

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ROPER MARTIN E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.</u> <u>ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850</u> (Street) <u>BOSTON MA 02210</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President and C.E.O.</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/12/2018</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common | 01/12/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,000 | A | \$122.04 | 42,273 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,772 | D | \$190.73 ⁽²⁾ | 39,501 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,716 | D | \$191.89 ⁽³⁾ | 36,785 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,712 | D | \$192.78 ⁽⁴⁾ | 33,073 | D | |
| Class A Common | 01/12/2018 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 800 | D | \$193.74 ⁽⁵⁾ | 32,273 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock Option | \$122.04 | 01/12/2018 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,000 | 01/01/2018 ⁽⁶⁾ | 12/31/2018 | Class A Common | 10,000 | \$0.00 | 90,773 | D |

Explanation of Responses:

- The transactions reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on November 3, 2017. The Rule 10b5-1 trading plan and the transactions contemplated thereby were approved by unanimous consent of the Class B Stockholders of the Company.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,772 shares is from \$190.40 to \$191.35. 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.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 2,716 shares is from \$191.40 to \$192.35. 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.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 3,712 shares is from \$192.43 to \$193.20. 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.
- The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for the 800 shares is from \$193.50 to \$194.18. 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.
- The option vested in five equal installments: the first on January 1, 2014, and the final installment vested on January 1, 2018. All options are subject to earlier expiration based on certain contingencies.

Remarks:

Michael G. Andrews under
POA for the benefit of Martin 01/16/2018
E. Roper

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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