

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 07/20/2016
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 23 people (incl. 2 new guests)
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Hunter Farrell

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Kevin briefly went over the latest monthly and YTD report, and made the hard copy available for anyone to have a closer look. We currently have about \$3,000 combined in both of our accounts. We are almost \$1K ahead in our budget due to the success of Spring Fling.

Opening Nominations – Anyone interested in running for any position on the Executive Board next year, please see Jamie. Nominations close in September and elections will be held in October. COHO depends on volunteers!

Fermentation Celebration Recap – This was a collaboration with Cascade Fermentation Association at Old Mill on June 23rd. Tim said we did an outstanding job. Everyone he talked to said we had great beer!

Summer Bash Recap – Spencer gave us the recap. The weather was nice this year. We had lots of good homebrew plus leftovers from Spring Fling. The dogs all mostly got along. Saturday afternoon everyone floated the river and came back for barbeque and potluck in the evening. Hunter and Jerry won the Beer Olympics later that night. Good times all around!

Group Brews – Don Wenz hosted the July Group Brew. A handful of people made it to brew a Munich Helles. Bob reported that Don is an accomplished brewer with lots of good experience to share.

Hunter explained how Group Brews work and asked for volunteers to host the November and December dates.

The August Group Brew will be hosted by Tim on Sunday August 7th at 10am at the brand new Redmond COCC brewing facility, using one of their professional pilot systems with recirculating heat exchanger and digital control board. Bring munchies and beer!

Education Session – Bryon Pyka, Sour Brewer Barrel Wrangler Extraordinaire for 10 Barrel, who will soon be teaching a class on Brewing Sour Beers at COCC, gave us an interesting overview of barrel maintenance and usage. We also watched a couple of Youtube videos about how to care for your barrels and fix leaks.

Club Competition –

The current club competition category is Trappist Ale, BJCP Category 26. Entry deadline is 8/6/16. Our next General Meeting in August will be the People's Choice judging.

The next beer in our Club Competition will be Spiced Beer, BJCP Category 30. Lots of subcategories to choose from here – Randy advised a “light hand” when adding your spices. All submissions are due 11/5.

Open Forum –

Joseph let us know that there will be a small Brewfest at Whole Foods this Saturday.

Attendance Drawing – Brand new member Steve Minar’s name was drawn and he WAS present to win, so he won the \$20 gift certificate to the Brew Shop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bend Brewfest, Aug. 18 – 20th: Tim Koester explained that COHO gets a special invitation each year to come volunteer and represent our club at the Brewfest. This year we will still have an information booth (no surveys), but we’ll also have the honor of introducing brewers and pouring at the X-Tap.

Tim is organizing the volunteers. We will need 4 volunteers per shift for two shifts a day: 11:30am to 4:00pm and 3:30pm to 7pm. There is no need to have a OLCC server’s license, but Tim will explain the rules we need to follow. Volunteers will receive a mug, tokens and a T-shirt.

We will also be brewing on the new club system for demonstration purposes on Saturday. Joe Mikus and Joseph Rodriguez have been our diehard demo brewers every year, but this year new member (and experienced brewer) Steve Brainard has volunteered to lead the brew. Joseph will assist him and Joe will still bring in some show-and-tell items to help intrigue potential new brewers.

Silver Moon Battle of the Brews: Our very own Spencer Williams was the winner last year, and his IPA “Mark of the Yeast” is currently available at the Silver Moon tap-house. This year, the competition will be for British Style Ales. Only 30 entries will be accepted so check their website soon for registration information. Beers are due on Oct. 24th.