

Minutes 17 January 2010

Meeting Began: 1:25 PM

Present: Shane, Larry, Mark C, Dave, Joe, Mia, Steve R, Steve E, Rick

Minutes Approved

Old Business:

- Seabright Comp - Erich Schmidt of Redwood City was the winner
- Glassware & Decals - We still have 2 small pitchers (\$6), some pint and tulip glasses (\$3) and plenty of decals (\$15 for a set of various sizes)
- Barrel Projects:

Larry's barrel will fill today

The Bossie barrel for Russian Imperial Stout will fill at the April meeting. Please email Bossies directly if you want to participate

New Business:

- Sierra Nevada/Blue frog trip is tentatively scheduled for March 20 & 21. Lynda is going to look into hotel rates again, Mia will contact the brewers for availability, Larry will take care of the agenda and final details.
- We discussed starting a Yahoo Group for the Zymurgeeks as a way for members to communicate easily. Joe will set this up as soon as Mia sends a member list. NOTE: This will only be available to paid members.
- SF Beer Week - 6 February is the date for most of the Santa Cruz Events (Seabright, Aleworks and SCMB) Please visit the website for details <http://sfbeerweek.org/> And for you iphone and ipod touch users, there is a free app to download so you have the entire schedule at your fingertips.
- SF Beer Week continued - The annual Anchor luncheon for homebrewers is 13 Feb, 1:-00, at Anchor. Each club can bring 5 guests.

- We have three confirmed - Dave, Mia and Mark C. The last two spots go to the first two people to confirm desire/availability.
- Bank Account - now that we have over \$1000.00 it was proposed and agreed that we open a no fee checking account. One afterthought - we should have more than one signer on the account. I would propose putting Dave on as one for times that I am out of town, but we should have at least one other outside of the Bossie family just in case.
 - World Cup of Beer Competition -they are looking for entries, judges and stewards. Mark advised any judges and stewards to dress warm as the comp is held in an unheated warehouse space. Important links:

www.worldcupofbeer.com

www.masterhomebrewer.org

www.bjcp.org

- Another Barrel Project - Zayante Vineyards has offered to donate a red wine barrel in exchange for "some beer". It was unanimous to take them up on the offer - Mia will confirm with the vineyard. Steve E says he can store the barrel, so now we need to pick a beer style. Bring your ideas next month.
- Mushroom Club - Rick reported that he had several compliments during the fungus fair about our participation in the Continental Picnic last Spring. The general consensus of the fungi folk was that they would like to continue doing joint events. Rick will report back on upcoming possibilities.
- Beer Class - John Watson is teaching a beer styles class in Los Altos. Email Mia if you want details
- BJCP Exam - is there any interest in another exam in Santa Cruz? These exams have to be scheduled several months in advance, so there is plenty of time to study. Please email your interest to Mia. If we have a MINIMUM of 10 interested I will pursue getting a date.
- Study Groups - We discussed doing study groups outside of the regular meetings based on the BJCP exam. Participation is not necessarily based on a commitment to the exam, it could be just for the joy of learning. Please bring your thoughts to the next meeting.
- Meeting Topics - please bring your ideas to ANY meeting. We're running low and need new topics by summer.
- Upcoming Meetings:

Feb - either 21st or 28th, either ricks's or steve e's - newsletter to go out within the week with confirm

Mar - sierra nevada trip

Apr - bossies - fill barrel and talk on beer clarity

Mar - crains - hop talk

Meeting Adjourned 2:30

Cheers,

Mia