

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 03/16/2016
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 26 people (incl. 4 new guests)
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Tom Brohamer

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Kevin reported that overall we are on track with our budget and have a little over \$2000 combined in our two accounts. See Kevin for a detailed budget report. He also gave a shout-out to the Spring Fling Committee for doing such a great job finding sponsorships.

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

Pacific Northwest Homebrewer's Conference – This was March 4-5th. Only Tom, Kevin, Bob and Randy were able to attend but they said it was a good time with informative sessions. Some clubs went all out decorating their tables, which inspired our crew to think about that for next year.

Group Brews – March's brew was at Troy's house this past Sunday. A lot of people squeezed into a small space to help brew a Red Chair clone, and it seemed to turn out well. Kevin will be hosting the April group brew on the first Sunday.

Education Session – Aaron Hofferber from Sunriver Brewing came to talk to us about beer quality, sanitation and competition bottling. He reminded us that since we are brewing small batches, we have the luxury of using the very best ingredients, so we should take advantage of that. He also recommended using the "Counter Pressure Bottle Filler" from MoreBeer.

Club Competition –

Our next category will be Pale Malty European Lager, BJCP Style 4 and 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 reminded us that registration is open for the COCC Advanced Homebrewing class in Redmond. 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.

Randy mentioned that entries for the 2016 Slurp and Burp competition sponsored by Strange Brew Homebrew Club are due April 1st. Check the website for details.

Other competitions coming up: The Heart of Cascadia IPA competition in Portland in May; the 34th Annual Oregon Homebrew Festival sponsored by Ninkasi (deadline is 5/7/16); and the Three Creeks 3rd Annual Homebrewer's Invitational (deadline is June 1st or until full).

Attendance Drawing – Erik Howard's name was drawn but he was not present to win, so the attendance prize will be \$70 next month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fling - April 22 - 24th - Doug passed around examples of the medals he ordered and gave an update on the committee's work. Brooks and Bob have managed to bring in generous donations from Ninkasi, Silver Moon, Worthy, Crux and many other local businesses. We have thousands of dollars worth of raffle items.

The "Best of Show" judging and awards ceremony will take place on Apr. 24th. Brooks and Katie have graciously offered to cater the awards event.

Doug reminded everyone to go online to sign up for volunteer spots AND to register your beer entries.

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.