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May 2014

Next Meeting – May 13

Hopefully Dirty Nellies won't have another happening this month and we will meet on our usual 2nd Tuesday. The Club Wort English Pale Ale (8) contest will be held. See you at 7:30 PM with your 5 bottles of entry beer, home brew or \$5.

May Meeting Agenda:

1. Opening Comments
2. Guest Introductions
3. Upcoming Brew-ins/Equipment Days
4. Club English Pale Ale Contest
5. Book Club
6. Club Equipment Usage
7. Education Presentation
8. Committee Reports

Upcoming Club Events

Friday May 16 – Beer Club Book Club, *Walden* by Thoreau. Linda Shannon's place, 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, June 10 – Monthly meeting, Dirty Nellies in Palatine, 7:30 PM.

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April 2014 Club Meeting

Craig called the meeting to order and, shouting above the noise from the upstairs gamers (we were in the main stage area again) started with introduction of guests. There was only one guest – Nicole, a friend of Will Ross – who considers herself an avid drinker.

Members were then reminded that Asten Rathbun, our Treasurer, was collecting \$20 dues (\$21 if paying by credit card) for 2014-2015. If you had joined anytime after January 1 2014 you were covered for the new year.

The Great Taste was next on the agenda. Payment for tickets ordered from Jim Thommes was due by May 1. If not paid by the deadline, the tickets would go to someone on the 7 person waiting list. Payments could be made to Asten at the meeting. There was no block of rooms reserved for Club members.

Craig tried to solicit comments about the March 23 brew-in, but other than noting that it was cold when the Marzen began, no one came forward. Craig said the Marzen must have gone as planned since they were finished by 1:00 PM. Elliot Hamilton revealed that the day before there were 50 gallons made in 2 batches at his house.

Nancy Fanta said there was a new yeast supplier that she was going to visit on Wednesday, Omega Yeast. She was expecting to get some samples which she would have available at What's Brewing? Supply. Omega supplies a lot of breweries in Chicago, and has created a proprietary strain of Saison yeast.

The treasury was at \$340. No grain purchase by the Club was planned.

Craig said there were two boxes of stuff on the bar that had been donated by a lifetime member, Rich Colberg. These were a box of coasters and a box of stoppers and airlocks. All were welcome to take what they wanted. Other stuff he donated would be sold when they were inventoried.

Craig announced that Elliot had agreed to a May 17 and 18 brewing and hardware modification weekend. More details would follow.

Myles Powell had been expected to attend the meeting to show a bottle opener made for him by a neighbor kid with the Club Wort logo and Myles name. Members will be able to get one.

Due to work pressures, Craig had not been able to get any information about a new source for merchandise embroidery. He was pessimistic that Embroidme would re-open.

Club Elections were next on the agenda. The three elected posts – President, Vice-President and Treasurer – and Equipment Chairman were exempt from dues paying. The Beer Stewards did not have to pay \$5 in any month they did not bring homebrew to a meeting. Craig started with the volunteer positions. John Nolan will continue to be Membership Chairman. Brad Miller stepped up to continue to be Librarian when no one else volunteered. Our two Beer Stewards – Paul Piskiewicz and Rick Jackson – wished to step down. Someone suggested rotating stewards, but Craig felt that a coverage problem might develop. Laura Procter and Cindy Ranshaw rose to the occasion. Jim Smetana, Georgina Slowinski, Valerie Sherman and Matt Rakowski said they would help Laura and Cindy. Asten and Craig were re-nominated for Treasurer and President and were elected by acclamation when no others were nominated. Evan Van Dyke said he would continue if no one else wanted to be V. P., but when Vince Donohue expresses an interest, Vince was acclaimed Vice-President. Elections ended with applauded thanks to yours truly Newsletter Editor

and Aaron Voss our Webmaster.

Brad Miller announced that as members paid their dues he would give them their new membership cards.

Linda Shannon announced a firm date and time, May 16 at 7:30 PM, for her to host the Beer Club Book Club discussion of *Walden*. I told everyone that the book was available for free from the online Gutenberg Project.

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 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 ellieth@ml1.net

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