

Central Oregon Homebrewers Organization

General (Club) Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, 06/18/14
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: Tom Brohamer

- I. Call to order at 7:15 pm (Tom Brohamer led the meeting). There were 34 in attendance.
- II. Treasurer's Report (Kevin Tucker) – COHO has approx. \$3,200 in our accounts and we are approx. \$546 ahead of budget mostly due to membership renewals and new memberships. All members are welcome to examine the COHO books.
- III. Introduction of first-time attendees (please excuse any misspellings, mistakes or omissions of some folks' last names); all listed below joined COHO tonight.
 - Bill Campbell – saw the article in the Bulletin on St. Patrick's Day 2012 about the Aspen Ridge brewers; then after talking to Tim & Doug at the COHO table at the Beer Angle's COBW event at Lava Lanes, decided to come visit a COHO meeting. Bill has not brewed anything...yet.
 - Matt Toepler – has been all-grain brewing for several years. He took Tim's brewing class at COCC last fall and is just finished Tim's Advanced Brewing class at COCC. He heard about COHO through taking these classes and decided to join COHO.
 - Randy Scorby – just moved to Bend from Baker City where he was heavily involved in the local homebrew club. Randy is one of 12 BJCP Grand Master judges in the world and brews all styles of beer. Randy learned of COHO years ago when he began entering beers in the Spring Fling competition.

Tom reminded everyone if they joined COHO tonight, they would be eligible for the Attendance Raffle at the end of the meeting tonight.
- IV. Barrel Brew Update – Gary Wirt. We will be serving 2.5 gallons of our latest barrel brew at the Fermentation Celebration on Thursday, June 19th in the Mill District. The barrel is topped off and there's about 1 gallon of beer in a corny keg to further topping. The flavor is decent and the beer is probably ready to be kegged. Tom added that the Club had just purchased 3 Sanke (15.5 gallon) kegs for the barrel brew.

Tim asked for hands to indicate any who were interested in brewing a beer to put back in the barrel after it's empty. Several raised their hands.

- V. June Group Brew – was held at Tom Brohamer's on Sunday, June 8th. Tom brewed two 10 gallon batches; one was a Mosiac Blonde for the Fermentation Celebration and the other was a Belgian Wit for the upcoming club-only competition and next month's meeting.

The *July* Group Brew will be hosted by Kevin Tucker. The *August* Group Brew is still open and Tim will host the *September* Group Brew.

Remember, if you host a Group Brew, you get to keep 5 of the 10 gallons you brew and COHO pays for it all (up to \$65). The competition following French & Belgian beers is Stout, which will be due November 1st, so a Group Brew would be a great time to brew your competition beer...on the club's dime☺

- VI. Fermentation Celebration – Tim. This will be our 3rd time participating. It runs from 4 – 10p tomorrow and we will begin set-up at 3:30p. Our area is on the north end near the Flatbread Pizza store. The beer will be served by FC staff; we are not allowed to serve our beer. Wear your COHO gear.
- VII. Summer Bash – Tom. The annual campout will be held at the Big River Campground Friday, June 27th at 4p until Sunday, June 29th at 2p; there will be a potluck Saturday night. It is family friendly and dog friendly (if your dog is well socialized). There is fishing, kayaking, and games of all sorts during the day; feel free to bring a game of your choice. There is NO running water, so bring plenty of water. There is only a pit toilet. Tom will have the 4-tap jockey box so bring beer to share.
- VIII. Member Survey – Tom. Everyone should have received a Survey Monkey questionnaire via email. This questionnaire is key for telling your eBoard what you want to see in the Club. About 1/3 of the membership has responded. Please take some time and complete the form; there are only 6 questions.
- IX. July General Meeting Education – Tom. Last July's educational session consisted of members sharing various brewing equipment they found useful. The membership raised their hands indicating repeating this would be good for next month's meeting. The following members volunteered to share their piece of equipment (5 minute presentation):
- Tom – Hop Spider
 - Spencer – Hop Rocket
 - Jesse – DIY Counterflow Chiller
 - Doug – DIY beerline cleaner; dry hopper
- X. Educational Session – Tim Koester

Tim shared about Water Chemistry – primarily adjusting one’s water with gypsum (calcium sulfate) and calcium chloride. (We will post Tim’s Power Point presentation as soon as possible). Tim suggested reading John Palmer’s How To Brew and Water.

To demonstrate his point, Tim shared samples of two beers he brewed for the Advanced Homebrewing class. One was brewed without any salts and the other was brewed using gypsum and calcium chloride. The beer brewed with the salts was much more flavorful; by comparison, the one brewed w/o salts was kind of lifeless.

- XI. The Bend Brew Fest is coming up August 14-16. COHO will have a booth again this year.
- XII. BJCP Judge Exam – Randy Scorby. Randy will be proctoring a tasting exam in February, 2015. To sit for this exam, one must first pass the on-line 100 question (pass/fail) exam. The on-line exam costs \$10 and one may take it multiple times. The tasting exam, which costs \$40, will qualify one to be a certified judge. An 80% on the tasting exam qualifies one to sit for the written exam, from which a rank would be assigned. Anyone who passes the on-line exam is encouraged to email Randy so he can reserve a spot for you. There are currently 12 spots open; if there’s overwhelming interest, he may be able to open up 20 spots.
- XIII. Name Badges – Tom. Tom shared a very creative iteration of the name badge. The member’s name will be superimposed on a background of the COHO (round) logo and a background depicting beer in a glass with a head on it. Above the foam line is the member’s first name in large font; below the foam line is the member’s last name in smaller font as well as when the member joined COHO.

The membership agreed in a previous meeting that in order for one to win the Attendance Drawing, one must be wearing their name badge. We have grown so much, it’s essential members wear their name tags to learn each other’s names.

Tom will email members to send him the first name they wish to have on their badge (if it is different than what is listed on their member profile).

On that note, please put a picture of your face on your profile on the website. When someone posts on a forum, it’s nice to see the person’s face and recognize who posted.

XIV. Open Forum

Kip asked about the availability of camper/trailer space at the upcoming campout. Toms said we have about 2 trailers registered so far and there’s room for 5.

- XV. Attendance Drawing – Kevin Tucker won the \$25 gift certificate to The Brew Shop. Next month’s drawing will start at \$20 again.

XVI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.