



# Zymurnauts

Monthly Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2021

Location: At Everyone's House, 5:00 p.m.

## Attendees:

- Martin Carts
- Sean Casterline
- George Davis
- Matt DeLand (secretary)
- Melvin Donahoo
- Scott Glubke (treasurer)
- Steven Hord
- Sean McCartney
- Tom Northcutt (vice-president)
- Mary Wallace
- Wendy Withbroe

## Topics:

### **Inter-Center Competition (ICC)**

We (as the host club) are targeting mid-May (perhaps the weekend of May 15-16) for this event. Jailbreak Brewing in Laurel is willing to host if the public health situation allows a

reasonable group to gather together. Scott reported that we still hope to gather as a group before this date for our club down-select of choices. Since the categories this year are all 'strong' styles (BJCP 9, 17, 22, 25), anyone who wants to brew a batch for competition should get started soon. 😊

## Hops (general)

Scott reminded everyone that the club now has access to a vacuum sealer and a large supply of freezer bags. He suggested that the club could use some of its funds to buy specific hop varieties in quantity (i.e. 1 pound or more) to take advantage of discounts. Scott would then break up the shipment into 2 ounce bags for resale to members at a reasonable cost.

- If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Scott ([dbm683@gmail.com](mailto:dbm683@gmail.com)) with your preferences on hop variety.
- Scott also noted that he has some remaining Cluster hops from our 2019 garden harvest available in his freezer.

## Hop Garden

- The hop garden will need substantial work to get ready for its next growing season. Mary noted that club access is not authorized now, although formal checks are not being made.
- There was considerable discussion about our current options. It was generally agreed that individual efforts over limited time periods (e.g. during lunch, after work) should be acceptable.
- Sean M. mentioned that a long-term goal is to cover the spaces between all rows with cardboard (ideally salvaged from GSFC bins) and straw to prevent weed growth and reduce maintenance.

## Dues

A change in the calendar means that it's "that time" again! Scott reminded everyone that 2021 dues (\$15 for individual, \$20 for family living together) can be paid now. The Paypal address is [zymurnauts@gmail.com](mailto:zymurnauts@gmail.com), or contact Scott if you need other options.

## Swag

We haven't offered any club swag in a while! Previous options (all with club logo) have included:

- Pint pilsner glasses
- Sampler glasses and taster board
- Sillipint (unbreakable plastic) glasses

If you have any ideas for what to do next (Growler? Shirts? Coozie? Different glasses?), please contact Matt ([mtdeland@gmail.com](mailto:mtdeland@gmail.com)) with your ideas. Thanks!