



Zymurnauts

Monthly Meeting Minutes: February 25, 2021

Location: At everyone's house, 5:00 p.m.

Attendees:

- Martin Carts
- Kenny Christian
- Matt DeLand (secretary)
- Sabrina Delgado-Arias
- Melvin Donahoo
- Scott Glubke (treasurer)
- Sean McCartney
- Tom Northcutt (vice-president)
- Kevin Schenk (president)
- Wendy Withbroe

Topics:

Virtual Tastings

Kevin mentioned that Ocean City would be sponsoring the "FeBREWary" virtual tasting event on February 26-27. He asked people to report their experiences with other such events, since the ICC may need to use this approach (see next item).

Inter-Center Competition (ICC)

We discussed plans for this event. Scott suggested that a “Driveway Downselect” to determine the club representatives is likely to be the best approach. Plans for the final judging are still dependent on what happens with local regulations. It may be necessary to choose a winner by scoring alone.

Bulk Hops

Scott reported that he has purchased 1 pound each of Citra, Mosaic, Simcoe, and Cashmere (Cascade + Northern Brewer) hops, and also has ½ pound of Chinook available. These hops will be broken out into 2 ounce bags and sold to members at the following prices (with alpha acid values):

Citra = \$2.85/bag, 13.0%

Mosaic = \$2.85/bag, 12.1%

Simcoe = \$2.40/bag, 13.3%

Cashmere = \$1.90/bag, 8.5%

Chinook = \$2.25/bag, 10.8%

Please contact Scott if you want to get some of these 2019 harvest hops!

Hop Garden

A few photos of the hop garden were shared, confirming previous reports that substantial work is needed. As noted previously, individual visits are probably best at this time to minimize the possibility of hassles with Center personnel.

Wort Brew

Kevin discussed the idea of helping encourage starter brewers by providing already prepared fresh wort from a larger batch (possibly Jim Busch’s 1-barrel system). Yeast would come from the samples that Imperial will provide, and hops would come from the bulk purchase. There would be a basic grain bill for a fairly simple, low ABV recipe that could be finished in multiple ways. The process would probably take 1-2 hours at home.

This idea was very well-received, and may happen in late April. Some people also mentioned that they would be able/willing to lend equipment to first-time brewers as well.

Swag

Matt presented some ideas for new club merchandise. In no particular order:

- Koozies
- Water bottle (i.e. Nalgene)
- Bottle openers
- Mission patches
- Ski caps
- T-shirt (logo on back)
- Dickies/golf shirt with stitched logo

- Growlers

Please let him know about your preference! I'll try to set up a poll with some final choices soon.