

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 07/19/2017
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 33 people
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Jon Abernathy

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Mike briefly went over the June budget report. There wasn't much activity in June. We have 18 new members this year, although we did lose some members who moved. Year-to-date, our income is well above budget, and our expenses are very close to budget, with the exception of the new printer. Note that our new printer doesn't replace the old one – it just does a better job of printing color for our Spring Fling needs.

Membership Notes – For anyone who needs a new membership card, see Mike. If anyone needs a name badge, see Jamie. Jon reminded everyone to buy raffle tickets.

T-Shirt Order – Jon reminded everyone about the T-shirt and hoodie order, which everyone already received an email about. Members can find the order link on our website. The order window will close at the end of July, so get your orders in soon!

Report on Plans for Extra Club Funds – Mike explained the options for manual can sealers and asked members to speak with a board member if they are still interested in purchasing one. He also described the fruit crusher and cider press that we are planning to buy. Kevin is excited about the fruit crusher.

Recaps:

River Float – A week and a half ago, Kevin organized a fun float on the river. Tomorrow is the Jack Johnson concert, so he suggested that we meet up on the river again. Bring your kayak or SUP to hang out near the amphitheater. Meet at Kayak Park.

Group Brew – Jon and Sherri Abernathy hosted the July Group Brew. It was a very hot day, but folks showed up to brew a Belgian Wit beer. Jon will also brew a side batch of Blueberry Wit beer.

For August, we have been working with Larry to organize a group bottling day instead of a group brew. We have 8 cases of bottles in inventory, and Tom has 10 cases. Hunter will send out more info when he has it. There will also be a club brew at the Bend Beer Fest (on Saturday).

For future Group Brews: Tim will be hosting a fresh hop brew in September. BBC has been talking with Hunter about letting us brew in their parking lot for October. The November date is also covered, but we announced a need for someone to host in December. Kevin Gamble volunteered.

Annual Summer Bash Campout – July 28th-30th – So far 17 people have signed up. Friday night will be a vertical tasting. Saturday will be the float at Lone Pine State Park (for about 3 hours), then back to the campground. We'll have a potluck starting at 5pm, featuring pulled pork. Everyone please bring a side dish to share. There will be a jockey box if you want to bring a keg. Later will be everyone's favorite Beer Olympics – if you have outdoor games, please bring them. Also, everyone is reminded to sign up.

Board Nominations – Nominations are open for next year's Executive Board. If anyone is interested, contact Jamie.

Education Session – Steve Brainerd discussed pH and water characteristics for brewing. He provided a lot of great information. One big tip was to store your pH meter tip in water so that it doesn't dry out. Measure at room temperature, and don't add a bunch of additives at once (start small!). Also, don't bother brewing with iron in your water – it won't ever work.

Attendance Drawing – Patrick Brown's name was drawn, but he was not present to win, so next month the pot will be \$40.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bend Brew Fest – Aug. 10th – 12th – COHO will be pouring at the X-Taps again this year. We will have four people per shift, and two shifts per day (12-4 and 4-8). Tim will send out an email requesting volunteers.

American Homebrew Festival – This will be in Portland next July. There will be 2500 to 3000 people there and we should really have a club presence there. Tom, Kevin Tucker and Kevin Gamble agreed to form a committee. Once the location has been announced, Kevin T. will look into reserving a block of rooms. We need to start thinking about brewing something for this event.

Next Club Comp – Category will be a Strong European Ale such as Doppelbock or Baltic Porter.

Redmond Brewfest – Jesse from CFC is organizing, and he is looking for judges. Judging will be Monday August 14th at Wild Ride, and there should be around 50 beers. Contact Jon if you are interested in helping.

Open Forum –

Nate and Valerie Doss were featured in this month's Oregon Beer Growler. They are starting Bevel Craft Brewing on the east side of Bend.

Bend Brewing Company has Sunset Amber Ale (Tim's winning beer) on tap now.

Kevin T. announced a charity corn-hole tournament to be held Oct. 3rd. Please see Kevin for more details.

Nancy is currently brewing her winning IPA (from Sisters Homebrew Festival) at Three Creeks Brewing. Release date to be announced.

Joe M. is Pro-Am brewing 320 gallons of his Munich Dunkel with Deschutes Brewery, and the release date should be about 5 weeks from now. They are giving us 3 kegs!