



Next Meeting – July 10

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

July Meeting Agenda:

1. Guest Introductions
2. Club Competitions
3. Club Merchandise
4. Brew-Ins
5. Committee Reports
6. Club Wort Road Trip
7. Picnic
8. Education
9. Train Crawl

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, Aug. 13- Monthly meeting. Possible road trip to Church St. Brewing, Itasca, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, Sep. 10 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

Saturday, Sep. 14 – Club Wort Picnic, 511 W. Daniels Rd, Palatine, 1:00 PM.

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June 2013 Meeting Notes

Written by Elliot Hamilton

Vanessa discussed another try at the comment cards. Going forward a set of mugs will be passed around immediately before the next beer to go out for members to place the comment cards for the previous beer. The brewer is asked whether they wish for feedback when they discuss the beer in the event it's one of their "stock" beers that are comfortable with. The brewer is also responsible for retrieving the mugs/comments prior to the next beer going out. This seemed to work well and I saw many members filling out and submitting comments.

1. Guest Introductions

There were three guests with varying experiences of home brewing.

2. Club Competitions

Randy discussed some ideas for the club competitions. The audience felt 4 competitions per year was the best idea. These will be split between specific styles and more general styles. It was expressed that specific styles were more likely to reduce the number of entries but the general styles such as "extract" made it difficult to compare the beers against each other. Randy will update the schedule and expects to have at least 2 years laid out in case there are any "big" beers ahead.

3. Beer Troubleshooting Workshop

This has been postponed until the fall as we all keep pretty busy in the summer.

4. Club Merchandise

Rick Jackson is transferring the artwork to EmbroidMe in Schaumburg for a fee of \$50 to place

in their system. Members are able to order items on a piece basis for \$8 plus the cost of the item. You can either select from their stock or bring in something of your own. There were a few questions about things hats which we aren't sure on yet. Rick also offered to collect items to be done at meetings and return them the next month.

<http://embroidme.com/locations/schaumburg-il>

5. Brew-In Report

Craig reviewed the "Girls' Brewin" and the follow-on "Boys' Brewin" held at his house on May 19th. It was a long day but enjoyed by all and a lot of great beer was made, 45g of the Milk Stout and 40+g of Belgian Dubbel. We hope Sam Bousum will be allowed to come out and play with us again after his first two brew-ins were 10+ hour days each. Elliot "Fresh Beer" Hamilton brought a sample of Tanja's share and said they have been enjoying it the past week.

6. Committee Reports

Asten said pay up deadbeats! The club treasury is sound and maybe he can tell us how sound.

7. Club Wort Road Trip

The July meeting is scheduled for Church Street brewing in Itasca. There is a possibility that it may need to be postponed so the location will be confirmed a week before the meeting. Please remember that we don't bring homebrew to share when we travel although the operators would likely enjoy sampling some if you care to bring a bottle. Seating is also limited so please toss in a chair for yourself. The brewery does not serve food but you are welcome to BYO.

<http://www.churchstreetbrew.com/home.php>

8. Picnic

Vanessa and Jason will be hosting the September 14th picnic. The Club thanks them again for their generosity and look forward to them hosting.

9. Onion Competition

Craig gave an update on next year's competition sponsored by the Wild Onion. This time it will be a matchup against BABBLE and possibly Midnight Carboys (more probable as one of their members was a guest tonight). The Onion will pick a specific style for this event. It is not known if it is one entry per club or multiple. If multiple, and based on the style, Craig suggested a brew-in or two to generate Club entries, especially if the style lends itself to customization during the fermentation (e.g., stouts, porters, IPA's).

10. Train Crawl

Chris volunteered to plan a Train Crawl, Metra or Metra + CTA to access a few more locations. Stay tuned.

The business portion of the meeting concluded at 8:40 and the Club proceeded to socialize and enjoy both member and fresh tap beer.

Club Wort Beer Contest

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

August 2013 – Munich Helles (1D)

November 2013 – English Brown Ale (11)

February 2014 – Belgian Dubbel (18B)

May 2014 – English Pale Ale (8)

August 2014 – Oktoberfest/Marzen (3B)

November 2014–Smoke-Flavored/Wood-Aged (22)

Classified Section

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