

## Meeting Minutes – February 2016

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### Old Business:

Monthly style competition winners are encouraged to share their brew recipe/technique with the group.

C and S Brew Supply in Ankeny has moved. More information is available at:

[Candsbrewsupply.com](http://Candsbrewsupply.com)

Dues are set as: annual membership of \$15/person, family, group.

The ABL Raffle will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Torrent Brewing Company. The raffle will start around 7pm. We plan to begin setting up at 6pm, and sell tickets as people arrive. Torrent will be serving from their taps, but homebrew may be shared as well. Mike created a facebook event, and has notified the other brew clubs. Mike has also already picked up donations around Des Moines and will be picking up more week and the next. ABL will bring a few dishes to share, and attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share with the group. Food from local businesses can also be ordered by attendees for delivery. Torrent may have menus or recommendations available.

Treasury report was: \$534.95 bank, \$80.00 cash = \$614.95 total

### New Business:

Mike purchased grains and extract for the April competition from C and S Brew Supply in Ankeny and Beer Crazy in Des Moines. ABL is supplying the base recipe grains/malt extract and the brewer will be responsible for hops, yeast, and other ingredients. It was also agreed that batch volume can be adjusted by the brewer as well. Supplies were distributed after the meeting, but for those who could not attend, contact Mike at MikeYoungHB@gmail.com to arrange for a pick up.

NOTE: this option is for dues paying members, so be sure to pay your dues in order to participate.

The IBU Open is scheduled at the Twisted Vine Brewery (under construction) for Feb 26, 27, 28. Sign up to Judge or Steward at:

<http://www.ibuopen.com/>

Being a Steward is a great opportunity for learning how to judge.

Confluence Brewery will offer a 2<sup>nd</sup> wort challenge.

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(It was mentioned that there needs to be more feedback to those participating in the challenge. Several club members participated last year.)

Opportunities are coming for judging competitions in Kansas City. This can be a great opportunity for gaining experience.

BYO magazine subscriptions are available again. The cost is \$16.50/yr. We need 10 signups to get this club discount. The magazine is a great resource for amateurs and professionals alike. Bring money to sign up at the next meeting. Submissions are due May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Torrent is celebrating its one year anniversary on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-11:00pm. Here's a post from their facebook page:

“There's really no other way to say this so we'll just get straight to the point, we're having a party and this is your official invitation! Mark your calendars for February 19th (3:30-11pm) and come help TBC celebrate our One Year Anniversary! We've got lots of fun stuff planned highlighted by live music through the evening provided by "Bluestem", [Rico's Tacos](#) food truck, Brewery Tours (4-6pm), a new beer release and a chance for you to win "Beer for a Year"! Tickets for "Beer for a Year" can be purchased for \$1.00 in the taproom everyday were open until 7pm on February 19th. Plan to spend the evening with us celebrating the Ames brewery you helped build and great local beer.”

There was a great discussion on whether anyone is interesting in learning to judge beer styles. The club has in the past hosted meetings to help members become certified beer judges. This was done at the Simpson's house previously, but we could meet on Tuesdays during non-club meetings or meet at times when Torrent is open and try to

arrange use of their meeting room to learn how to recognize and judge different beer styles. BJCP offers an off-flavors kit as well to help recognize various common flaws in beers. Several members expressed interest in this. Summer may be a better time for everyone to participate. This could be a great learning opportunity that the club could sponsor!

Treasury report included:

- \$280 for expenses related to supplies for members participating in the club recipe completion in April.

- \$521 final total balance for account and cash.

With the raffle coming up for fundraising, we should think about how we want to budget our money for this year.

Monthly Style Competition: Session Beers

(We are using the 2015 BJCP Style Guide now)

American Pale Ale (18B)	1st place	Scott Nelson
Best Bitter (11B)		
American Pale Ale (18B)		
Kolsch (5B)	2nd place	Christine Darby Weydert
American Pale Ale (18B)	3rd place	Chase Colton