

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 01/20/2016
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 38 people
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Tom Brohamer

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Kevin quickly went over how we did in our 2015 budget. We netted a little over \$600 over what we spent, and currently we have approximately \$2200 combined in both accounts. A member asked about the budget line item for purchasing bottles of Deschutes' Abyss, and Tom explained the benefit of club vertical tastings. These bottles are purchased and stored year to year in order to compare at an annual club tasting.

New Raffle Pricing – Tom announced that we will now be offering a 6 for \$5 price on raffle tickets.

Recap of Membership Drive at Brew Shop – Bob said that our volunteers talked to a lot of people. In fact, two of those people attended the meeting as guests. Joseph thought it was a worthwhile effort but recommended we have a small banner on display. Jim Brooks suggested it would also be nice to have a small banner displayed in the grain room. Tom thinks we might already have a small banner and asked Troy to check.

Group Brews – January brew, hosted by Jim Brooks, was a total success with 10-12 people attending. Hunter Farrell introduced himself as the new group brew organizer. February's group brew will be at Tom's house on his system. It would normally be scheduled on the first Sunday but because of Super Bowl, Tom will look at rescheduling. Bill offered to host the April brew, but he only has a 5 gallon system and asked for someone to help – maybe extract?

Club Competition – The next competition will be Pale Commonwealth BJCP Style 12; which is due Feb. 6th. Tom reminded everyone that all of our judging will be done in-house this year. The Deschutes Tasting Panel received an engraved plaque as an appreciation gift for helping judge in the past.

Oregon Homebrewers of the Year Competition – Tom will send out an email with details.

Education Session – Jeremy Storton brought a slideshow he made of his trip to Spain, with a particular look at Spain's craft beer scene. He learned a lot about beer and food pairings (often 5oz beers with little plates of tapas), and brought some of his favorite cervezas to share. Two brands to remember: Sullerica and Er Boqueron. "Vertical Wine and Beer" out of McMinnville and Sublime Imports (website) are good resources for Spanish beer.

Open Forum –

- Randy announced that if anyone wants to enter the KLCC Brewfest in Eugene, entries are due Feb. 4th at noon. Randy will pick up entries at the Brew Shop to bring over the mountain.
- Also, Randy will begin sensory training for 12-14 people on March 7th.
- Craft Beer Reform Act – Larry pointed out that there is a bill before the U.S. Senate to cut the excise tax on beer, make home distilling legal, and remove some other restrictions.

Attendance Drawing – Rachel Follett’s name was drawn but she was not present to win.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zwickelmania – Feb. 13th – We will be setting up a table at Good Life Brewing again.

Pacific Northwest Homebrewer’s Association – Mar. 4th and 5th in Vancouver, WA. Price includes 2 dinners and a lunch plus workshops. Randy will be leading a workshop on mash enzymes. Look for more details on the website.

Spring Fling 2016 – Judging will take place April 22 – 24th. Beers are due April 15th. Registration is online, no registrations will be accepted the day of the competition. Hunter asked for volunteers to help the competition by acting as stewards. We need at least 10 stewards. It is a fun job, and volunteers will get to taste and socialize with the judges. Contact Hunter Farrell via email if interested.

Summer Bash Campout – July 15-17th at the Big River Group Campground. The potluck and Beer Olympics will be on the 16th.