

Meeting Minutes – December 2016

12/13/16

Meeting was opened at 7:30 by Collette as Mark was out of state.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

-We are going as a club to Homebrew Con in Minneapolis June 15-17, 2017. If you are unable to go with the club you can still donate beer for the event.

-Mark and Scott attended the THIRSTY Beer Competition. It went well but they could have used more judges.

-ISU Hop Research. Head researcher is planning on joining us as the January meeting to discuss what she's been working on at the university and we would like to tour their hop farm next year at the ISU Horticulture research farm north east of Ames.

New Business:

The club raffle is scheduled for Feb 28, 2017. We would like to hold the raffle at Torrent so we can support Andy and thank him for letting the club meet in his taproom. We also discussed having food at the raffle.

Welcome to new members. 3 or 4 new people attended. 19 total people in attendance.

2017 Club Officer Elections:

President - Scott Nelson (of the North Dakota Nelson's Long may El Presidente reign)

Vice President - Luke Hoekstra

Treasurer/webmaster - Mike Young

Secretary - John Murphy

Both Luke and Mike agreed to continue in their roles of VP and Tres/Webmaster for another year.

Having a beer judging class was again discussed. Cost will be \$50.00 per person and the twelve session class would meet every Tuesday (except for club meeting Tuesdays) at Mark and Collette's place. Testing will be offered but not required. You can take the class to learn more about beer styles even if you do not want to become a certified judge. If you do want to become a certified judge, this is an excellent opportunity. Anyone who is interested please be prepared to commit to the class during January's club meeting.

Style of the month: Big beers

1st	Neal Kaloupek	Russian Imperial Stout
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		Double IPA
		Belgian Dark Strong