Omahops Club Meeting

January 24, 2019

The meeting was held at the home of Chip Riedmann. Those in attendance were: Chris Miller, Chris McMahon, Jason Romano, Damian Howard, Craig Faulk, Jose Guevara, Jerad (need to get full name), Floyd Prine, Kent Porter and Chip Riedmann.

Old Business:

* The Big Brew date was established for May 11th. Making an all Nebraska brew was discussed and the challenges of finding all the ingredients locally (i.e. yeast) will be difficult. The final recipe has not been established but we are looking to make a pale ale. It will take place at Kent’s house.
* Discussion was held for a collaboration brew with Scriptown Brewery. Different ideas were discussed as to what to brew but no decision was made. All members are asked to submit suggestions to the club. Chris reminded us that we need to keep in mind the beer must be something that has a reasonable turnaround time for selling, appeal to the general public and readily available ingredients.
* Chris also proposed that we take John up on his offer to have a water seminar and hold it after Big Brew. Everyone agreed with the idea.

Treasurers Report:

* Brian submitted the following report via email: I just totaled up the figures for 2018. We took in $632 in dues and fees from the competition and spent $993.31 (big brews and competition expenses) and have a current balance of $277.32.  Expenses were greater than usual due to hosting the competition in the Spring. We usually spend $200-300 on each big brew. Since our balance is below $500, Wells Fargo is now charging a $10 monthly service fee. We should probably look around for a bank that would not charge a fee like that. Let me know if anyone has any banking suggestions.
* $25 dues were collected from six in attendance by Jason.

New Business:

* Jason reported that Nebraska Shoot Out is being held in Seward this year, hosted by Brick Street Brewers. It will take place on April 14th at Bottle Rocket Brewing. Below are links to a couple websites for more information. Categories are:

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| * **07 Amber Bitter European Beer** (Vienna Lager, Altbier, Kellerbier)
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| * **10 German Wheat Beer** (Weissbier, Dunkles Weissbier, Weizenbock)
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| * **15 Irish Beer** (Irish Red, Stout, Extra Stout)
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| * **26 Trappist Ales** (Single, Dubbel, Tripel, Belgian Dark Strong Ale)
* **27 Historical Beer**
* **Best Damn Beer**
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 <https://www.facebook.com/NEshootout/>

 <https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/events/nebraska-shootout/>

* It was reported that Nebraska Brewing is holding their annual brewing contest but with new rules. For $15 you can get 5 gallons of wort. Enrollment has started. You must attend an event on March 2nd when they make the beer at their brewery. It includes brewing seminars conducted in conjunction with Patriot Homebrew Supply while they are brewing. The beer is Red Ale. Information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/278145649478510/>
* Chris discussed a new law being considered by the Nebraska legislature to increase taxes on alcohol.
* Officer elections were held. It was determined by all in attendance that the current officers be retained. The motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously. The retained officers are:
	+ President – Chris Miller
	+ Vice President – Jason Romano
	+ Treasurer – Brian Leising
	+ Secretary – Chip Riedmann
* Suggestion was given to transfer our checking account to 1st National Bank for preventing unnecessary fees we incur at our current bank. A motion was made and seconded to transfer the account to 1st National and was approved unanimously. Chris and Brian will pursue making the change.
* Jason passed around a sign up sheet (phone?) for hosting the meetings this year. Many spots were filled. Contact Jason if you wish to host a meeting.
* Jason also suggested we have some off-flavor trials at a club meeting.

Beers Tried:

* Floyd – Samuel Smith Winter Welcome Ale, Trader Joe’s Belgian Ale
* Jose – Pale Ale, two German Helles
* Kent – Club Scotch Ale, Wheat Bock, Belgian Golden Strong
* Chris Mc – Commercial NA beer
* Jared – El Dorado + Mandarina Hazy IPA, Scotch Ale (8.8%), Quadrupel (10.9%), Citra + Hallertau Blanc Hazy IPA (5%), Ellison Irish Stout (comm. 12%), Brown Ale (4%)
* Chris M – Oatmeal Coffee Stout (Swamp Head), Imperial Red Ale
* Damian – Blueberry Tea Kölsch, Tart Cherry Whit
* Jason – Oatmeal Stout

Respectfully submitted,

Chip Riedmann