

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 02/17/2016
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 32 people (incl. 5 new guests)
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Tom Brohamer

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Kevin could not be at the meeting but he left the budget spreadsheet with Tom. Bottom line is we are doing well and staying on track with our budget year-to-date. Raffle sales helped meet our income goals.

New Raffle Pricing – Tom reminded everyone that we are now offering a 6 for \$5 price on raffle tickets.

Zwicklemania – This was last weekend. We set up a table at Good Life Brewing and met with quite a few new folks – some even came to the meeting this evening. Brooks suggested that we might spread out to two or more breweries next year. Tom said that would be a good idea if we can get more banners and people to volunteer. Something to think about for next year.

Group Brews – We had to change the date for the February Group Brew, which will be at Spencer's house. Doug reminded us that Spencer won the recent Silver Moon competition, so they will be brewing his winning beer. The March Group Brew will be hosted by Troy. April is still open if anyone is interested – please contact Hunter if you would like to host. There will not be a Group Brew in May because we are having an AHA Big Brew Day, plus an event with the Beer Angels.

Pacific Northwest Homebrewer's Conference – Only 3 people are going, so we don't have enough folks to get a table together.

Spring Fling – April 22 – 24th – Doug, Tim, Randy, Hunter, Brooks and Flash have been working hard on this. Medals are currently being made. The software we will be using allows brewers to print off their own bottle labels after registration. Sign-up is online and the *absolute deadline* for entries is April 15th. Go to our website for more information and the registration link.

Randy will be the head judge. Hunter will be the head steward, and he is looking for volunteers to help. Stewards are responsible for getting the beer and any other supplies out to the judges in a timely efficient manner. The committee is also looking for help picking up beer entries in the valley, as well as unpacking, labeling and organizing before the judging. At the awards ceremony, we will have raffle prizes and food, along with leftover beer, so all are welcome to bring food to share.

Brooks and Flash are working on collecting sponsors. Jamie Floyd, one of the founders of Ninkasi brewing has generously donated money and offered to come brew with the winner of our Best-of-Show. The Brew Shop is helping us out again. Brooks is donating a handcrafted mash paddle. He's also contacting other businesses in the community this year, so if you know of any businesses who might want to sponsor our Spring Fling, please let Brooks know. Sponsors will be recognized at the event and on our website all year.

Education Session – Randy Scorby gave a presentation on Pale Commonwealth BJCP Category 12 (British Golden Ale, Australian Sparkling Ale, English IPA), which is the type of beer in our latest competition round. He gave us tasting notes to help us with the evening people’s choice judging.

Club Competition – Results of Pale Commonwealth Competition:

People’s Choice	In-House BJCP Judges
1 st – Troy Whiteid	1 st – Spencer Williams
2 nd – Jerry & Denise Oldridge	2 nd – Troy Whiteid
3 rd – Jon Abernathy	3 rd – Jim Brooks
4 th – Bob Gordon & Blake Creagan	4 th – Jerry & Denise Oldridge

Our next category will be Pale Malty European Lager, BJCP Style 4. Start brewing right away because the turn in date is 5/7/2016. From now on, you will need to submit two 22 oz. bottles and two 12 oz. bottles for each competition. Please see the website for more details.

Open Forum –

Tim told us that COCC has built a brewing laboratory on the Redmond campus and they are putting together an Advanced Homebrewing class. Topics will include recipe design, sensory analysis, sanitation, fermentation yeast management, and sour beer styles. There will be a max of 12 people, starting in April, and the cost will be \$179.

Attendance Drawing – Charlie Chaffee’s name was drawn but he was not present to win, so the \$60 attendance prize will be rolled over to next month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fermentation Celebration, Jun 23rd – The event has been moved back from when it was in previous years. Think about having a beer for this event, even if it’s only a couple of gallons.

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