

# Free State Homebrew Club Guild meeting minutes

November 11, 2019

## Attendees:

Chris Anderson (Guild treasurer)  
David Casselbury and Sean Cavanagh (Annapolis Homebrew Club reps)  
Laura Houtman (Killer Ales rep)  
Tony Huckestein (Wootown rep)  
Rob Kiernan (CRABS rep)  
Howard+Emily Michelson (BURP reps)  
Matt Miles (BaltiBrew rep)  
Greg Newswanger (Granite Run Brewers rep)  
Ben Schwalb (Guild secretary)  
Gary Sharp (BADASS rep)  
Mike Sherman (CSI rep)  
Les White (Guild vice president / acting president)  
Ed Wrzesinski (FOAM rep)

## Minutes:

### 1) Toast

- To the start of the holiday season.
- To the veterans for their service.

### 2) Guild non-profit status

- Still moving forward slowly. We will revisit the paperwork in 2020.

### 3) Guild Dickie shirts

- We will have Guild Dickie shirts made if there is enough interest.
- There will be no year on them so they will not "expire".
- Price would be \$30ish.
- The fewer colors they have and the more we order, the lower the price goes.
- If interested, contact Les at [lesbrews@gmail.com](mailto:lesbrews@gmail.com)

### 4) Holiday party

- Saturday December 7, 6-10 PM at Heavy Seas.
- As of 11/10, 98 tickets have been sold via <https://mdhomebrewers.ticketleap.com/2019-guild-holiday-party/>
- Charity nominations have been lighter than usual and some regular donors have not been responsive. Please reach out to local businesses. We discussed contacting several Anne Arundel County businesses.
- 9 clubs (and possibly a 10<sup>th</sup>) participating in Club Hour. Supply form with instructions will be sent shortly.
- Club Hour prizes will be given for best beer, best food, and grand prize for best overall (theme, food, beer, costumes, and interaction). Clubs can enter any one, two, or three of these contests.
- Clubs may set up Friday 7-9 PM and Saturday from 4 PM onward.
- Everything must be taken down that night (no Sunday takedown).
- Guild will supply vegetarian ziti, and salad with vinaigrette dressing.
- 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.

### 5) 2020 Guild and other events

- **Guild officer elections** - January 13
  - All positions open.
  - President is up for grabs. John Jester will step down in January due to several issues including gout, which is triggered by beer. There was talk of appointing Ben Schwalb as President (do we really want him representing the Guild?). He is currently the Guild Secretary, so if he is appointed President, we will need a new Secretary.
- **Big Brew** - May 2
- **Guild picnic** - May 30 at Patapsco Park, Hollofield area, shelter 300

- **MASHOUT** - TBA, most likely the weekend of August 22
- **Zymernauts/SPBW/Guild crab feast** - September 19 (most likely)
- **Holiday party** - December 5

#### 6) Recent Guild and other events

- **Zymernauts/SPBW/Guild crab feast**
  - 245 attendees.
  - Almost 2 bushels of crabs left over.
  - Only 5 homebrews entered in the contest.
- **Maryland Microbrewery Festival at Union Mills**
- **Homebrew Extravaganza**
  - About \$2000 raised for BARCS.
  - All 40 beer entry slots filled. (One wasn't pouring correctly so 39 beers served.)
  - Maybe a few less attendees than usual but still very well attended.

#### 7) Upcoming club events

- **MALT's Turkey Shoot**
  - Judging at Hysteria Brewing this Saturday November 16.
  - Judges needed! See <http://turkeyshoot.brewcompetition.com> to register as a judge or steward.
- **BADASS** will be putting together an Advent beer calendar with a different beer each day.
- **FOAM** - 2 events
  - Downtown pub crawl in Frederick on Saturday November 30. There will be 8 or 9 stops including dinner at Brewer's Alley.
  - Bus trip to Montgomery County breweries in January.
- **Annapolis Homebrew Club's Pints for Paws** will be held in early June so as not to conflict with Father's Day or HomebrewCon.

#### 8) Recent club events

- **BaltiBrew's ChiliBrew**
  - Almost \$4000 raised for charities.
  - Not as many attendees or beer/chili entries as in the past, probably due to less advertisement now that there is no more Baltimore Beer Week.
- **Granite Run Brewers** - 2 events
  - Attended a multi-club meeting at Wilmington Brew Works with clubs from PA, NJ, and DE. Among the discussion was an idea to do a pro-am brew.
  - Chains and Grains in September was supposed to be held at Calvert Regional Park but they were not allowed to serve beer so it was held at someone's house.
- **Annapolis Homebrew Club's Dogtoberfest** was a success.
- **Wootown's Mead Day**
  - Held at Snyder's Apiaries in White Hall.
  - About 10 attendees.

#### 9) Upcoming Checkerspot Brewing events

- This Wednesday November 13 at 4 PM will be the release of Jason Heinen's Brut Rosé. Jason won the CRABS hedonistic contest and the prize was to have his beer brewed at Checkerspot.
- This Sunday November 17 will be the release of a homebrewed IPA from the winner of the first annual Salute Your Service giveaway, Tim Treadwell, a Navy veteran who took 4<sup>th</sup> at Homebrew Extravaganza. Get all the details at <https://www.facebook.com/CheckerspotBrewing/posts/2374032642835400> (it says December 17 but it's actually November 17).

#### 10) Treasurer's report

- We have \$3354.61.

#### 11) 2020 meetings

- January 13, March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, November 9.