

Meeting Minutes – March 2016

3/8/16

Old Business:

The club brew recipe guidelines for the April competition have been posted on the Ames Brewer's League website.

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 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, they could contact Mike 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 was scheduled at the Twisted Vine Brewery (under construction) for Feb 26, 27, 28.

Confluence Brewery is having a 2nd wort challenge.

There were opportunities for judging competitions in Kansas City.

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 27th. We still need 4 more signups for the discount.

Torrent celebrated its one year anniversary on February 19th from 3:30-11:00pm.

There was a 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. Fall may be a better time for everyone to participate. We should discuss when we have a full group - this could be a great learning opportunity.

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Big Brew for National Homebrew Day is May 7th. Last year we set up outside of Torrent Brewing. Torrent opened early, provided food, and allowed us to use their water. Several ABL members and others in the community participated. There are recipes posted for the event, but last year participants brewed whatever they wanted. We should check if Torrent will allow us to repeat the event at their place again (and use their water) and discuss whether we want to follow a particular recipe or not. Our event can be registered at:

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/aha-events/national-homebrew-day/>

Summerfest (5th annual) in Campustown is June 6th. We did not participate last year, but did the previous two years. Members brewed and shared information with the public. We should discuss whether there is an interest in participation this year. More information is available at:

<http://www.amescampustown.com/event/summerfest/>

Boone Valley Brewery will celebrate its 4th anniversary on Mar 26th. Event details:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/474918646026955/>

Boone Valley Brewing has grown a lot since we opened the doors to our taproom in March of 2012. Celebrate 4 years of local craft beer with us!

Saturday March 26th 1pm-10pm

Food Truck: [Melts Without Borders](#) 4pm-9pm

Anniversary Belgian Quad taps at 1pm!

Our production brewery will be open for visiting too!

Iowa State Fair Beer submissions are due July 1st. We can discuss whether club members are interested in submitting, and whether someone would volunteer to take all submissions for drop-off (if there is enough interest). Last year's competition results can be found here:

<http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/results/winners-cheer-for-best-beer-brews-at-iowa-state-fair/>

AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st Round in Saint Paul, MN will be April 15th. Steward opportunities are available. For more information see:

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/events/aha-national-homebrew-competition-1st-round-saint-paul/>

The American Homebrewers Association will host their National Homebrewers Conference (38th annual) in Baltimore on June 9-11th. Registration opens March 8th. More information is available at:

<http://www.homebrewcon.org/>

New members: Robert Brown

Monthly Style Competition: Isle Beers (English, Scottish, Irish, Aussie)

Submissions:

Best Bitter (11B)	3rd place	Robert Brown
Oatmeal Stout (16B)		
English Porter (13C)	2nd place	Scott Nelson
Old Ale (17B) w/ Rye	1st place	Sebastian Speer

Other submissions: Chase Colton