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Good Morning!

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> Did Omaha have a tax number for the ale? Jan is trying to set
> up an account and they need one. tnx

Omaha did not have a tax number specifically for the Ale. Prairie Waves has a tax exempt number as a non-profit recreational organization and we used that when needed. This sort of tax exempt status is easy to get. Most of the purchases for the Ale do not have tax applied (at least in our area). Food, transportation, and the site were not taxable. The best tax status to get is 501c3 which KC did. It requires a lot of legalities and Alice was not willing to jump the hoops for it. The downside is that without 501c3 we were not eligible for grants or other funding from our arts organizations. Perhaps the Midwest Morris Ale should be set up as 501c3, and if it was be an independent organization that status would follow it around. Or maybe (for example) the headquarters could be in Minnesota and all financial aspects go through that treasury while the planning etc are done by the different teams (got any trustworthy lawyers on your team? or is that an oxymoron? John Shewmaker helped KC). There are other requirements with 501c3, like being incorporated and electing a board of directors, etc. It's never simple. It may be the way to go, however, given the amount of structure and complexity to which the Ale has developed. Well, this is a wordy reply when a simple "no" would have answered your question.

SuAnn