

Meeting Minutes – January 2017

1/10/17

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

Approximately 15 people attended the meeting with four new people attending for the first time. Welcome Zach, Mark, Pete, and Patrick. We are glad you were here and hope you keep coming back.

Old Business:

Next month's club beer style is Belgians BJCP Category 24-26.

American Home Brewers (AHB) convention coming up June 15-17 of this year in Minneapolis.

Feb 28 is the Ames Brewers League annual raffle at Torrent. Mike will need helpers to gather materials for the raffle from local vendors. Please contact Mike Young directly if you are able to assist. (mikeyounghb@gmail.com)

We had a show of hands for who was interested in taking a beer judging class that would meet every Tuesday except club meeting nights at Mark and Collette Simpson's home. Seven and a half people committed to attending the class. The class will begin Feb 16. Cost will be approximately \$25.00. If you are interested and were not at the last club meeting please contact Mark Simpson or come to the next meeting with your \$25.00. This class will help you prepare to test and become a certified BJCP judge. Taking the test is not required. You can take the class and not the test if you are more interested in learning than becoming a judge.

We discussed having a commercial style beer that is the same style as our style of the month available at each club meeting. This would be used as an example of the style for all those who were interested. This was something done in the past that we will begin doing again.

The March style of the month beer is the club brew. Nine people present indicated they would be brewing all grain and three people indicated they will brew extract. If you were not at the meeting and want to participate in the March Club Brew, please contact Scott

Nelson. Scott Nelson and Mark Simpson will come up with a grain bill. Details about picking up your materials for the club brew will be available on the club Facebook page and/or website and via email.

New Business:

Collette Simpson is retiring from the DOT on Jan 31 and having a party at Torrent. Please come and help her celebrate.

Diana Cochran, Professor of Horticulture at Iowa State University, spoke for approximately 30 minutes on her ongoing research on hop production in Iowa. Professor Cochran has a large plot of hops growing at the ISU Horticulture farm. Thank you, Dr. Cochran.

Style of the month: All Styles

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| 1st | Sebastian | Irish Red Ale |
| | | American Amber Ale |
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| | | British Brown Ale |
| | | Doppelbock |
| | | American Pale Ale |