

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 08/17/2016
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 35 people (incl. 2 new guests)
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Tom Brohamer

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 are around \$1200 ahead in our budget due to the success of Spring Fling. Normally we only want to keep around \$1000 in reserve, so that means we need to spend the extra on club activities. We have \$60 per quarter budgeted for fun events, so if anyone has ideas please contact one of the board members. Tim asked about our AHA insurance coverage, and Tom assured him that it was up-to-date.

Nomination Phase for Executive Board – Brooks nominated himself for Treasurer and Mike for President, but Mike declined. Don Wenz offered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms. Anyone else interested in running for any position on the Executive Board next year, please see Jamie. Nominations close by the end of our general meeting in September and elections will be held in October. November will be the first board meeting for new officers.

Group Brews – Tim and Steve Brainerd led the August Group Brew at the new COCC lab. Each brewed a different IPA, Steve made a California style with El Calypso hops and Tim made a high ABV Citra based ale. Ten to twelve people came and there was lots of good food and beer to share.

The September Group Brew will be a wet hop brew at Tim's house using Cascade hops.

In October, our Group Brew will be hosted by Mecca Grade farm. We'll have a tour of their malting facility, and brew on their 15 gallon system. They will donate grains and we will provide the hops and yeast. Randy will oversee the recipe and brewing.

The November Group Brew will be at Traci Liberator's house, perhaps as a joint event with the Beer Angels. December is still open for volunteers – please see Hunter if you are interested.

Club Cider Event – Tom announced that he would like to go pickup a load of apples directly from an orchard in time to press them on Oct. 2nd. He is looking for 15 people who would be interested on going in on this, to share the expense and work. He would be getting a balance of sweet and tart blemished apples. Brooks volunteered his trailer to help pick them up. Tom will send out more info via email.

Education Session – Randy Scorby explained what to look for when judging the evening's People's Choice event. The current BJCP category is #26 Trappist Ales. Fun fact – there are only a dozen true Trappist breweries worldwide.

Club Competition –

This quarter's club competition category is Trappist Ale, BJCP Category 26. The final results are as follows:

BJCP Judges	People's Choice
1 st – Aspen Ridge	1 st – Spencer Williams
2 nd – Troy Whiteid	2 nd – Mike Furry
3 rd – Spencer Williams	3 rd – Troy Whiteid

The next beer in our Club Competition will be Spiced Beer, BJCP Category 30. All submissions are due 11/5.

Open Forum –

Brooks announced that he would like to have volunteers help harvest his hops sometime after the end of August in exchange for hops.

Sandy told us that “Machine Gun Maggie” will be produced again this year. In the past, it's been brewed at Worthy and Silver Moon as a fundraiser for Alzheimer's research. Sandy's son is starting his own “Cause” brewery, working with Oblivion this year to brew Machine Gun Maggie again. It will be unveiled on Sep. 17th at Cabin 22, but will also be available at Growler Guys, Platypus, and Broken Top. 10% of each case sold will go to Alzheimer's research, and they are looking into a new beer for another cause.

Randy announced for anyone interested in becoming a BJCP Judge, there will be another test scheduled next July. There will also be a mead certification test in Portland in March 2017.

Worthy Garden Club is starting a fresh hop competition. Check their website for more details.

Rocktoberfest, CFA's beer comp, will be on Sep. 17th at Wild Ride. Entries are due Sep. 12th. They are looking for judges and stewards.

Attendance Drawing – Tom O'Connell'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: Starting tomorrow! Tim Koester has a roster of volunteers but needs more help for Saturday afternoon. We will have a table, take turns pouring at the X-Tap in the Brewtality tent, and talk to people about beer. Volunteers who pour will be under the blanket OLCC coverage, which means that we are not allowed to drink before or while pouring. However, all volunteers will receive a T-shirt, mug and 5 tokens. Tim will coordinate volunteers all day Thursday and Saturday, Doug will be there all day on Friday.

Club members Larry Johnson (Shade Tree Brewing) and Steve Anderson (Kobold Brewing) will both have beers at the X-Tap this year. Come support them!

Silver Moon Battle of the Brews: This year, the competition will be for British Style Ales. Only 30 entries will be accepted so check their website or our Facebook page soon for registration information. Beers are due on Oct. 24th. Tim, Randy and Doug are running the competition.

Disc Golf – Wednesday Aug. 24th at 6pm, Pine Nursery Disc Golf course. Free – please sign up online so we can make sure there are enough discs for everyone.

Little Woody – The Little Woody Barrel-Aged Beer, Cider and Whisky Festival will be at the Deschutes Historical Museum on Sep. 2nd and 3rd.

Pub Crawl – November 19th

December Holiday Event with the Beer Angels – more info to come.