

Central Oregon Homebrewers Association (COHO)

General Meeting Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 09/21/2016
Scheduled Start Time: 1830 PST; 1900 PST Call to Order
Scheduled End Time: 2100 PST
Type of Meeting: Monthly COHO General Meeting
Attendance: 32 people
Location: Aspen Ridge Home
Organizer / Chair: Tom Brohamer

HIGHLIGHTS

Treasurer Report – Kevin briefly went over the latest monthly and YTD report, and made the hard copy available for anyone to have a closer look. We are currently around \$1100 ahead in our budget.

Nomination Phase for Executive Board – Jon Abernathy has accepted the nomination for President, Hunter has agreed to continue as Vice President, Mike has volunteered to take over as Treasurer, Jamie will continue as Secretary, and Brooks has volunteered to take over Sergeant-at-Arms. Anyone else interested in running for any position on the Executive Board has until the end of this general meeting to let Jamie know. Elections will be held in October. November will be the first board meeting for new officers.

Group Brews – The September Group Brew was at Tim's house, which was *really fun*. Ten to twelve people brewed a hoppy red ale, using Nugget, Centennial and Cascade hops from the nearby Cascade Hop Farm. They used 100% fresh hops, even for bittering.

In October, our Group Brew will be Saturday Oct. 8th at 10 am, hosted by Mecca Grade farm in Madras. We'll have a tour of their malting facility, and brew a smash beer on their 15 gallon system. They will donate grains and we will provide the hops and yeast. Randy will oversee the recipe and brewing. He will split the 15 gallons into 3 separate 5-gallon batches and add a different yeast to each. Carpooling is recommended.

The November Group Brew will be at Traci Liberator's house, perhaps as a joint event with the Beer Angels. December is still open for volunteers – please see Hunter if you are interested.

Bend Brewfest Recap in August was a blast as usual. All the volunteers did a good job. Our own Larry Johnson, owner of Shade Tree Brewing, was interviewed on TV in front of the X-Tap.

Steve Brainerd and Joseph Rodriguez brewed a red ale they called "Redmond 1952" on the club system as they answered questions. Steve said our brew system worked perfectly and the water at Les Schwab Amphitheater was surprisingly ideal for brewing.

Club Brew System – If anyone would like to use our 10-gallon system, just email Tom. Spencer noted that it may be too tall to brew inside your garage, so keep that in mind. Also, please be sure to keep all the parts together when returning it.

Disc Golf Recap– Wednesday Aug. 24th, 8 or 9 people came to play at Pine Nursery Disc Golf course. They played 15-16 holes. No one kept score so everyone was a winner. (Side Note: Club member, Valarie Doss, who was not present at the club event, just won the gold in the women's Professional Disc Golf World Championships. Her husband Nate tied for 6th place for the men. Great job Val and Nate!).

Club Cider Event – Bad news. We don't have access to a cider press (the Brew Shop got rid of theirs), so we're going to cancel for this year. Tom hopes to help the club build one before next year. He will also check to see if we could buy juice from Atlas Cider.

Education Session – Randy Scorby gave us a lot of tips for brewing award-winning beers. Here's a few highlights:

- Calibrate your thermometers and hydrometers *every* year
- Double grind your grains
- Beware of beer stone
- Using copper is fine until after your beer is fermented

Open Forum –

Randy announced that we now have 8 new BJCP judges in the area. Mark Lindner and Blake Creagan, present this evening, are two of them. Congratulations!

Joseph reminded us that the Fresh Hop Fest is coming up in Sisters on Oct. 1st.

Spencer asked how other people would be delivering their entries to the Fall Classic, but no immediate answers.

Blake described how he got a bung out of a carboy using a tent stake. He also asked if anyone knew a good way to clean a 5-tap kegerator with different taps.

Spencer announced that Tim Koester was named the Number Four Oregon Homebrewer of the Year.

Attendance Drawing – Vincent Hoffman's name was drawn but he was not present to win, so next month the drawing will be for \$25.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Competitions: Worthy's judging is coming up this Friday. Silver Moon is coming up – Oct. 24th is the deadline. Nov. 4-5th is the Ecliptic Oregon Brew Crew Fall Classic.

Pub Crawl – November 19th - We will probably start in Redmond at Juniper Brewing.

December Holiday Event with the Beer Angels – They are looking for a new venue. More details to come.

COHO Holiday Party – this will be at our regular December meeting. Tom asked if everyone wants to donate to Toys for Tots again, and all seemed to be in favor.