures and the 2017 compensation paid to its Named Executive Officers.

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To vote your shares, you may vote in person at the Meeting or you may vote your proxy when you view the materials on the Internet or you can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will contain a proxy card.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BREWERY

From the South of Boston:

Take 93N to exit 18 (Mass Ave and Roxbury Exit). Go straight down Melnea Cass Blvd toward Roxbury. Once on Melnea Cass Blv. you will go through seven lights. At the eighth light take a left on Tremont St (*Landmark: Northeastern University and Ruggles T Station will be on your right when you turn onto Tremont St. Note: Tremont St eventually becomes Columbus Ave*). Follow Tremont St through seven lights. Take a right on Amory St (*Landmark: look for a big, powder blue Muffler Mart shop on the right - directly after Centre Street*). Follow Amory St through 2 lights. After 2nd light take a left on Porter St (*Landmark: Directly after Boylston St*). Go to the end of Porter St and the Brewery is on the right.

FROM THE NORTH OF BOSTON:

Take 93S to exit 18 (*Mass Ave and Roxbury exit*) and follow the above directions.

FROM THE SUBWAY:

Take the Orange Line outbound toward Forest Hills. Exit at the Stony Brook stop. Above ground take a left onto Boylston St. Take your first right onto Amory St. Then take your first left onto Porter St to Brewery gate (*the Brewery will be at the end of Porter St on your right*).

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Email copies: Current and future email delivery requests must be submitted via the Internet following the instructions below. If you request an email copy of current materials you will receive an email with a link to the materials.

PLEASE NOTE: You must use the number in the shaded bar on the reverse side when requesting a set of proxy materials.

Internet – Go to www.envisionreports.com/sam. Click Cast Your Vote or Request Materials. Follow the instructions to log in and order a copy of the current meeting materials and submit your preference for email or paper delivery of future meeting materials.

Telephone – Call us free of charge at 1-866-641-4276 and follow the instructions to log in and order a paper copy of the materials by mail for the current meeting. You can also submit a preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

Email – Send email to investorvote@computershare.com with “Proxy Materials The Boston Beer Company, Inc.” in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse, and state in the email that you want a paper copy of current meeting materials. You can also state your preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by May 6, 2018.

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