

Baltibrew Meeting Notes

03.24.2016

- Meeting was held at Union Craft Brewery
- Education Topic: water chemistry and pH by Tomas Barrios
 - See [powerpoint](#)
- Next month's meeting will be back to normal, 3rd Thursday at Nepenthe
- If anyone has Baltibrew gear (banners, jockey boxes, etc) or knows where it is, please email baltibrew@gmail.com or contact Ciaran macdara12@gmail.com
- Who is going to NHC? Please contact Bob Caldwell bob.hoosier.buddy@gmail.com or Caitlin Manleigh caitlinmanleigh@gmail.com to coordinate
 - Passes are \$170 for social only or \$220 with seminars.
 - Baltibrew will have a table at club night, June 10th. Anyone who wants to be involved please get with Bob.
 - We will be brewing for NHC at Bob's house. April 16th. Email will go out with more info.
- Disc Golf event is being organized for the day after NHC, Sunday June 12th. There will be beers at Union and Waverly, optional add-on lunch at Blue Pit. By a show of hands the club would like to be involved. Staffing needs should be minimal and we are coordinating with other clubs and the guild as well. Boddy will send out more information once details are finalized.
- Jon Blair discussed a sour festival that's being organized as an alternative to the NHC dinner
 - Sat June 11th at Alewife, tickets on sale April 1
 - <http://souralefest.com/>
- Big Brew will be May 7th at Nepenthe, beginning around 11 am. Jacob Wolfe needs people for a committee. If you are interesting in brewing, coordinating food, etc and have not heard from him please email him ejacobwolf@gmail.com Otherwise, please come and hang out for a while.
- Thanks to Jon Blair for hosting group brew last week—we had a lot of fun and made a marzen for Chilibrew.
- Maryland State Fair homebrew contest. We are judging. Do not have to be a BJCP judge but we will use style guidelines.
 - There will be 2 rounds, one before the fair and one during. Judges get free fair admission. (rides!!!!)
 - State fair will coordinate entries, prizes, etc, so all we have to do is judge (and be our awesome selves).
 - Will also coordinate with other clubs.
 - Bob will send a list of questions—please speak up if you have any.
- Guild updates
 - Annapolis beer week is the week of April 16th. Lots of activities.
- Update on t-shirts and glasses:
 - We can order t-shirts for \$7 to \$11 each. Ciaran will send out details.
 - Would like to order at the April meeting, will likely order extras to sell at convention.
- BJCP judging and Cicerone (like a sommelier for beer) course is proposed for fall/winter.
 - Seems like there is interest from the club, we'll get more details. Previous courses have been \$95/person, including education and tasting, 2-3 hours/week for 13 weeks.
- Use of club funds—update from Nick Lindow

- Currently we have about \$1500 in the bank. With 50 dues-paying members, we take in \$1000/year.
- Non-profit status filing will cost about \$1000, then an annual fee of \$200-\$300. This is necessary so we can obtain daily liquor licenses, get donations, and has already been voted on as something we are moving forward with doing.
- Club will cover bag of malt for group brews, individual brewers will be responsible for hops and yeast.
- We don't have much left over after all this is accounted for. Please email Nick nllindow@gmail.com if you have ideas for ways to use money and/or fundraising ideas. Should we look at increasing dues?
- Poetry/beer pairing event suggested by Christophe Casamassima furniture.press.books@gmail.com
 - Would pair brewers and local poets, have a reading/tasting event.
 - Looking at next spring
- Kris Quinn kpquinnmd@gmail.com is interested in doing a palate exercise
 - Cost would be \$10-15/person for the off-flavors kit.
- Iron Brewer challenge—cereal. Winner is Mark Grall. Congratulations!
- Next Iron Brewer will be in May, secret ingredient is wildflowers. You are strongly encouraged to pick your own.