

Central Oregon Homebrewers Organization

General (Club) Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, 01/15/14
Start Time: 6:30pm PST; 7:00pm PST Call to Order
End Time: 9:00pm PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Location: Aspen Ridge Retirement Community
Organizer / Chair: Tim Koester

- I. Call to order at 7:04 pm (Tim Koester led the meeting) – Tim wished everyone a Happy New Year...or was it Hoppy Brew Year???
- II. Introduction of first-time attendees (please excuse any misspellings, mistakes or omissions of some folks' last names)
 - Ben Wiersch – is a contractor in Bend (Oak, Steel & Integrity LLC) and has brewed about two batches so far. His goal in joining COHO is to improve the quality of his beer (his mantra is Honesty+Integrity=Quality).
 - Carlos Perez – hasn't started brewing yet but wants to soon. Carlos is the man behind "Beer Me Bend" and "Central Oregon Beer Week". Look these sites up on the net because they are very informative about our local craft brewing scene.
 - Bill Moon – has been brewing about a year and joined COHO to get feedback on his beers and gain new tips & tricks on making better beer.
 - Tyler Regan – was invited by Barrett and is learning how to brew.
 - Bryon Pyka – has been brewing for 6 years but is new to Bend; he moved here recently from the Chicago area.
- III. Treasurer's Report (Kevin Tucker) – COHO has approx. \$2,100 in our accounts and we are approx. \$1,649 ahead of budget. Current members should check your email for your renewal notice; there is a 45 day grace period after which you will be dropped from the roster if you fail to renew your membership. New members should see Kevin for their membership card if they have not yet received one.

If you want to order a COHO logo Hydro Flask growler, you need to order it immediately. To date only 4 people have placed order and we need at least 12 orders to place our order with Hydro Flask. They are only \$40 and you have a color choice of black or bronze.
- IV. COHO Executive Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month and any member in good standing is welcome to attend.
- V. Barrel Brew – will be held at Gary Wirt's house on Saturday, February 8th. Will have approx. 8-10 brew systems brewing up around 50+ gallons of beer to be transferred into a barrel. COHO will purchase all the

ingredients. (Refer to Tom Brohamer's January 15th email RE: sign-up for Barrel Brew; we need members to be brewers, assistant brewers and to help with a multitude of preparatory tasks).

VI. Review of January Group Brew

- Jeff Moore hosted the January Group Brew. About 4 people turned out so there were plenty of BBQ ribs to go around. Jeff brewed 10 gallons of a California Common hybrid lager. This was Jeff's first all-grain brew and Jesse Reeves assisted with the brewing process.
- Next Group Brew (after the Barrel Brew) is March 2nd at Steve Anderson's house.
- Jerry Oldridge reported that the two pilsners brewed at December's Group Brew are beginning their lagering.
- Any member is welcome to host a Group Brew. The host is required to brew 10 gallons of beer, all of which is paid for by the Club; the host keeps 5 gallons and 5 gallons is kegged to drink at COHO Club meetings.

VII. Special recognition to Joe Mikus for his work as Webmaster (and who always brings delicious food like those pizzas) and Troy Whiteid for his work as Quartermaster. Troy has been locating and labeling COHO equipment. If you have or know the location of any COHO equipment, let Troy know. Troy has also put a log book in the equipment room at the Brew Shop to sign out borrowed equipment.

VIII. 2014 Calendar of Events

- Barrel Brew (see above)
- Zwickelmanian – February 15th from 11a to 4p. This is a statewide event in which nearly every brewery/brewpub in Oregon participates; it is coordinated by the Oregon Brewers Guild. COHO will have a booth at the 10 Barrel Brewery (on NE 18th St). We will staff a COHO info booth with at least two members for two shifts. Jeff Moore, Joe Mikus, Joseph Rodriguez, Gary Wirt, and Greg Derksen volunteered to staff the booth. Doug will be there all day and will ensure homebrewing implements are on hand for display.
- Spring Fling – May 10th. This is an AHA certified homebrew competition open to all homebrewers in the USA. You may enter as many beers as you wish so start brewing for it now.
- Central Oregon Beer Week – May 23rd – 31st. COHO will be involved in some manner that is to be determined. Stay tuned!
- Fermentation Celebration – June 19th in the Old Mill District. COHO will be pouring homebrew so we will need members to brew beer for this event.
- Summer Campout - June 27th – 28th.

IX. AHA Article – The AHA contacted Tom asking to do an article for their Club of the Week segment on the AHA website (if you're not an AHA member, it is well worth the bucks to join; click on the banner at the bottom of the COHO homepage to join).

X. COHO Club Only competition – the next competition is style category 2, German, Bohemian, and American Pilsner. You need to turn your beer into the Brew Shop no later than 7p on Friday, 2/28. There is still time to brew this beer but you should do it soon to give it time to lager.

XI. Brewer of the Year

This is the award given to the COHO member who has racked up the most points in the Club Only competition. Each member has the opportunity to enter a beer in each of the four competitions through out the calendar year. Each beer is judged by the Deschutes Sensory Panel and by the People's Choice (COHO members); each receives equal weight. Plus, 10 additional points are given to each brewer who enters all four competitions.

The 2013 COHO Brew of the Year is Jerry Oldridge! Jerry's name will go on a plaque that will hang in The Brew Shop and Jerry received a pint glass with the COHO logo and his name inscribed. (The competition was extremely close. Others who entered several competitions were Kelly Harper, Joe Mikus, Tim Koester, Troy Whiteid, Ken and Kevin Johnson, Gary Wirt. Special thanks to Tim Koester who put in numerous hours coordinating this event).

XII. Member Input, Questions & Comment – David Feldman asked if COHO had a discount program at brewpubs like the Beer Angles do. Lindsay Duffy said the Beer Angles simply go to various establishments and ask for a discount for their members. Kevin answered that the establishments that already have a COHO discount are listed on the website; however, the eBoard is in the process of putting together the COHO Affiliate Program and is reaching out to local brew pubs and beer bars for a discounts from more establishments.

XIII. Blichmann Beer Gun Demo – Gary Wirt and Tim Koester demonstrated how to use the Club's Beer Gun and several members got in some trigger time.

XIV. Attendance Drawing – Sara Thompson's name was drawn but sadly, Sara was not in attendance so next month \$20 will be added to the pot for a \$40 gift certificate to the Brew Shop.

XV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.