



## COHO January Club Meeting

February 15, 2023. Called to order at 7:02pm

### I. Introduction of New Members and Guests:

a. Marjean, Nancy and Hayden are new to brewing, having taken the recent DIY Cave class brew.

b. Ron who has brewed a few times in the past with mixed success. He bought a Brewzilla and has brewed 26 batches in the last two years.

c. Leslie has been to several COHO events, but first time at a meeting. Interested in learning about judging.

II. Treasurer's report: Better than budgeted for January. We've adjusted the budget for Spring Fling, which should bring in more revenue. Handed out Bevel gift cards for the December and January birthdays.

### III. Recap of recent events:

a. Group brews: For the January group brew, Brandon brewed an oatmeal stout. About ten people participated, enjoying samples of beers and admiring Brandon's set-up. February Group brew was at Ben's. He made a 5 gallon batch of pomegranate mead. Fermenting slower than expected. Currently at 3% ABV. Probably will be ready for the campout. Good turnout of folks who enjoyed the fire pit.

b. DIY Cave class — Kevin, Ben and Karen taught the class. Each student got to take home a six pack each. Did a split of bottle conditioning with dry and liquid

yeast for an American Amber Ale to see if there's a different. May do another class in the future. Used the club 10 gallon system.

- c. Randy is teaching a beer sensory class at COCC. The first class was held last week (February 9th), and the next one is tomorrow night (February 16th). The first class covered how water, hops, yeast, malt and alcohol affect flavor. Tomorrow will cover off-flavors and characteristics.

#### IV. Upcoming events:

- a. Group brew: Bobby will host the March group brew. Planning to brew a hazy IPA with the new donated 20 gallon system. Date will be announced to deconflict with Best of Craft Beer and other events.
- b. This coming weekend is Festival of the Dark Arts at Ft. George in Astoria. Several club members are going.
- c. Zwickelmanian is March 25th. All the local craft breweries are participating. Kevin has a tentative schedule for those who want to hang with COHO members. Join when you want and leave when you want:  
Worthy, Bevel, Crux, Boneyard on Lake Place and Deschutes. Will send out an email on that.
- d. Best of craft is at the end of March at the Redmond fairgrounds. They need stewarding help. Starts Friday morning until Sunday. There will be plenty of beer to take home.
- e. Vertical Tasting of Deschutes Abyss — will cover the 2015 to 2023 releases. Club buys six bottles a year. The vertical tasting will be open to ten club members, with a preference for those who have not gone to one before or recently. Scheduled for March 11th. Email coming soon.
- f. Homebrewcon in San Diego in June. Do we want to have a formal contingent? Need to drive beers direct, a large truck to take beer and jockey boat. Cooler for the beer. Three people to volunteer to drive. Pay for truck, fuel, ice, and construction materials. Want to have enough people to go who will staff the booths at club night on Friday. Ten members said they would be going and two said they can drive. Need someone to volunteer to organize the club representation (i.e., coordinating collecting, sampling, and registering all the beers; set up shifts on club night). Ben C., Tim and Kevin will team up on that. We're going to have to tap our reserve to pay for expenses. Some discussion on whether a large truck is needed or a trailer on a pick-up will be sufficient.

#### V. Break with reminder to buy raffle tickets

#### VI. Additional announcements

- a. Club equipment is mostly at Josh's place. Will be updating the inventory for the website.
- b. Josh also has LME for folks.
- c. Campout is on July 21-23 at Big River Campground. Friday is hang out time, Saturday is the float from La Pine state park to the the campground. Potluck and Beerlympics. Shandy challenge this year.

- d. Club comp Q1 Dark British Beer 16. Drop-off spot in Bend is at Bobby's place; can also drop off at Pete's in Redmond. Due the March 4th.
- e. Spring Fling. Got first shipments already from Arkansas, Idaho. Valley drop-off points have been established. We need volunteers to help out. April will be steward lead (website allows people to register to steward as well), Chay on food, Brooks is head cellar master. Randy is head judge. April 27-30th. Particularly need help with sponsorships. Collect swag and entries on April 15th from out-stations (e.g., Grant's Pass, Portland). Jerry has some sponsors lined up. Nancy has an idea for another sponsor. Club has a flyer for sponsor recruitment that will be posted to the website and distributed to members.
- l. Snowshoe trip is not scheduled but will be last minute event if it happens.

#### VII. Open mic:

- a. Portland brewing competition called Stout Bout is open: <https://stoutbout.com/>. Hosted by the Portland Brew Crew.
- b. Larry and Kate will host a "Drink Our Beer" bash June 10th at their place. Details to come soon.

#### VIII. Education session:

- a. No education session this month

#### IX. February birthdays: Ben C.

X. Attendance raffle. 107 active members. Ron F. (First meeting) was the winner, but unfortunately left the meeting early so the prize rolls over to next month's meeting.

XI. General raffle: lots of really good beer.

Meeting concluded at 8:30pm