

Free State Homebrew Club Guild meeting minutes

May 14, 2018

Minutes:

1) Guild non-profit status

- Articles of Incorporation were filed with the State of Maryland. We are now the Free State Homebrew Club Guild Ltd.
- This will help us unfreeze our PayPal account. We will either resume using it, or open a new one. We might open a Guild checking account as well.
- We have an EIN, which will be disseminated later.
- The next step is to file non-profit paperwork with the IRS. We're looking at 501(c)3 and 501(c)7. Other homebrew clubs have filed for 501(c)3 so we may model their paperwork.
- Big thanks to Brian Kaider for his legal assistance with this ongoing project.

2) Electronic Communications Officer position

- There was interest from Joe Mowery but he has withdrawn his name from consideration.
- We will run with one officer for now.

3) Suggestions from club survey

- A separate email distribution list of club leaders was created. This will be used for some communications so Guild reps don't get overloaded.
- At least one pair of clubs has had a joint meeting recently (BADASS/BURP).
- We still need clubs to send their calendars to Chris Gough for publication in order to promote events and minimize event date conflicts.
- Other suggestions will be examined, including slack.com and another Guild homebrew competition.

4) Big Brew

- Maryland Homebrew
 - Held May 5.
 - Well attended and 137 gallons of beer brewed.
 - Big thanks to Rob Kiernan and CRABS for handling the food table.
 - Congratulations to Bob Mosier for winning the 50/50 raffle. He and the Guild split \$258.
 - We sold \$78 worth of tasting glasses.
- Others
 - Midnight Homebrewers
 - Brewtherville Labs
 - Wootown Brewers (held on May 12)
 - BADASS
 - Libation Association
 - BURP
- Clubs that will get stipends
 - CRABS
 - Midnight Homebrewers
 - Libation Association

5) Beer education classes

- First class, Beer Evaluation and Sensory Analysis, was held on May 6 with 13 students.
- Two classes remain and they have openings:
 - June 3 – Troubleshooting My Beer. \$15.
 - July 22 – Recipe Formulation. \$10.
- Contact Les at lesbrews@gmail.com if you are interested.

6) Upcoming Guild / AHA events

- Guild Team Spirit Award

- Nomination window has closed.
- Review panel will vote by May 16.
- Winner will be awarded at the Guild summer picnic.
- Guild summer picnic
 - Saturday June 2, at Patapsco State Park, Hollofield area, shelter 301, noon to dusk.
 - Mike Anson (Killer Ales) is the leader.
 - Wheat beer competition as usual. Cash prizes! Must be present to win.
 - Guild Team Spirit Award winner will be announced.
 - See Guild page <http://www.mdhomebrewers.org/> for more info.
- HomebrewCon
 - June 28-30 in Portland Oregon.
 - Register at <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=286196>
 - Must be an AHA member to attend. Go to <https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/> to join or login and check your membership expiration date.
 - There is a Google spreadsheet at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1y7EoWJwGmJvU7wAHoAQteHo8-uD-UY8jFpcjyEUazQg/edit#gid=0> where you can indicate the dates you're going, where you're staying, and whether you're looking to share a room. This will give folks an opportunity to cut costs by pairing or tripling up.
- Maryland State Fair competition
 - Judging will be held on Friday August 24.
 - Fair week is August 23 to September 3.
 - No entry fee.
 - Drop off entries at the fairgrounds August 21-22. If we can get someone to gather and deliver entries from a local drop-off point, everyone will be notified.
 - Jeff Sanders, the competition director, will try to make this a BJCP competition so judges can get points. However, the event is not set up to take shipments.
- Zymernauts/SPBW/Guild crab feast
 - No date set yet but September 22 looks likely.
 - Kevin Schenk is the main POC.
- Holiday party
 - Saturday December 1
 - Might be at Heavy Seas as usual but with the construction going on we don't know yet.

7) Past club events

- MALT bus trip. See <http://www.benbrew.com/MALT/2018/index.html>
- CRABS Light Rail pub crawl. See <http://www.benbrew.com/CRABS/PubCrawl2018/pubcrawl2018.html>
- BaltiBrew's Brübakes. See <https://www.baltibrew.org/blog/2018/04/26/brubakes-winners/>

8) Past competitions

- Scorpion Homebrew Competition. See <http://scorpion.brewcompetition.com/>
- BURP's Spirit of Free Beer. See <http://sofb.brewcomp.com/>
- DC Homebrewers Cherry Blossom competition. See <http://www.dchbcompetition.com/>
- Congratulations to Lee Kexel, who had a category 2nd place at Spirit of Free Beer, category 1st and 2nd places at Cherry Blossom, and 2nd place BoS at Scorpion!

9) Upcoming club and other events:

- Sensory evaluation sessions
 - June 9 and 10, noon to 3:00 PM.
 - Attend one or both sessions. \$20 for one, \$35 for both.
 - Taste samples from various kits from the Siebel Institute for palate education.
 - Run by Jon Blair of BaltiBrew, but not a BaltiBrew event.
 - Contact Jon at spiritprof@gmail.com to sign up.
- AHBC's Pints for Paws
 - Saturday June 23 at Navy Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis.
 - Benefits SPCA of Anne Arundel County.

- Tickets on sale at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4th-annual-pints-for-paws-homebrewing-and-craft-beer-festival-tickets-44105596025>
- If you bring a keg, free admission. Go to AHBC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/526664417378883/> to coordinate.
- Catonsville Co-op's Hometown Brewdown
 - The 5th annual event will be held on August 11.
 - Live music, food, and homebrew competition.
 - No event page yet but the co-op's web page is <https://www.catonsvillecoop.com/>
- MASHOUT
 - August 16-19 in Fort Royale PA (same location as last year).
 - See <http://www.campmashout.com> for more information.
- BaltiBrew bus tour
 - Sometime in August.
 - Date will be announced when determined.
- Baltimore Beer Week
 - October 12-21.
 - Website is <http://baltimorebeerweek.com/> but still has 2017 info.

10) **Other**

- Wootown asked for ideas to increase participation in club events. One suggestion was for clubs to send out a survey to members to see what activities they're interested in.
- There is an app called Brew Brawl that lets you create, enter, and judge brewing competitions; win medals; and remember your favorite brews and brewers. See <https://brewbrawl.com>

11) **Treasury report**

- We have \$2412.37.

12) **Next meetings**

- 7/9/2018, 9/17/2018.
- November 2018 date TBD.