

Meeting Minutes – February 2017

2/14/17

Meeting was opened at 7:30 by Scott Nelson. Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved.

Approximately 16 people attended the meeting with four new people attending for the first time. Welcome Brad and Beth.

Treasurer's report: Our balance as of meeting time was \$635.00.

Club dues are due now. Dues for 2017 are \$15.00. Please get your dues to Mike Young. Please see Mike if you have questions.

Old Business:

We want to try and get a tour of the ISU Horticulture farm hop yards in June or July. It would be great if we could get some of their hops for a club brew.

Convention: March 7th 2017 will be the first chance to sign up and register for the American Home Brewers (AHB) convention in Minneapolis June 15-17 this year. AHA membership is required to attend the convention.

Club Raffle: Feb 28th this month is our club raffle at Torrent. Set up will begin at 6:00pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the raffle begins at 7:30. We have a lot of great stuff to give away so make sure to attend.

Beer Judging class: Feb 21st this month is the start of our beer judging class. The class will go through May meeting most Tuesdays at Mark Simpson's house. Cost to attend is \$25.00 Mark is sending out E-mails to all in the club. Please contact Mark with questions.

New Business:

We are going to have an off flavor kit at the April meeting. This will be available to all who attend the April club meeting. This is not just for the people taking the beer judging class. This will be a great opportunity to learn what causes some of the funky flavors that show up in your homebrew from time to time.

BYO magazine subscription discount: If you are interested in subscribing to BYO magazine you can do it now through the club and get a discount. Cost for one year's subscription is \$17.50 see Mike Young by the May club meeting if you are interested.

AHB national home brewers convention this June in Minneapolis. We have a club Jokey box and you can send up beers for our booth at club night even if you are not attending. If you will be attending be thinking of ideas for a theme for the booth at pub night.

Knowledge on Tap at Torrent: Wed Feb 22 There will be a tours of the torrent brewery given every 15 minutes from 5:30 to 6:30 pm given by Andy and a presentation on the Science and Practice of Brewing following at 7:00 pm given by our own Dr. Scott Nelson. Please show up it will be a great opportunity to support Torrent, Scott and the ABL.

Cyclone Liquors in Ames has two beer classes coming up in March and May of this year. Entry in each class is \$25.00. These classes are not associated with the Ames Brewers League. The first class is March 7th 2017 the class will be a selection of different beer styles poured blind & tasted side-by-side. May 16th 2017 the class will be on sour beers.

Style of the month: Belgian

1st	Ron	Saison
2nd	Neil	Belgian Dark Strong Ale
3rd	Scott	Belgian Tripel
4th	Pete	Belgian Dubbel