

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 02/15/2017
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 44 people
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Jon Abernathy

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Mike briefly went over the January report, and said that we are currently on track. We are starting to spend money on Spring Fling but that will be accounted for in next month's budget.

Membership Notes – For anyone who needs a new membership card, see Mike. If anyone needs a name badge, see Jamie. Jon reminded everyone to use the Amazon and other affiliate links on our website because that helps the club. Since Dec. 1st, COHO has earned \$60 just through our Amazon Affiliate account. Jon also urged everyone to buy raffle tickets.

Social Media Presence – We have a new Facebook Group Page, Instagram and Twitter account. Thanks Sherri! Our Facebook Page will feed into the Facebook Group, which has lots of pictures. Please use all the new media outlets, tag COHO, and help raise visibility for the club. Kevin suggested that if you wear your COHO T-shirt somewhere, take a picture and post it to the Facebook Page.

Group Brews – The February Group Brew was hosted by Brooks, and they brewed an Imperial Russian Stout. He said it was a good party with good weather, and Brooks appreciated everyone who came out.

Hunter went over the basics of how Group Brews work. It happens the first weekend of every month and is a good opportunity to get together and learn about brewing. The Club contributes \$65 towards ingredients and in return the host will share one keg with the Club. If hosts have a recipe that will cost more than \$65, they will need to pay for the extra out-of-pocket. Also, if you are going to attend a Group Brew, please go to the website and register so the host can know how many to expect.

Hunter is looking for volunteers to host all the upcoming Group Brews this year.

KLCC Brewfest – We had a number of COHO winners at the Brewfest in Eugene last weekend. We won 3rd Place as a club! Here's the list of winners:

Joe Mikus, 2nd, Light Lager, "Check" Pils
Doug Jordan, 3rd, Light Hybrid Beer, Sun Worshiper
Spencer Williams, 1st, Specialty IPA, After Midnight
Steve Morgan, 3rd, British Isles Ales, Londonit
Steve Morgan, 1st, Spice Herb Vegetable Beer, Touch of Grey
Mike Furry & Jim Brooks, 1st, Wood-Aged Beer, Whiskey a Go Go

Keep brewing and keep entering beers!

Sisters Park & Rec – There will be a homebrew festival in Sisters this June 3rd. There will be a "People's Choice" award: First Place wins \$500 and gets to brew the winning recipe at Three Creeks Brewing. Any style of beer or cider is allowed, but there will only be one People's Choice award. Entries will need to bring a full keg, preferably two, and your own CO2 and tap. There will be live music and smoked meats. Entry fee

is \$25, except for brewers who enter beer. Jeremy sent around a sign-up sheet for people who plan to enter beer. Group brew kegs are also a possibility. Please see www.SistersHomebrewFestival.com for more info.

Winter Warmer Trip – Kevin encouraged people to be more active with their fermented beverages. He’s planning a snow shoe trip next Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, 6:30pm at Swampy Lakes Sno-Park. It would be about a mile out to the shelter where there is a woodstove for gathering around to enjoy a beverage. Bring your headlamp and gear. If you need to rent snowshoes, Powder House is a good place. Kevin will send out an email with all the details.

Jefferson Co. Historical Society “History Pub” – Mo announced an event with the History Pub Series at the Klann Farm in Madras on February 23rd at 5:30pm. They will be serving an assortment of local craft beers brewed with Mecca Grade malts. Please see the Historical Society website for more details.

BBC Homebrew Competition – Josh Harned, the new head brewer at Bend Brewing Company, would like to do a club competition brew with COHO, similar to the one we do with Silver Moon. The winner would get to brew the winning recipe on their system. Beer style is limited to Amber and Brown Ale categories, and must be dropped off at BBC by 5pm on May 8th. More details will be forthcoming by email and Facebook.

Education Session – Our own Steve Brainerd, who teaches advanced brewing at COCC, had an open Q & A session with us to go over any questions or problems people may have with their brewing. His big tip of the night was to *over pitch* your yeast. He highly recommends “Imperial Yeast” out of Portland, available in the Brew Shop. If anyone has requests for future educational sessions, please contact Steve.

Randy explained how to judge our People’s Choice tonight: Category 1, Standard American Beer (Cream Ale and American Wheat). Note that for American Wheat beers, you should roll the bottle before opening.

Club Competition –

Club Competition Results – Category 1 Standard American Beer		
	BJCP	People’s Choice
1st Place	Steve Brainerd	Doug Jordan
2nd Place	Doug Jordan	Spencer Williams
3rd Place	Traci Liberatore & Marty Brown	Traci Liberatore & Marty Brown
4th Place	Hunter Farrell	Steve Brainerd

Clothing Orders – If anyone is missing their order of club t-shirts, please see Tom.

Open Forum – Congratulations to Larry Johnson, owner of Shade Tree Brewing, for winning a Bronze medal at the 2017 Best of Craft Beer Awards for his “Corvette” strong ale! This was quite an honor, with 145 professional breweries from 35 different states entering almost 1800 beers.

Attendance Drawing – Nick Dahl’s name was drawn but he was not present to win, so next month the drawing will be for \$55.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Zwicklemania – This will be Saturday, Feb. 25th, and we will have our usual table set up at Good Life Brewing. Joe, Joseph, Bob, Steve Morgan, and Mike Furry have all volunteered to run the table. Be sure to stop by.

Pacific NW Homebrewer’s Conference – March 16th -18th. Jon asked if anyone in the room was planning to go, but there was not much interest.

Spring Fling 2017 – Apr. 21-23rd. Start brewing!!! Brooks talked about soliciting sponsorships. Most people have been willing to donate – see Brooks if you know of anyone who might be interested in sponsoring our event. See our Spring Fling webpage for more details on how to enter your beers.

Summer Bash – The dates have been set for July 28 – 30th. Tom is organizing our campout again this year. He has reserved our same camp spot as last year. We'll have the float trip on Friday, potluck and Beer Olympics on Saturday.