



Next Meeting – May 14

We will see everyone at Dirty Nellies next week Tuesday. If you bring homebrew, bring 5 bottles. No homebrew, cough up your \$5.

May Meeting Agenda:

1. Guest Introductions
2. Logo Voting
3. Beer Troubleshooting Workshop
4. Picnic
5. Ladies Brew-in
6. Committee Reports

Upcoming Club Events

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

Tuesday, July 9 – Monthly meeting, Dirty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

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Apr. 2013 Meeting Notes

As always our meeting started at 7:40 to allow the beer stewards to organize the beer and late-comers to arrive.

Dave and his wife were visiting from Naperville to our Club, but decided that we were a little far to join.

I announced that 2013-14 dues were due for all members except those who had joined in 2013. As voted last meeting, the dues continue to be \$20 with an additional \$1 if you charged your dues.

Next came elections for the next year. Craig Ranshaw volunteered for President. Evan Van Dyke said he would like to continue to be Vice-President. John Hannemann declined to stand for Treasurer again so Asten Rathbun said he would do it. All three members were elected by acclamation. A poll of the volunteer positions – Elliot Hamilton, Equipment Chairman; Brad Griffin, Librarian; Rick Jackson and Paul Piskiewicz, Beer Stewards; Aaron Voss, Webmaster; and John Nolan, Roster and Google Group Leader found that they would continue to serve the Club in their current positions.

The AHA Extract-only contest followed with 4 beers entered. After tasting and voting by the members the results were: 4th place, Cream Ale and 3rd place, Northern English Bitter – John Hannemann; 2nd place, Doppelbock – Mike Kolbuk; and the winner IPA from Rick Jackson.

Asten then showed pictures of the two color versions of the Club Wort insignia. Before a vote could occur members asked about creating different versions, either because of fears that the Club Wort lettering would get lost on a T-shirt like a previous shirt the Club had, or to get some more consistency

in the colors. Asten agreed to post different versions on the facebook page to allow members to vote their favorite.

Elliot talked about the upcoming brew-in featuring Chris Kelle and the double-decoction. He also said the March brew-in proceeded so fast that clean-up was happening at 1:00 PM, and Paul Lange said he was home at 2:30 PM. Elliot felt that 2 areas helped speed things up: the new burners heating the large drum faster; the cold tap water allowing faster cooling of the wort.

John Hanneman stated that the Treasury had \$1,089.11. Total income from dues and pub crawls was \$5,000 with expenses of \$4,800.

A call was made for 12-oz bottles with raised lettering in exchange for 22-oz bottles.

Paul Lange, on behalf of Jim Thommes, announced that Jim would once again get a limited supply of Great Taste tickets available on a first come, first serve basis. Email Jim with your request.

A question was asked about a training class for the beer judge exam. It was explained that the test is in two parts, a knowledge exam and then actual beer tasting and judging as compared to a panel of existing judges. Taking the exam can be done without any problem, with the study time taking up to a year. It could be taken repeatedly. The tasting part has extremely limited capacity nationwide.

On that note Valerie Deligatti asked about the Club purchasing the additives to educate members about different beer aromas and tastes. She was asked to elicit interest from the members about having another “funky beer” class before putting the purchase to a member vote.

AHA Beer Contests

The AHA has discontinued Club-Only competitions.

Classified Section

Three-pound (1 Quart) containers of honey; Cost is