

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 11/16/2016
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 35 people
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 currently around \$1200 ahead in our budget.

He then went over our **2017 Budget**, pointing out that one new line item has been added for the yeast bank. No one had any questions about the budget. Tom asked for a vote to approve the budget. All were in favor; none opposed.

Group Brews – The November Group Brew was hosted by Traci Liberatore. She said everything went well and they had a large turnout of interested folks. They used the brew-in-a-bag method to make an oatmeal stout.

Steve Brainerd volunteered to host the next Group Brew on Saturday Dec. 3rd.

Donated Hops – Paul Anderson from Deschutes brought a giant bag of extra 2015 hops leftover from their Jubelale brew to share with club members. Thank you Deschutes!

Sisters Park & Rec – Liam Hughes, the Executive Director at Sisters Parks & Rec, said that they are planning to put on a homebrew festival (like the Humboldt Co. Homebrew Festival) in the Spring of 2018. They are hoping to have around 50 kegs available for tasting. There would be an entrance fee, except for people who donate kegs. Nancy shared some insight about how fun the Humboldt Co. festival was, and there seemed to be a lot of interest from club members present.

December Holiday Event with the Beer Angels – Thursday, Dec. 1st. We have 40 spots this year, and the email has already gone out for registration. If you have done a group brew, please contact Hunter or Doug to commit to bringing a keg. There will be an informal “People’s Choice” competition of the homebrews. Everyone is welcome to also bring bottles of beer. Be sure to bring a wrapped beer valued between \$5 - \$15 to do a gift exchange.

Club T-Shirt and Hoodies Group Purchase – Tomorrow is the last day to order COHO apparel; look for details in your email. The club is paying the setup fee. All of the orders should be available to pick up at our holiday party. If you need anything sooner, please contact Tom.

Pub Crawl – 11am November 19th - We have 28 people signed up. The one change in our itinerary is we are switching White Water with the Silver Moon time slot. We are also very fortunate to be able to see the new Boneyard brewery since it is not open to the public yet. The club will be paying for food at Deschutes, which is where we’ll be having our raffle. You can buy raffle tickets throughout the day. Thank you to Brooks for arranging a special rate with “Taxis of Bend” - \$35 per hour during the Pub Crawl.

Education Session – Tim explained how to judge our People’s Choice tonight: Category 30, Spiced Beers. One important tip is to look for a balance between the base beer and the spices – we need to taste both.

Club Competition –

Club Competition Results – Category 30 Spiced Beers		
	BJCP	People’s Choice
1st Place	Don Wenz	Aspen Ridge crew
2nd Place	Spencer Williams	Tie between Don Wenz & Spencer Williams
3rd Place	Hunter Farrell	Blake Creagan
4th Place	Traci & Marti	(none chosen)

Check the website for a list of next year’s competition categories and due dates. Tim explained the different styles. Doug put in a plug for learning to judge with Randy.

Group Grain Purchase – Mecca Grade has offered a special price of \$60 per bag of grain when purchased as a group. There are four varieties to choose from. Contact Brooks if you are interested.

Yeast Bank – Tom has his own yeast bank and he is going to offer it to the club next year. There will be an info session about how it will work – probably in March.

Open Forum – Kevin is taking side bets on who will win the poker hand for Pub Crawl.

OXARC (across the street from Target) is now offering wholesale prices on CO2 fills to club members.

The Silver Moon Awards ceremony was last weekend. Out of 20 entries, Kevin Multop of COHO won first place! Our own Tim Koester won second, and 3rd place went to a brewer in Gresham.

Attendance Drawing – Megan Griffin’s name was drawn but she was not present to win, so next month the drawing will be for \$40.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COHO Holiday Party – This will be at our regular December meeting, Dec. 21st, downstairs in Aspen Ridge facility. We will have our usual potluck, Toys for Tots drive (earn raffle tickets for every toy donated), and massive raffle draw. The club will be providing the turkey and ham.

Spring Fling 2017 – Dates have been set for Apr. 21-23rd. Start brewing!!!