

Free State Homebrew Club Guild meeting minutes

September 9, 2019

Minutes:

1) Toast

- To those who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11.
- To those who work hard to keep us safe.

2) Guild non-profit status

- Still moving forward slowly.

3) Upcoming Guild events

- **Zymernauts/SPBW/Guild crab feast**
 - Saturday September 21 at Goddard rec center.
 - Sabrina Delgado Arias is the lead, with Kevin Schenk assisting.
 - All-you-can-eat crabs, pulled pork, and other stuff.
 - All-you-care-to-sample homebrews and professional cask ales.
 - Homebrew contest with cash prizes.
 - Two live bands.
 - \$60 for adults, \$10 for kids 6-12, free for kids under 6.
 - Tickets available at <https://maryland-homebrewers-guild.ticketleap.com/nasacrabs2019/>
 - Please accurately enter info as there will be security at the gate.
- **Holiday party**
 - Saturday December 7 at Heavy Seas Brewery.
 - Charity nominations open now - email forthcoming. Charity must be Maryland-based and non-profit.
 - Also email forthcoming regarding Club Hour signup. Early birds get first dibs on location. Signups start on September 25.
 - Club Hour prizes will be given for best beer, best food, best theme, and grand prize for best overall.
 - Please reach out to businesses for raffle donations. Donations do **not** need to be beer-related. Gift certificates, T-shirts, etc are welcome.
 - Raffle prizes will be drawn in clusters and posted to some form of social media so folks can look up their ticket numbers. Each color raffle ticket will have a QR code (i.e., one code per color, not per ticket) and then folks can look for their ticket numbers under that QR code.
 - Donation letter will be sent out in early October after charities have been determined.

4) Upcoming club and other events

- **Chains and Grains (Granite Run Brewers)**
 - Disc golf and homebrew competition.
 - Date: Saturday September 28.
 - Location: Calvert Regional Park in North East MD.
 - Tickets are \$10-\$30 depending on whether you're entering the homebrew competition, playing disc golf, or both. Includes event T-shirt.
 - See <https://www.facebook.com/events/calvert-regional-park/chains-and-grains-homebrewdisc-golf-tournament/749140642206143/> for more info and <https://graniterunbrewers.com/chainsandgrains> for tickets.
- **ChiliBrew XIII (BaltiBrew)**
 - Friday October 11 at Zion Lutheran Church, 400 E. Lexington St, Baltimore.
 - All the homemade chili and beer you can sample.
 - You may enter a chili and/or a beer, or just attend and sample.
 - See <https://www.chilibrew.org/> for more info and ticket links.
- **Turkey Shoot (MALT)**
 - Registration is open now until November 9.
 - Judging at Hysteria Brewing on November 16.
 - See <http://turkeyshoot.brewcompetition.com> to register as a judge, steward, or competitor.
 - This is the last year MALT will run it. Who wants to take over next year?

- **Homebrew Extravaganza**
 - Wednesday October 23 at Checkerspot Brewing.
 - All the homemade beer you care to sample for a mere \$10 (pay at the door).
 - All proceeds go to BARCS (<https://barcs.org/>).
 - 10 slots left to enter the competition. Email Judy Neff (judy@checkerspotbrewing.com)
 - See <https://www.facebook.com/events/checkerspot-brewing-company/10th-annual-homebrew-extravaganza/665241193957195/> for more info.
- **Mead Day**
 - Saturday November 2 at Snyder's Apiaries, 4747 Norrisville Rd, White Hall Md.
 - A day of mead education and sampling.

5) Recent events

- **Howard County Fair homebrew competition**
 - Judging was on August 4.
 - There were 35 entries.
- **MASHOUT**
 - A great time as always with lots of beer, food, live music, and camaraderie.
 - The new location is great, with a big field, a pavilion with electricity, and flush toilets.
 - 2020 promises to be even bigger & better
- **Maryland State Fair homebrew competition**
 - Judging was on August 23.
 - 56 entries judged out of 78 signed up (logistics prevented some entries for being delivered).
 - Sean Timm from Annapolis Homebrew Club took top honors!!
 - Detailed comp results are posted on the Guild FB page.
- **Catonsville Co-op's Hometown Brewdown**
 - Held on September 7.
 - There were about 250 attendees, 21 homebrews, a live band, and food vendors.

6) Upcoming craft beer festivals

- **Maryland Microbrewery Festival**
 - Saturday September 28 at Union Mills.
 - See <http://www.marylandmicrobreweryfestival.com/>
- **Das Best Oktoberfest**
 - Saturday September 28 at the Ravens stadium parking lot.
 - See <http://dasbestoktoberfest.com/>
- **Denizens Make it Funky Wild Beer Fest**
 - Saturday September 28, noon-5 PM at Denizens Brewing in Silver Spring.
 - See <https://www.giftrocker.com/secure/events/?c=d55e9a2a&b=Y>
- **Hops and Harvest Fest**
 - Saturday October 5, noon-5 PM at Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods, 10431 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia MD.
 - See <https://hopsandharvestfest.com/>
- **Snallygaster**
 - Saturday October 12, noon-6 PM on Pennsylvania Ave, between 3rd and 6th Streets, Washington DC.
 - See <https://www.snallygasterdc.com/>
- **Baltimore Craft Beer Festival**
 - Saturday November 2, noon-5 PM at Canton Waterfront Park, Baltimore.
 - See <http://www.baltimorecraftbeerfestival.com/>

7) Club sharing

- Granite Run Brewers will have a multi-club meeting at Wilmington Brew Works. All are invited to attend. Contact them at <https://graniterunbrewers.com/contact>

8) Treasurer's report

- We have \$3354.61.

9) **Next meetings**

- November 11, January 13, March 9, May 11.