With the recent legalization of marijuana in our state, COHO needs some policies on its use at club events. Your e-board discussed and agreed to a few policies which we feel will accommodate both those of you who do, and do not, partake in the herb.

The club's policies will follow the actual law, with clarification on a few items specific to an organization such as ours.

1. Consumption of weed must be done in private.

Let's use the upcoming Summer Bash for our example:

You're sitting around the campfire and want to light up a bowl of your favorite ganja. In this situation you are more than welcome to invite other attendees to wander away from the fire to join you. This should be done well away from other event participants. The key point here is that no one should feel uncomfortable by being subjected to secondhand smoke.

Remember, just because you can and do smoke\vape\consume, doesn't mean others can or do. For some folks this can even cost them their job if they test positive for any drug!

2. Beer and edibles containing pot must be CLEARLY MARKED and identified!

We'll stick with Summer Bash for our example:

You've brewed this fantastic beer, or baked these yummy chocolate cookies, which contain your favorite variety of cannabis. Feel free to offer it to folks, but clearly state that the item(s) have been adulterated. If you leave them out unattended for folks to try, they MUST be clearly labeled.

Not only do edibles/drinks have a longer lasting high, they once again can cost someone their livelihood! Be respectful of your fellow club members and guests.

For the record, neither pot beer, nor edibles, can be brought to our monthly meetings. We do not need Aspen Ridge getting in trouble with their corporate owners.

3. Group brew beers cannot contain weed.

The concept of the group brew is to provide beer to be consumed at the monthly meetings. As mentioned above, beers of this nature are not allowed at the monthly meetings.

4. Lastly, only the group brew host can determine if smoking/vaping will be allowed at their home.

So as not to put anyone on the spot, the event details on the club website will indicate Green Friendly if 420 is allowed. If it is not indicated as such, please do NOT ask the host at the event. If Green Friendly, the expectations are that policy number 1 above will be followed. The host should identify a location, away from the brewing activities and non-consumers.

The above policies are now in effect for COHO events and need to be adhered to. As with the rules within the club's by-laws, failure to follow these policies can lead to revocation of your membership. No one wishes to be a hard nose, but these policies have been established to hopefully accommodate the rights of all of our members, and even protect some members from the possibility of losing their jobs due to the actions of their fellow club members.

As is the case with the actual law in Oregon, your e-board has tried to do its best for all members. We hope we have done this in a manner which does exactly that.