

Free State Homebrewers Club Guild Minutes

March 11, 2019

- I. Toast St. Paddy's Day! Sláinte!!
- II. Open Action Items from prior meeting
 - a. Guild non-profit status
 - i. Still moving forward - more tweaking to Guild charter
 - ii. Getting ready to file our 2018 tax returns - a first!
- III. Final thoughts on Holiday Party
 - a. New competition structure based on club feedback to spread the wealth, have potentially more winning clubs at the event. Jester said the judging panel would select the following winner categories next party. Clubs are free to just shoot for one of the new "best" categories or go for the gusto grand prize. "Best" selections may or may not be the same club selected for Grand Prize.
 - i. Best food
 - ii. Best brew
 - iii. Best decorations
 - iv. Grand prize is still the door prize
- IV. Current Guild business
 - a. Budget creation - With our pending non-profit status, we need to build a budget each year to know what we need to spend on events, office supplies, postage, etc. John called for any volunteers with accounting experience to assist. Treasurer, Chris suggested the officers should be able to handle budget creation.
 - b. Guild Spirit award
 - i. Nomination form coming in early April. Voting will close the end of April. There are some minor form changes (eliminating an unnecessary question). Essay is the most important part. John stressed they need Not be dissertations but well crafted, essays that concisely tell us why this person is deserving.
 - ii. Nominee can be anyone in the Guild, not just from your club. John to send list of previous winners to the reps (so they know who is Not eligible)
 - iii. Review the nominee guidelines carefully. Guidelines handed out in separate doc (attached)
 - iv. A committee will convene in early May and the winner is announced at the Guild picnic in June
 - v. Committee volunteers so far: Deb Lyons, Sean Cavanagh. Suggestion that previous winners be part of the selection committee. Treasurer Chris pointed out officers can't vote so that eliminates Les but John to ask Kevin Ervin if he'd assist.
 - c. Guild booth at Homebrew Con
 - i. Need a POC/Organizer, John will be out of town. Les volunteered.
 - ii. Need to register with AHA
 - iii. Need beer & bodies - John will send out a Google form to the reps. He's like the reps to complete the form on behalf of their club once they collect how many attendees, how many beers they wish to send, etc.
 - iv. Beers will be served at Club Night, potentially Hospitality Suite and potentially the Knockout Party. We're looking for no more than 18-20 kegs.
- V. 2019 Guild Events
 - a. BJCP course
 - i. Update from Les: 1st Class was yesterday 3/10. 18 students signed up (full class). Doing new 7 week shorter course geared more towards new online exam.
 - b. Big Brew
 - i. Saturday May 4, 2019
 - ii. MDHB is will host a big brew featuring several clubs, food, raffle, etc. Rob Kiernan volunteered to assist with coordination at this event.
 - iii. Clubs wishing to hold their own event may be eligible for a stipend for food. Clubs need to register their sites on AHA website in order to qualify.

- iv. If your club is participating in Big Brew by hosting your own event and wish to have their event advertised on the Guild site, send the details to Chris Gough at realbeer@gmail.com.
- c. Guild Picnic
 - i. Saturday, June 1, 2019
 - ii. Hollofield Area, Shelter 300, 12:00-dusk.
 - iii. There is a small \$3 fee per car to enter the park, otherwise, this is a free event (BYOB and food to share). Guild will supply charcoal, paper products, ice, and some meat/rolls/condiments
 - iv. Wheat beer comp - cash prizes. Chris Gough to coordinate that. Les will be one of the judges
 - v. Need a leader on this? Mike Anson is on board to organize.
 - vi. Announce Guild Team Spirit winner
- d. Guild Participation in 2019 Homebrew Con
 - i. Unified Guild presence like Minneapolis
 - ii. Margie & Kevin Ervin have offered to drive a van for beers. We'll collect info and supply a drop off point prior to the conference. Clubs can of course drive their own kegs if desired.
 - iii. Larger clubs may also have enough beer/attendees to have their own booth at club night and/or host their own social club spot. Let John know ahead of time if your club is doing that so we can plan ahead for staffing at the Guild booth and social.
 - iv. Who is attending? Gather this info from your members and look for the google form from Jester.
- e. Maryland State Fair Competition
 - i. Judging is Friday, August 23, 2019
 - ii. Fair week is August 23-September 2.
 - iii. Entry drop off @ MSF is August 20 & 21.
 - iv. Jeff Sanders is competition director
 - v. Ribbons and small cash prizes to be won.
- f. Zymurnauts/SPBW/Guild Crab feast
 - i. Saturday, September 21, 2019
 - ii. Sabrina Delgado Arias is new main POC, Kevin Schenk will be assisting her.
- g. Holiday Party – Saturday, December 7, 2019 - very little change to the warehouse at this point but too early to tell what it will look like in December.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Chris reported we have \$3626.65 in the account. Old account is now closed out. Some of the money is reserved for paying fees associated with non-profit status. Chris Gough suggested using business credit card to auto-pay monthly invoices such as website hosting fees. John directed him to get with Chris or himself as both have a copy of the card.

VII. Upcoming Events

If you have items to add to the Guild calendar, shoot Chris Gough an email (realbeer@gmail.com) and he will give you permissions to edit the Guild calendar. If your club uses Google Calendar, he can link your club calendar to the Guilds to merge events.

- a. DC Homebrewers Cherry Blossom Comp
 - i. Registration still open
 - ii. Judging on Sat, 3/23 at Bier Baron
 - iii. <http://www.dchbcompetition.com/>
- b. MALT Bus Trip
 - i. Sat, Mar 23, leaves 9:10am from SpringHill Suites near Hysteria, then a New Carrollton and Tyson's metro pickup.
 - ii. Visiting Vanish, Adroit Theory, Barley and Hops, and Ocelot
 - iii. 17 seats still available, <https://maltbus.brownpapertickets.com>
- c. Scorpion Competition
 - i. <https://scorpion.brewcompetition.com/> - closed to entries but still time to sign up to judge/steward
 - ii. Judging on 3/30
- d. BURPs Spirit of Free Beer
 - i. <https://sofb.brewcomp.com/> - entry deadline 3/28
 - ii. Judging @ Silver Branch Brewing on Fri/Sat, April 5 and 6.
- e. Baltibrew's BruBakes II
 - i. Sunday April 14, 2-4pm
 - ii. www.baltibrew.org, click link for eventbrite for tickets.

- iii. participants must brew a Saison then make a baked good (savory or sweet) using at least 5% spent grain to pair with the beer. Attendees vote for favorite.
 - iv. To celebrate Spring, Earth Day, and sustainability.
 - f. AHBC's Pints for Paws
 - i. Sat, June 15th, 2pm @ Navy Football Stadium in Annapolis
 - ii. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2502552786439024/>
 - iii. Looking for some other clubs to participate, serve homebrew
 - iv. Last year they sold 350 tickets. looking to sell 500 this year.
 - v. New this year: a Kids area
 - vi. Silent auction
 - vii. Benefits SPCA of Anne Arundel County
 - g. Homebrew Con & NHC Final Round
 - i. Providence, RI June 27-29, 2019
 - ii. www.homebrewcon.org
 - iii. Registration is open
 - h. Mashout - August 15-18
 - i. Buck Steele is organizing
 - ii. New location: 1812 Farm Brewery outside of Cumberland. They are setting up a flat field with electric, showers, etc.
 - iii. Cost is estimated at \$35 pp.
 - i.

VIII. Club Sharing

- a. Jamie shared that her and Paul had a quilt made by a Michigan company using old beer T-shirts. They can also do pillows. Contact her or Paul if you would like details
- b. Jamie also mentioned there is a tentative date of Feb 29, 2020 for the first Mead and Cider comp in DC area. They may host the cider exam the night before. She's been working with Dave Houseman and others up in PA who are more familiar with these comps and recruiting judges for them. More details to come.
- c. Paul and Jamie are teaching a Mead class at MdHB. It's sold out. Chris mentioned she'll organize another one if there's interest
- d. Max mentioned his side job was driving for City Beer Tours. If any club is interested, they can create a custom brewery tour based around whatever breweries the club desires. In addition to their vans, they can rent larger coaches if needed.
- e. Gary mentioned Silver Branch was now open in Silver Spring (as of last week). Christian Layke, a BURP member is one of the owners. <https://www.silverbranchbrewing.com/>

IX. New Business - none brought up

X. Membership dues - \$20 Checks payable to "Free State Homebrew Club Guild Ltd." or bring cash

XI. Date for next meeting: May 13, July 8, September 9, November 11