

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 11/15/2017
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 38 people
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Jon Abernathy

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report/2018 Budget – Mike briefly went over the October and YTD budget reports. Our YTD income was only predicted to be \$650 at this point, but we are up to \$2000, so we are doing well. He described the minor changes made to the 2018 proposed budget, which is mostly based on 2017 numbers but with extra spending on events. It is intentionally set up to end with a “deficit” of \$1500 because we need to spend down some of our surplus. The proposed budget was made available for review during the meeting and then we voted to approve the budget at the end of the evening. Results of the vote: All in favor, but with one abstention (Tom).

Tom reminded everyone to use our Amazon and AHA affiliate links while Christmas shopping this year because the club receives a small (but helpful) kickback from purchases.

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.

Recaps:

November Group Brew – Our November Group Brew was hosted by Netti Knowles, with assistance from Jon. They brewed a porter using the club’s system, which worked amazingly well. He encouraged members to give it a try.

Future Group Brews – Don Wenz, our new Vice-President, will be taking over the scheduling of Group Brews. Hunter reminded everyone that these events are one of the most valuable benefits of COHO membership. It’s a great way to learn new techniques and try out different equipment. The club pitches in \$65 for the host to brew 10 gallons, which will then be split 50/50 between the host and the club.

Kevin Gamble will be hosting the next Group Brew on Saturday, Dec. 9th. We don’t have anyone signed up for 2018 yet, so please contact Don Wenz if interested.

Meet the Brewer – Larry Sidor from Crux Fermentation Project came to talk to us a little about his story, and the rewards and challenges he’s experienced as a brewer.

Education Session – Randy explained what to look for while judging tonight’s People’s Choice competition entries for BJCP Category 9: Strong European Beer (Doppelbock, Eisbock, Baltic Porter).

Attendance Drawing – Mike Reedy’s name was drawn, but he was not present to win, so next month the pot will be \$60.

Results of Club Competition – BJCP Category 9		
Place	BJCP Judges	People's Choice
1	Doug Jordan (101)	Hayden Ingram (116)
2	Hayden Ingram (116)	Doug Jordan (101)
3	Mike Furry (111)	Mike Furry (111)
4	Aspen Ridge (105)	Aspen Ridge (105)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pub Crawl – Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tom has been organizing this event, and went over the schedule: tour at Crux, then Immersion/Atlas, Good Life, Ale Apothecary, Platypus, dinner at Deschutes, BBC, then finishing up at O'Kanes. We'll be starting at 11am and spending about 45 minutes at each pub. There will be raffle tickets and playing cards handed out at each location, as well as a mini-affle at each stop. The best poker hand prize will be awarded at O'Kanes. Please sign up on our website so we know how many to expect at each stop. Everyone is encouraged to set up designated drivers or rides ahead of time. "Taxis of Bend" is a club sponsor.

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. There will be an email going out after Pub Crawl asking for interest level. Please brew your best beer so that COHO will be well represented. Randy reminded everyone that there is also a competition at this conference.

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). The sign-up email has gone out. Bring beer, home brew or commercial. They are also collecting donations of new, warm socks.

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. The club will provide turkey and ham, and attendees will provide the side dishes for the potluck.

Next Club Comp – Next year's categories will be announced at the Christmas party. We'll also learn who won COHO's Homebrewer of the Year.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing besides previous discussions in "Highlights."