

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 03/15/2017
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 37 people
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Jon Abernathy

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Mike briefly went over the February budget report. Our income for the first two months is around \$500 above budget, but we've also had some early expenses, so overall, we're even. Mike also let everyone know that he is giving away two glass carboys if anyone is interested.

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.

Update on the Brew Shop – Tom said that the owner of the building is negotiating another lease with the Brew Shop – more details to follow.

Social Media Presence – We have a new Facebook Group Page, Instagram and Twitter account. Our Facebook Page will feed into the Facebook Group, which has lots of pictures. Please "Like" the Page, tag COHO in your posts, 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. Tom asked for a written explanation of the difference between the Page and the Group.

Group Brews – The March Group Brew was hosted by Steve Anderson, owner of Kobold Brewing. It was a good opportunity for everyone to see a small professional brewery in action, and there was a huge turnout. They brewed a double IRA and Steve is thinking about putting it in a barrel when ready.

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. It can be an all-grain or extract recipe. 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 announced that he is looking for volunteers to host in April and May. Tom is hosting in June, and Kevin is lined up for July. There was some discussion about our Club Brew System, a complete 10-gallon system with all kettles and hoses (we just need to get an immersion chiller). New member Cassidy Riordan offered to host the April Group Brew if he could use the club's equipment.

Brooks reminded everyone to please bring food to share at the Group Brews and our meetings. This is particularly important when there is beer to be tasted – it's best to drink on a full stomach.

Zwicklemania – Bob gave a recap. We had a table at Good Life, with several members volunteering to talk about the club and brewing in general. Lots of people came by, though according to Mark Lindner, the number one question was: "Where is the bathroom?"

Education Session – Our own Steve Brainerd, who teaches advanced brewing at COCC, discussed the “Strong Belgian Golden” type of beer, what it is and how to brew it. He brought an example to share that was brewed with all Oregon ingredients. He announced that there would be a new three-session class coming up at COCC on Oregon Source Brewing. There were lots of good questions. His big tip of the night was to let your beer sit on the yeast for a while, even after it is done fermenting, to help transform unwanted byproducts. Next month’s topic will be all about yeast.

Open Forum – Kevin gave us a debrief of the Winter Warmer snowshoe excursion. He said they took the long creative way to the shelter, started a fire, and had a good time. He is hoping to organize one social event per month with the club.

Mary Brainerd reminded us all about the Sisters Homebrew Festival coming up on June 3rd. They are looking for 5 gallon donations of homebrew in exchange for free entry to the festival.

Blake mentioned that Doug was concerned about posting quarterly club competition winners on the website, but Doug wasn’t present to explain his concerns, so we’ll have to discuss at another time.

Tom was asking if anyone had a 5 or 10-gallon brew pot for sale. One new member said that he might have a lead on one and would let Tom know.

Steve Brainerd announced that it was Mary’s birthday today. Happy Birthday!

Attendance Drawing – Nate Doss’s name was drawn and he WAS present, so he won \$55 in gift certificates to the Brew Shop.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BBC Homebrew Competition – BBC is sponsoring a Pro-Am competition with two categories: Amber and Brown Ale. The winner would get to brew the winning recipe on their system. Entries must be dropped off at BBC by 5pm on May 8th. More details are on the website.

Heart of the Valley Competition – May 19th-20th. Spencer is entering. If anyone else is interested, you can find more information at www.hotv.org

St. Patrick’s Day – This Friday, March 17th, McMenamins is having a big celebration with music. Deschutes also has something special planned. Kevin mentioned a charity race on Saturday morning that he will be running.

Spring Fling 2017 – Apr. 21-23rd. Brooks is getting lots of donations, but he needs help revisiting donors to collect on promises. We are also going to need 10-12 Stewards. If you are interested, please see Hunter. If you are interested in judging, see Doug. Beers are due Apr. 14th. Judging will be Apr. 21-22nd, with the Awards on Apr. 23rd. Please enter your beers (\$7 per entry) and register to volunteer on our website.

Mobile Canning Unit – Jesse at CFA emailed Jon to let us know that Crossroads Mobile Canning Unit will be at North Rim Brewing on April 1st. Cost is \$25 to transfer one corny keg into cans. They provide the cans. Jon will send Joe the details to put on our website.

AHA Governing Committee Elections – If anyone is a voting member of AHA, Randy Scorby put out an endorsement for his friend Phil Farrell, who is running to be part of the Governing Committee.

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.

