



Election & Dues – April 9

The most important meeting of the year takes place at Dirty Nellies at 7:30 PM. Your \$20 dues for 2013-2014 are due (\$21 if credit card, checks made out to “Club Wort”) if you did not pay dues in 2013. Elections will be held for the President, V.P. and Treasurer posts. All other posts will be open for new volunteers to take over.

The extract-only AHA Club competition will also be held (a change from May). Entrants make sure they can submit 2 bottles to the national. Everyone (including entrants) bring the usual 5 bottles of their brew or \$5.

April Meeting Agenda:

1. Elections
2. AHA Competition
3. Logo Development Vote
4. Homebrew Comment Cards
5. Committee Reports
6. Member Open Forum

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, May 14 – Monthly meeting, Dirty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, June 11 - Monthly meeting, Dirty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

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Mar. 2013 Meeting Notes

We were back at Dirty Nellies after our Wild Onion trip last month. We had one guest, Steve, who was with us last month. The homebrew started flowing early and often as 21 brewers brought their beer.

John Kainz from Wild Onion was there to announce the winners of their contest. He talked about having to use 5 judges because of the 22 entries. He promised feedback highlights. Then, just like Miss America he first announced the Honorable Mentions - Phil Ferrari (Russian Imp. Stout) and Elias Quintanilla (Specialty Beer). Third place went to Vanessa Barsanti (Old Ale). Drum roll please – Runner-up was Evan Van Dyke for his Brown Porter and the Grand Winner was Jim Holbach for his IPA.

The next business was discussion of the dues for 2013-14. I announced that the Club would now accept credit cards along with cash or checks, but an extra \$1 would be assessed to cover fees we have to pay. Checks in the future would be made out to “Club Wort” instead of the Treasurer. After some discussion it was voted that the dues remain at \$20. A motion was made that the beer steward be exempt from paying annual dues like the 3 other major officers. After some discussion another motion was made to instead to exempt stewards from paying \$5 when they do not bring home brew. The \$5 exemption was favored by the majority of the members.

I then talked about the upcoming elections, urging members who hadn't held office before to think about standing for an elected one, or volunteering

for one of the other ones.

Next on the agenda was the proposal from last meeting by Vanessa to use comment cards. Jason Barsanti brought Vanessa's proposal in and distributed copies to all members present. It may have been due to the large number of beers present, but comments didn't seem to be forthcoming from many members.

Jason also announced that Vanessa is working on the homebrew pub crawl, and that members interested in participating should contact her.

Asten Rathbun was still working on cleaning up our logo for possible clothing production.

Elliot then talked about the need for new burners to heat our 55-gallon drums. He showed us one of them with 32 ports rated at 10K BTU each. With an extra shield it had no problem heating the 55-gallon drum filled with water. For 2 natural gas, one propane burner and a stand for the drum the cost would be \$300. The expenditure was approved by the members.

I had brought new circulars for Brew and Grow in Streamwood, as they had contacted me that they were out. Asten, who lives close, agreed to drop them off.

Paul Piskewicz reminded everyone that the Beer Club Book Club would meet at his place on April 14 to discuss *Casino Royale* by Ian Fleming.

Elliot talked about two upcoming brew-ins. On March 23 a Blond Ale would be brewed. There were 2 shares still available. He and Chris Kelle talked about Chris's double-decoction Doppelbock to be brewed on April 20. Chris expected that it would take two additional hours over a normal brew-in.

A question was asked about updating our website. Aaron Voss answered that he had been swamped at work, but would be getting to it soon.

Lastly, there would be a supply of 22-oz bottles to

be given away at the April meeting.

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.

July 2013 – To Be Determined by AHA

September 2013 – Amber European Lagers (3)

November 2013 – To Be Determined by AHA

January 2014 – To Be Determined by AHA

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