



Next Meeting – April 8

Durty Nellies upstairs room will be our meeting place. Dues will be collected (cash, check (Club Wort) or credit card). Officers will be elected and other posts up for volunteering. See you at 7:30 PM with your 5 bottles of home brew or \$5.

April Meeting Agenda:

1. Guest Introductions
2. Brew-In Recap
3. Membership Renewal
4. Committee Reports
5. Great Taste Tickets
6. Officer Elections

Upcoming Club Events

Tuesday, May 13 – Monthly meeting, Durty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM. Club Wort English Pale Ale (8) contest will be held.

Friday in May (TBD) – Beer Club Book Club, *Walden* by Thoreau. Linda Shannon's place, 7:00 PM.

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March 2014 Club Meeting

Craig promptly got the meeting started at 7:35 PM. Beers started being poured at the same time.

Guests included Steve and Barb, who met Laura and Mark in a bar and thought the Club might be fun; Kevin, who had brewed before; Mike, who had just brewed his first batch; and Lewis who was a proud beer snob and had been brewing for a couple of years.

Craig reminded the members that, for anyone who had not joined the Club in 2014, \$20 dues were due in April.

Craig next talked about the Club elections which would be held in April. The three elected positions are President, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Anyone interested should be at the April meeting or let someone know about their interest. Craig said he would run again for President. These 3 positions plus Equipment Chairman qualify for free dues. Beer Steward volunteers are exempt from paying \$5 at meetings they do not bring homebrew.

The upcoming March 23 brew-in was next on the agenda. The Marzen group is slated to start at 7:00 AM. The Popular Pale Ale group would follow as the equipment is freed up.

Linda Shannon talked about the next Beer Club Book Club selection, *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau. She was going to send out an email with an April date and time for meeting at her house.

The Durty Nellies beer fest will be happening on April 26. Tickets will go on sale March 18. Nellies is talking about another beer fest on September 20 with all local brewers and bands.

Asten Rathbun said that the Treasury was up to

\$240.00. The brew-in grain purchase discussed in February had not taken place.

Elliot Hamilton said that the boilers and mash tuns had emerged from the snow banks.

Librarian Brad Griffin said that he had brought a selection of popular books for borrowing.

Kevin Bradley was going to show us how to open a beer bottle in the education segment, but his trick didn't quite work as he had seen it.

Craig asked that members share information on beer fests with the Club.

Craig proposed that there be a segregation of homebrews between those who want feedback and those who don't to speed up the meetings due to the large number of homebrews.

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.

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

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