FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     MARGOLIS JAY                           |  |  |   |  |                                      |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BOSTON BEER CO INC [ SAM ] |       |  |     |  |   |  |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner |   |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|-------|--|-----|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last)   | `  | (First) (Middle)                           |   |  |                                      |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/27/2017            |       |  |     |  |   |  |   |   | er (give title<br>w)  | Other (s<br>below)   |  | (specify  |  |
| ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE<br>SUITE 850   |  |  |   |  |                                      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |       |  |     |  |   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |   |   |  |  |   |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |                                      |  |  |       |  |     |  |   |  |   | Form filed by One Reporting Person  |   |  |  |   |  |
| (Street) BOSTON  | N M  | A 02210                                    |   |  |                                      |  |  |       |  |     |  |   |  |   | Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person   |   |  |  |   |  |
| (City)   | (Si  | tate) (                                    | Zip)  |  |                                      |  |  |       |  |     |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |  |   |  |                                      |  |  |       |  |     |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye               |  |  |   |  |                                      | Execution Date   |  |       | 3.<br>Transact<br>Code (In<br>8)                             |     | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |   |  |   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following                              |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |  |   |  |                                      |  |  |       | Code   | v   | Amount   | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price                                  | Repo<br>Trans   |   |   | (msu.  | · <del>*</del> )   | (mau. <del>4</del> )  |  |
| Class A C  | 17   | 7  |   |  | M                                    |  | 2,500  | A     | \$38.5   | 555 | 55 5,000   |   |  | D   |   |   |  |  |   |  |
| Class A Common 02/27/2017  |  |  |   |  |                                      |  | 7  |       | S  |     | 2,500  | D   | \$156.                                 | 5.87(1)   |   | 2,500   |  | D  |   |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |   |  |                                      |  |  |       |  |     |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code (Inst<br>8) |  |  |       | 6. Date Exercisable a<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     |  | d 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |  | 8. Price<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)      |   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |  |
|  |  |  |   |  | Code                                 | v  | (A)  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisa   |     | Expiration<br>Date   | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares | 1   |   |   |  |  |   |  |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy)  | \$38.555   | 02/27/2017                                 |   |  | М                                    |  |  | 2,500 | 05/31/20   | 07  | 05/31/2017   | Class A<br>Common   | 5,000                                  | \$  | 60  | 0   |  | D  |   |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,500 shares is from \$156.40 to \$157.40. The Filing Person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request of the SEC, the Registrant, or a shareholder of the Registrant.

Michael G. Andrews under POA for the benefit of Jay Margolis

02/27/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Data

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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