

## Baltibrew Meeting Notes

12.17.2015

- End-of-year awards handed out. This was a lot of fun and will become an annual tradition.
- January group brew will probably be at Nick L's. Boddy offered his house for March.
- Officer elections:
  - Voting will take place online beginning January 8th and will last about 2 weeks. Winners will be announced at the January election.
  - Nominees made stump speeches:
    - Brewmaster: Steve H. has withdrawn his nomination, Jacob nominated himself.
    - Chilibrew Task Czar: Mike A. is interested in doing this again. Ian M. withdrew his nomination
    - Education Czar: Originally had no nominees, Brian A. nominated himself.
    - Monthly Meeting Czar: Boddy
    - Guild Rep: Bob
    - Quartermaster: Ciaran
    - Secretary: Caitlin
    - Social Secretary: Detter
    - Treasurer: Nick
    - Website Coordinator: Brent Hoffman
  - Each position has only one nominee. Per the bylaws, officers are to designate a "second" or backup in case they are unable to perform their duties. If anyone is interested in being a backup or helping out with any of these positions, there will be way to write yourself in on the vote form.
  - Each position has only one nominee. If anyone is interested in running for a position, please email [baltibrew@gmail.com](mailto:baltibrew@gmail.com) before January 8<sup>th</sup> to be added to the ballot.
- National Homebrewers Conference will be held in Baltimore June 9-11 2016.
  - Brent MacAloney and John Jester presented some information regarding the plans. It will be held at the Convention Center; around 4000 attendees are expected.
  - Homebrew clubs can organize events the whole week as people will be in town. Some ideas are a biking tour, a party bus tour, etc.
  - There will also be opportunities for clubs to brew and serve beer—taps are available in multiples of 6. Clubs can also have tables in the conference itself.
  - The largest homebrew competition in the world takes place during the convention. Start planning now.
  - Registration will begin March 9<sup>th</sup>. You need an AHA membership to register yourself plus one guest. This does sell out so plan to register ASAP. Prices have not been set yet, but will probably be around \$250/person. AHA memberships can be purchased through Nepenthe.
  - Bob will be in charge of coordinating Baltibrew's subcommittee—please let him know if you're interested in helping out.

- Iron Brewer for January will be oysters
- Educational topic:
  - Kris made a two pilsners, one using all Baltimore City water not treated out of the tap and one using half City water and half distilled. Those were available to try.
  - Also a beer made with an experimental hop ADHA 484 was available to taste.
- Christmas party potluck, drinking, and general socializing!