



Next Meeting – Aug. 14

We will be returning to Durty Nellies after last month's road trip to Tighthead Brewery. We will be conducting the Club Porter contest to determine our representative in the upcoming AHA Club-only competition. **You will need to bring 2 extra bottles with you so that your entry can be shipped the next day to make the contest deadline.** We will taste everyone else's 5 bottles of homebrew or collecting \$5 from you to order some of Nellies fine beer. All this is happening at 7:30 PM in Durty Nellies in Palatine.

August Meeting Agenda:

1. Picnic
2. Educational Presentation
3. Wild Onion Opportunity
4. Committee Reports
5. Member Discussion Items

Upcoming Club Events

Saturday, August 25 – Club Wort Picnic, 1:00 PM, 222 N. River Rd, Fox River Grove.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 –Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, Light Hybrid AHA Contest, 7:30 PM.

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July 2012 Meeting Notes

Members gathered at Tighthead Brewery in Mundelein at 7:30. Bruce Dir, the owner and brewer, took everyone in the brewery for a 50-minute tour. Bruce is a home brewer who used the momentum of losing a corporate job to attend Siebel Institute and then got a Small Business Loan to build his dream. He only kegs right now, but is expecting to start 22-oz bottles followed by a canning line. He distributes mostly to Lake County, but has some penetration in Cook and is going after McHenry. He has a brewpub license which allows him to operate his pouring room and sell kegs and growlers from it. Pricing of his beer was good, with 8 5-oz tastings going for \$13. Roger Santagato was thanked for arranging the road trip.

Our formal meeting started at 8:30 PM as I got everyone back into the pouring room. Three guests were introduced.

Roger announced that the smaller bus pub crawl on July 28th was all set, but if we got 8 more cash commitments the bigger bus with the bathroom could happen. There were some interested members who contacted Roger after the meeting.

Craig Ranshaw talked about the picnic plans. He had consulted with Mark & Laura Procter. The meat course was between Italian beef, beef brisket or a pork loin. He asked if anyone was willing to host as the alternative Lake County Forest Preserve would cost \$100 and involve a lot of set-up. Jim Arendt volunteered that he had or had access to property on the Fox River that we could use. The beer was all set to be the Oktoberfest that the brew-in had made on June 30. I explained about bringing

a dish to pass around.

Rick Jackson announced that all except 4 beer glasses had been sold. He was investigating a sewing company that could put the Club Wort logo on any garment for a \$15 fee. I asked him if he would look into getting golf shirts made instead.

Elliot Hamilton said that the silicon tubing had been purchased for the Club equipment. The June 30 brew-in went well until Jim Holbach wanted second runnings. Brad Miller said there would be an educational presentation next month, but that was the only one scheduled. Evan Van Dyke explained what type of topics had been covered in the past. John Hannemann gave an up-to-the-minute Treasurer's report (the one below did not include Tuesday night).

Jim Thommes handed out Great Taste of the Midwest tickets to those members who were going. He was taking orders for Brew Your Own magazine and a wine magazine.

Treasurer's Report

\$1,593.19

\$175.69 in Checking
\$741.50 in Cash
\$100 owed by Evan for collecting from new members last month
\$20 owed by Seth for Pub Crawl
\$556 owed by Rick for pint glasses

Current Liabilities:
\$20 owed to Phil

Major activities:

Pint Glasses:
Expense \$457.16
Revenue s/b \$576 for \$118.84 increase in Net Assets

Pub Crawl:
Expenses \$1303.50 paid
Revenues \$1295.00 + Roger's contribution

\$27 in postage/office supplies

Annual Membership sign-ups:
12 since last meeting.
Total paid membership is 46

AHA Beer Contests

Note the style guideline numbers (and letters) after each beer. You can check at www.homebrewersassociation.org to get the style info.

September 2012 – Light Hybrid (6)

October 2012 – Old Ale (19A)

January 2013 – Any Beer O.G. > 1.040

March 2013 – Barley wine (19B & C)

May 2013 – Extract Only

Classified Section

Club Wort T-Shirts: New Style (hop plant) (xxl); Old Style (glass of beer) (medium), \$5.

Three-pound (1 Quart) containers of honey; Cost is \$8.00; Contact Elliot Hamilton at elliioth@ml1.net

July 28 Pub Crawl

In the midst of the hottest summer in a long time, leave it to Roger Santagato to schedule a pub crawl on the best day of the summer. Combine the temperature with the ease of transportation and the great beer selection, I rate the crawl a perfect "10."

Pick-up at both locations and the trip down to Reggie's proceeded pretty smoothly. There was the "nobody told me that Paul Lange had another beer so I threw out my cup" incident, and Paul and Roger having problems counting to 39, and a worry that the little backup at Cumberland would cause us to crawl downtown (it didn't), but no biggies. Prior to pulling into Reggie's right on schedule Roger gave us a little prelim info about the place.

A number of us proceeded right up to their roof terrace, whose views were nowhere as great as

promised (unless you've never seen an "EI" line). The number of taps was less than in the main section, but it didn't seem to bother anyone. And how can you beat free peanuts? I took time out to shop their record store, and walked away with 2 LP's costing \$0.25 apiece. We left on time and drove the short distance to Kasey's Tavern on south Dearborn.

As I had been on the scouting trip, and not having eaten at Reggie's, I talked Jim Arendt into walking down the block and eating at Hackney's (no food at Kasey's). I was rewarded with a 3-egg omelet, potatoes, toast, and a fruit plate for \$8.00 along with a great beer selection sitting at a shaded outdoor table. After lunch it was back to Kasey's. Another short drive got us to Beer Bistro on west Madison, passing Brew & Grow's new west loop location on the way.

Beer Bistro was the largest place we'd visited so far, including their downstairs area. I was able to share an outdoor table with Roger. Since the next stop, Jaks Tap, was a short 3 block walk away, I told Roger I'd meet him there as we were getting ready to leave, and got there so quickly I had my beer in hand as other walkers arrived followed by the bus. The munchies began to set in, and observing Phil Piotrowski's plate, ordered the half-dozen Blue Point Oysters.

The final stop, Clark Street Ale House, had no food available, so I set off in search of something to fill me up for supper. I finally found Rock & Roll McDonalds for an angus burger. The quick service allowed me to get back and have my planned 2 beers with no problem.

Departure at 7:45 PM got us back to the burbs in plenty of time to drink more or collapse at home depending on your crawl consumption. Mucho Thanks to Roger for a job well done.