



## Next Meeting – June 11

We will see everyone at Dirty Nellies next week Tuesday at 7:30 PM. If you bring homebrew, bring 5 bottles. No homebrew, cough up your \$5.

### June Meeting Agenda:

1. Guest Introductions
2. Club Competitions
3. Beer Troubleshooting Workshop
4. Club Merchandise
5. Brew-In Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Club Wort Road Trip
8. Picnic

## Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, July 10 - Monthly meeting. Possible road trip to Church St. Brewing, Itasca, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Aug. 13 – Monthly meeting, Dirty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

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## May 2013 Meeting Notes

It was 7:40 PM when our new President, Craig Ranshaw, called the meeting to order.

There were 3 guests present that night. Mark, a friend of Chris Kelle, had brewed 2 batches. Matt was slightly more experienced, having done 4 batches, while Bob had been brewing for 6 months.

Asten Rathbun talked about the contest to choose a new Club Wort logo. He had listed a number of versions on our Facebook page, asking for members to indicate a preference. He then passed around copies of those choices. The choice of the Facebook voters was a reddish glass with light lettering. Another member brought a possible design different from the ones we had been discussing. It was decided that we would vote in the meeting between Asten's versions. The membership endorsed the Facebook approved coloring.

Valerie Deligatti reported on the progress towards having another class to educate members about beer off-tastes. She didn't think she could organize it, so Vince Donohue volunteered to organize and host it.

We next discussed the Club picnic. Craig felt that holding it in September would increase attendance over last year. He asked for a host volunteer, and Jason Barsanti felt that his Palatine backyard could accommodate the Club. He wasn't sure what Saturday would work for him, but was assured that he would be the one to choose the day that suited him and Vanessa.

Chris Kelle talked about the double-decoction brew-in. Because of excess time in the mash it was decided to do a single-decoction. Craig talked about the upcoming brew-in where any ladies

interested would brew first followed by an all-male brew-in.

Asten then gave a Treasurer's report. There are 79 members on the current roster, yet only 1/3 had paid their 2013-2014 dues. Cash on hand was \$1,224.99. Craig then talked about proposed spending for 2013-2014: \$300 for the Christmas Party; \$500 for the Picnic; \$500 for equipment; and an undisclosed amount to upgrade the Club Wort library.

Elliot Hamilton talked about the Cider Press that was donated by founding member Rich Colberg. He reminded people that they didn't need an apple tree to make cider, just know someone with a tree that will give their apples away. Rich also donated a wooden jockey box with metal lining a beer engine, which Elliot offered up for adoption, and to Mark Procter, hop rhizomes. The Club then designated the Equipment Manager's position as exempt from paying dues. I then asked that the members vote Rich Colberg a lifetime Club Wort membership in gratitude to his many years of service to the Club and his generous equipment donation. The membership approved my resolution.

Rick Jackson talked about Church Street Brewing in Itasca. He said they were only open on the weekend, but would open for us on a Tuesday. Craig thought a July road trip would work. Rick was to talk with Church Street.

I talked about the end of the AHA Club-Only Competition. The AHA claimed that because of the large number of clubs the hosts were overwhelmed with entries compared to the number of judges available. I proposed that we continue with Club contests, either by brewing to styles like the AHA or taking the same ingredients seeing what members might come up with. Randy Drumtra agreed to come up with a plan.

Jim Thommes announced that founding and life member Bob Kapusinski, currently residing in Austin, TX, won a Lagunitas beer competition and was flown to California to supervise brewing of his

beer.

Jim Holbach reported on his Wild Onion beer. The Onion was having a problem obtaining citron hops so that Jim could brew his contest-winning beer. He expected that it would be available to produce his beer in July.

Paul Piskiewicz announced that Alabama finally legalized home brewing, the last state to do so. Also, the Illinois legislature had passed a bill allowing transport and consumption of home brew outside the home. It was awaiting the Governor's signature.

Perfect Brewing apparently has gone out of business.

The wine barrel trippel from last September was to be shared after the meeting with the participants. Anyone else was welcome to a taste, also.

Jim Thommes announced that all Great Taste tickets were sold, and there was a waiting list. He had a reduced rate for rooms at the Super 8 in Madison for the weekend.

## **Club Wort Beer Contests**

Schedule will be announced shortly.

## **Classified Section**

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