

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 04/20/2016
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 26 people (incl. 3 new guests)
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Tom Brohamer

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Kevin was not present, so Tom gave his report. We are slightly over budget because of all the expenditures for Spring Fling but not all of the expected income has come in yet. Tom let everyone know that he had sign-up sheets for those who wanted to join the club.

Kudos to Brooks – Brooks took first place in the first round of the American Homebrew Competition in the English Pale Ale category. Way to go Brooks!

Group Brews – April's Group Brew was at Kevin's house. Some new brewers attended and were able to ask questions and learn quite a bit. The next Group Brew is on May 7th, in conjunction with AHA's Big Brew Day, held outside the Brew Shop. The new club brew system should be ready for launch on that day, so Tom is looking for 2 volunteers to do the brewing. Bob volunteered, but he will need a partner.

The June Group Brew will be at Tom's house, but the rest of the year is open. If you are interested in hosting a Group Brew, please contact Hunter.

Education Session – Seth Klann, owner of Mecca Grade Estate Malt farm in Madras, and his head maltster, Chris MacMillan, came to talk to us about their operation and unique product. We learned about the history of this 8th generation farm, the growing research and experimentation with terroir in base malts, and some of the terminology for understanding how malt affects our homebrew recipes (they even brought samples to show us). Their malts are thoroughly allocated but they should be able to increase production soon. Every year, they have a harvest party the 3rd weekend in September in the barn.

Club Competition –

Our next category will be Pale Malty European Lager, BJCP Style 4 and the turn in date is 5/7/2016. This is also the turn-in deadline for Heart of the Valley Oregon Homebrew Festival.

Open Forum –

No items

Attendance Drawing – Bert Swift's name was drawn but he was not present to win, so the attendance prize will be \$75 next month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Fling – April 22 – 24th – This weekend! We have 269 entries – a little lower than last year, but entries are purportedly low for all the regional comps this year. Sunday (arrive between 11:30 am and noon) will be the awards ceremony, sampling of leftover beers, food and big raffle event. Bob and Mike sold raffle tickets for this event, but there will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on Sunday.

Fermentation Celebration, Jun 23rd – Please bring any leftover club reserves of Group Brews.

Summer Bash Campout – July 15-17th at the Big River Group Campground, “B” spot. The potluck and Beer Olympics will be on the 16th. Sign-up is open online. Please sign up early so Tom can predict how many people are coming.