

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 10/18/2017
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 34 people
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Jon Abernathy

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Mike briefly went over the September budget report, but there was not much activity to report. We are about \$1800 ahead of budget YTD.

Membership Notes – For anyone who needs a new membership card, see Mike. If anyone needs a name badge, see Jamie. Jon reminded everyone to wear their nametags to be eligible to win the attendance drawing at the end of the evening.

Executive Board Nominations – All nominees for next year's board were running unopposed, so per the club by-laws, the Secretary cast the single vote and announced the results:

President – Jon Abernathy
Vice-President – Don Wenz
Treasurer – Mike Furry
Secretary – Netti Knowles
Sergeant-at-Arms – Jim Brooks

The new board members will be invited to attend Executive Board meetings for the rest of the year, so that they can learn about their new roles before beginning in January 2018.

Recaps:

BBC Group Brew – Our October Group Brew was led by Spencer and held in the parking lot of Bend Brewing Company. Spencer brought two systems, and the club purchased supplies for brewing a porter. Josh from BBC was fun to work with, and he has offered surplus yeast to COHO members if you are interested (contact Jon).

Bottling at Shadetree – Last Sunday, the club got together for a “group bottle” at Larry's place. We emptied the barrel of club brew which has been aging since 2014. Doug told the story of that fateful brew day, when the snow piled in and made driving treacherous, but the dauntless brewers carried on, and a good time was had by all. The quality of the final product had mixed reviews. Mike declared it terrible. But Doug is going to try blending with other brews to improve. There was an excess of carbonation, so a big thanks goes to Joseph for mopping. And thank you to Larry for providing the space!

Future Group Brews – We currently have volunteers scheduled through the rest of this year, but if anyone is interested in hosting next year, please contact Hunter or Don. Remember that our club brew system is available to check out. Kevin says it will fit in the back of a Subaru (by design). We also have other equipment available to check out – see our website for the list.

Mike Furry brewed at Mazama – Mike said it was a long day, arriving at Mazama brewing in Corvallis at 8:30am. They brewed 60 gallons of his award-winning Imperial Stout and if it turns out well, they will put it on tap.

Side note: Mike is currently in the running for first place in the statewide homebrewer of the year competition (among four other contenders). He recommends that everyone should enter their beers in competitions. It's good experience and the feedback is valuable. Score sheets will help you identify and fix flaws.

Education Session – Steve Brainerd taught us about judging beer. He brought us his “Path of Totality” IPA to share with all of us and we used copies of the AHA Beer Scoresheet (both the full and checklist versions) to practice evaluating the aroma, appearance, flavor, and mouthfeel of the beer.

Doug described how our club competitions are judged, with both BJCP trained judges who give detailed feedback, and the People's Choice. Marty asked if the club competition schedule is out for the next year and Jon said it would be announced at the Christmas party. Tim asked for feedback on the competition and styles that are chosen. Steve B. told us about his previous homebrew club's method of having the winner choose the next category. However the styles are decided, the list will be posted on our website and Sherry will announce it on our Facebook group page.

Shoutout – Thanks to everyone who stayed after to help clean the meeting space last month. It was a big improvement.

Attendance Drawing – Jerry Oldridge's name was drawn, but he was not present to win, so next month the pot will be \$55.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pub Crawl – Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tom is organizing but wasn't present to talk about it, so Kevin explained the event. We will have dinner at Deschutes again, and finish at O'Kanes as per tradition. Tom will lay out the full schedule via email. Kevin said that everyone should try to make carpool arrangements. Nancy suggested that we look into a designated driver system, or hire drivers for the evening.

Aspen Ridge Octoberfest – Oct. 27th. Aspen Ridge will be serving their own lager, and there will be appetizers and music.

2018 American Homebrew Conference – This will be in Portland next June 28 – 30th at the Convention Center. Tom and Kevin are coordinating our club's table. Everyone who attends will need to be an AHA member, including spouses (if they attend). Remember to sign up for your AHA membership through our COHO site so we will get a small kickback.

Pine Tavern – Oct. 21st. This is the third annual Pine Tavern PT82 Beerfest, featuring all local breweries. The People's Choice will be on tap for the following year.

Beer Angels Potluck – Nov. 30th at the Unitarian Church. This is a fun event every year with lots of good company, food, beer, and a gift exchange (of beer). Watch your email to learn when sign-ups are open.

COHO Christmas Party – This will be during our usual meeting time on the third Wednesday of the month, in the Aspen Ridge dining hall. Raffle tickets can only be earned through Toys for Tots donations.

Next Club Comp – Category will be BJCP Category 9, Strong European Beer (Dopplebock, Baltic Porter), due on 11/4/17.

Other Comps coming up – Queen of Beer 2017 competition in Sacramento open till Oct. 20th (only for female brewers).

OPEN FORUM

Nothing besides previous discussions in "Highlights."