

Free State Homebrew Club Guild meeting minutes

May 13, 2019

Minutes:

1) Toasts

- Big Brew.
- Graham Green, who sadly passed away from cancer recently.

2) Guild non-profit status

- Still a work in progress.
- We're comparing our charter to other homebrew club non-profits.
- State and federal paperwork has been filed.

3) Club status

- Yeast Culture Club has folded. Members were Univ of MD biology majors, and they have graduated.
- New club forming: Club MASHOUT. Club MASHOUT was unanimously admitted to the Guild and paid their \$20 dues for the year. See MASHOUT item below for details.

4) Big Brew follow-up

- **MDHB event**
 - Held on May 4.
 - Thanks to Rob Kiernan and CRABS for handling the great food table.
 - 50/50 raffle netted the Guild \$257.
 - Sold about \$38 worth of Guild tasting glasses.
 - Attendance was down. On a related note, AHA membership is down. Ideas for increasing attendance included kids area, Meetup.com, and events at local breweries and liquor stores. A survey will be sent out.
- **Other events**
 - Badass had an event on May 4 with bands, a food truck, and a moon bounce.
 - Wootown did an event on May 11.
 - The planned Brewtherville Labs event didn't happen.
- **Stipend**
 - Each participating club will get \$25 from the Guild if they ask.

5) Beer education class

- Done for the year.
- Ideas for the future:
 - Individual advanced classes.
 - 3-4 week course to prepare for written exam.

6) Guild Team Spirit award nominations

- Nomination window has closed.
- Review panel voting has closed.
- Winner will be announced at Guild picnic.

7) Upcoming Guild events

- **Guild picnic**
 - Saturday June 1, noon-dusk.
 - Hollofield area of Patapsco State Park, shelter 300 (directions in separate attachment).
 - Mike Anson is the lead.
 - Wheat beer competition with cash prizes. Beer must be at least 25% wheat.
 - Guild Team Spirit winner will be announced.
- **HomebrewCon**
 - June 27-29 in Providence RI.
 - So far 8-9 people and 3 beers signed up for the Guild.
 - CRABS has several people and beers going. Might combine with the Guild.
 - Margie+Kevin Ervin have had to pull out so they can't transport beer.

- Website is homebrewcon.org
- A spreadsheet has been set up where folks can find a room to share, people to share their room, or people to carpool with:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZbUKKUg8E-SA37eqHJnexFogyAeEO7z8cfiwBvLQATg/edit#gid=0>

- **Maryland State Fair competition**

- Will be BJCP-judged.
- Judging will be Friday August 23.
- Fair week is August 23 - September 2.
- Entry drop-off will be August 20-21. If you drop off at Maryland Homebrew by August 19, John Jester will drive the entries up on the 20th or 21st.
- Jeff Sanders is competition director.

- **Possible Howard County Fair competition**

- Chris Anderson has inquired. More info as it becomes available.

- **Zymernauts/SPBW/Guild crab feast**

- Saturday September 21 at Goddard rec center.
- Sabrina Delgado Arias is the lead, with Kevin Schenk assisting.

- **Holiday party**

- Saturday December 7.
- Details TBD.

8) Upcoming club and other events

- **Pints for Paws**

- Run by Annapolis Homebrew Club.
- Benefits SPCA of Anne Arundel County.
- Saturday June 15, 2-6 PM at Navy football stadium in Annapolis.
- Sold 350 tickets last year; looking to sell 500 this year.
- CRABS will be serving several beers. See attached sign-up sheet if your club would like to serve too.
- There will be a silent auction and a kids area.
- See <https://www.facebook.com/events/2502552786439024> for more info and tickets.

- **MASHOUT**

- August 15-18.
- New location: 11828 Mason Rd NE, Cumberland MD.
- Site is owned by 1812 Brewing and has electricity, flush toilets, and shade.
- There will be an ice truck for ice purchase.
- The site rental will cost \$2000.
- This will no longer be a BURP event. Ron "Buck" Steele (who used to do maintenance on the old MASHOUT site at Popenoe Mountain) and his wife Elena have started Club MASHOUT to take over this event. Several Guild folks will join this club and donate seed money in order to help defray startup costs.
- BURP has donated \$1000 to help.
- Website is campmashout.com
- Many details are still being worked out so please be patient.

- **Chains and Grains**

- Granite Run Brewers are putting together a disc golf and homebrew competition.
- Date: September 28 and/or 29.
- Location: Calvert Regional Park.

- **ChiliBrew**

- Possibly October 11 or 12.
- Used to be run by BaltiBrew but might become its own non-profit event.
- All the homemade chili and beer you can sample.

- **Das Best Oktoberfest / Turkey Shoot**

- See <http://dasbestoktoberfest.com/> for Das Best Oktoberfest info.
- There will no longer be a homebrew contest at Das Best Oktoberfest (sponsorship was pulled).
- Brewtherville Labs used to run this contest.
- MALT is looking to transfer ownership of its Turkey Shoot homebrew competition.
- Brewtherville Labs might take over Turkey Shoot. They will discuss.

- **Maryland Microbrewery Festival**

- Saturday September 28 at Union Mills.
- See <http://www.marylandmicrobreweryfestival.com/>

- **Mead Day**

- Saturday November 2.
- Lloyd and Ruth Ann Snyder of Wootown will have an event at their house.

- **Mead/cider competition**

- BURP is starting a mead/cider-only competition called Spirit of Free Cider and Mead.
- The inaugural event will take place on Saturday February 29, 2020 at Silver Branch Brewing.
- They would like to build a cadre of people who are qualified to judge ciders and meads.

9) **New business**

- An idea was put forward to hold a Guild swap meet where brewers can swap/buy/sell used equipment. More information as it becomes available.

10) **Treasurer's report**

- We have \$3669.66.

11) **Next meetings**

- July 8, September 9, November 11.