

## **Ames Brewers League meeting March 12th, 2019**

**(Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing)**

Sebastian Speer opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were Sebastian and Shannon Spears, Mark and Colette Simpson, Levi and Kari Storjohann, Ron Nelson, Beth and Brad Coates, Scott Nelson and Pete Crow

### **Business**

#### **ABL Beer Style of the Month for 2019**

January	Open - Any style
February	Belgian beers
March	English and Scottish beers
April	Sour and Funky beers
May	Session beers
June	Open - Any style
July	American beers
August	Club brew
September	Mead and Cider
October	Lagers
November	Porters
December	Big Beers

### **BJCP exam**

A BJCP exam will be given in Des Moines on April 6th. Please contact Mark Simpson if you have any questions or concerns about the exam.

### **2019 Raffle**

The raffle for 2019 was held on February 26th at Torrent. There was a smaller crowd than usual probably due to the weather. We may discuss moving the raffle to a date later in the year for next year. The ABL made \$400 on the raffle. Thank you so much, Sebastian Spears, for doing all of the work for the raffle.

### **ISU Hop Trials**

Scott Nelson mentioned that the ISU Hop Trials are still in the works. This would be a club opportunity where we use a common wort but differently hopped batches - one with commercial hops and one with hops grown by Iowa State. We can compare and contrast differences between the hops. Torrent may be willing to brew a batch of wort we could distribute, but we could also reach out to Alluvial or Olde Main to participate. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/smallfarms/new-project-offers-research-growing-hops>

### **Big Brew Day 2019**

Big Brew will be held on Saturday, May 4th. We will contact Alluvial to make sure we are welcome there to brew that day. The Club Brew for that day will be determined when AHA announces their suggested recipes.

### **Club Dues for 2019**

Collected \$110 for dues

### **Upcoming Beer Competitions**

IBU Open March 22nd and 23rd

NHC 1st Round Minneapolis March 22nd and 23rd

Kansas City April 12 and 13th

Lion Bridge Brewing Company and Cedar Rapids Brewing Society will be having a wort rally. Registration closes April 2nd. Contact Sebastian with any questions. More information is also available at [www.lionbridgebrewing.com](http://www.lionbridgebrewing.com) or <http://cedarrapidsbrewingsociety.org/>

### **Style of the Month Competition: Club Competition**

1st place receives 3 points, 2nd place receives 2 points, and 3rd place receives 1 point. Entrants who don't place receive 1/2 point. Point totals will determine the League's Brewer of the Year.

This month's competition is English and Scottish Beers

#### Competition Results

Wee Heavy Mark Simpson 1st place

Scottish Heavy Beth and Brad Coates 2nd place

Irish Red Pete Crow 3rd place

Scottish Export Pete Crow

English IPA Ron Nelson

February's competition was Belgian Beers

#### Competition Results

Saison Ron Nelson 1st place

Belgian Double Pete Crow 2nd place

Sorry, I wasn't at the February meeting, so I didn't get meeting minutes or all of the competition results. If you entered beer in February, please let me know and I will update your points. Colette

#### **Brewer of the Year Standings**

Ron	6 and 1/2 points
Luke	2 points
Beth & Brad	3 points
Scott	1/2 point
Nadav	1/2 point
Pete	3 and 1/2 points
Mark.	3 points