



Next Meeting – March 12

Back to Dirty Nellies we go for our March meeting. It will be a quiet meeting as there will be no official contests, AHA or otherwise. We will be tasting your homebrews and trying out a new comment method for feedback. Everyone bring the usual 5 bottles of their brew or \$5 starting at 7:30.

March Meeting Agenda:

1. Recap of Wild Onion Meeting and Contest
2. Election & Dues Discussion
3. Vanessa B. Comment Cards & Pub Crawl
4. Logo Development
5. Committee Reports
6. Member Open Forum

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, Apr 9 - Monthly meeting, Dirty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM. Club elections and payment of 2013-2014 dues.

Tuesday, May 14 – Monthly meeting, Dirty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM. Extract-only AHA Contest.

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Feb. 2013 Meeting Notes

A 20-minute delay in my train meant that I arrived at Wild Onion right at 7:30 PM. As I entered the back room where we were to meet, Craig Ranshaw was logging in the entries for the brew-your-own contest (there were 22 in all). The meeting started around 15 minutes later.

As always the first business was introduction of guests. John Guilfoil had invited a fellow worker, Steve Kirkish, who joined the Club. Another guest, Greg, had been helping another brewer for 4 months.

Craig then introduced John Kainz, one of the owners of Wild Onion. He and Craig talked about how the idea of a contest came from Craig stopping for beer for the picnic. John said that there would be 5 or 6 people doing the judging, including John's brother and the 2 brew masters. Feedback similar to the BCBJ contests will be given to each contestant. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card for the Onion, and would be allowed to spend the day at the Onion on brewing day, enjoying lunch and beers. The winner's name will be listed on the website and Facebook, and will be consulted about the name of the beer (Onion will have final say). Results were promised by next meeting.

A tour of the brewing facilities followed. John skipped the brewing process stuff while pointing out the new 40-barrel fermenters. These will allow 11 beers to be on tap. We saw the empty cans for their newest commercial beer, Phat Chance. He showed us the empty bourbon barrels that will soon be filled with Russian Imperial Stout for a 6-month aging process to be followed by a fill of Brown Ale.

After the tour was over, the meeting began again

with my proposing that a formal schedule for brew-ins be developed to help members plan their brewing days. This was met with a collective yawn from the members.

Elliot Hamilton talked about the new stainless hop infusers and the need for a new burner to take advantage of the 55-gallon pot.

Brad Miller described the library holdings and asked for members to present educational talks at our meetings.

I then discussed the upcoming dues collection and elections happening at the April meeting.

Treasurer John Hannemann gave a financial report. The Club had \$933.69 in cash and owed Elliot \$170 for the SS hop bags.

Asten Rathbun showed a first go around of the logo clean-up he is doing.

Phil Piotrowski talked about discovering a brewpub in Kenosha called Rustic Road on 56th street.

Someone else talked about Public Craftbrewing which just opened up in Kenosha also.

A spring pub crawl was proposed for Milwaukee avenue in Chicago using the Milwaukee Ave Bus.

Vanessa Barsanti proposed that the Club distribute comment cards during meetings to better provide feedback for member's beer. She was going to bring an example to the March meeting. Vanessa had a second item of business – a pub crawl in Palatine and/or surrounding towns where members would serve (and be paid for) their own homebrew. The crawl would include a bus. She was going to do more work on the concept.

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.

May 2013 – Extract Only

July 2013 – To Be Determined by AHA

September 2013 – Amber European Lagers

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