



## Next Meeting – Nov. 13

Durty Nellies will again be the place to be next Tuesday. But, there will be no AHA Club contest for a change. We still want to taste your 5 bottles of homebrew or collect \$5 from you to order some of Nellies fine beer. All this is happening at 7:30 PM.

### *November Meeting Agenda:*

1. Christmas Party Vote
2. Winter Pub Crawl
3. Tasting Table
4. Apparel Design Vote
5. Committee Reports
6. Member Discussion Items

## Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Christmas Party, 7:00 PM,  
Location To Be Determined.

Tuesday, Jan 8 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in  
Palatine, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Feb 12 – Road Trip, Wild Onion, Lake  
Barrington, All-Grain Beer Entries Due, 7:30 PM.

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## Oct. 2012 Meeting Notes

Despite being under the weather (I had called in sick, really that morning) I knew I couldn't disappoint my fellow members and showed up for the meeting.

The first part of the meeting, the introduction of guests, seemed to take forever as we had 7 guests. Kenneth was visiting from Sweden; Stephen has been a brewer and vintner since 2007; Jason and Vanessa have been brewing 8 years; Jeff has been brewing for 2 years and his uncle-in-law was a brewer for Ram; Jason just moved to the area; and Aaron had never brewed before. After the meeting Jason Sternburgh, Jason and Vanessa Barsanti, Georgina Slowinski, and Jeff Noethlich joined the Club, and Kenneth bought the XXL T-shirt out of our inventory.

Another call went out for a volunteer to set-up our Christmas party. There were still no volunteers, so I promised to email the Google group looking for someone and the fall-back would be a party at Durty Nellies.

I talked about our tradition of a winter pub-crawl the Saturday of the weekend prior to Super Bowl weekend. Asked for volunteers and again no one raised their hand. Mark Procter proposed a Metra pub-crawl on the NW line starting in Palatine. If no one comes forward, this will be our back-up as it requires no Club commitment and Mark has a list of establishments to visit.

There were no entries in the AHA Old Ale contest. I asked if any of our previous winners had gotten their score sheets from the AHA nationals, but none had.

Chris Kelle was in the spotlight next as he led us

through his decoction experiences and improved everyone's brewing techniques. Thanks for your educational talk, Chris.

I sold the last T-shirt in our inventory.

Elliot Hamilton put in a commercial for his welding talents.

John Hanneman said the Treasury had \$1,285.19 less \$300 in bills from the picnic and equipment.

Brad Miller handed out membership cards to those who didn't have theirs. He said he would be producing them for new members on a regular basis.

The meeting ended and I left immediately to home.

## **Treasurer's Report October 10, 2012**

Cash On Hand - \$1,455.19

Bills Owed:

Picnic - \$145.00

AHA Contest Shipping - \$25.00

Net Cash Available - \$1,285.19

## **AHA Beer Contests**

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

January 2013 – Any Beer O.G. > 1.040

February 2013 – Onion Pub All-Grain Contest

March 2013 – Barley wine (19B & C)

May 2013 – Extract Only

September 2013 – Amber European Lagers

## **Classified Section**

Three-pound (1 Quart) containers of honey; Cost is \$8.00; Contact Elliot Hamilton at [elliioth@m11.net](mailto:elliioth@m11.net)