



# Zymurnauts

Monthly Meeting Minutes: March 25, 2021

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

## Attendees:

- Matt DeLand (secretary)
- Sabrina Delgado-Arias
- Mel Donahoo
- Scott Glubke (treasurer)
- Wendy Lindboe
- Tom Northcutt (vice-president)
- Kevin Schenk (president)
- Mary Wallace

## Topics:

### **Barrel-Aging**

The meeting started with a discussion of barrel-aging for homebrews. It was mentioned that Old Line Distillery [[Old Line Spirits - A bold story deserves a bold whiskey.](#)] in Highlandtown (near Monument City Brewing) is a potential source for barrels.

### **Inter-Center Competition**

Scott discussed some of the ideas that have been put forward to help make the ICC happen given the current limitations. More details are contained in the message that he sent to the club in 3/24, but here are a few key items.

- Entries will be delivered to Scott's house by May 19.
- The Zymurnauts down-select will need to happen **before** this date.
- Judging will happen virtually during mid-late May by pairs of judges.
- The "Best of Show" event will be hosted by Jailbreak Brewery on June 5<sup>th</sup> or June 12. We hope that this will include an in-person element, but details are still TBD.

Please stay tuned for more information.

## **Hop Sale**

Scott reminded people that bulk hops are still available, as described last month.

## **Hop Garden**

Possible steps to help the hop garden were discussed. The current weed growth will take significant effort to address. One suggestion was to do a "reboot" of at least the first row. This would depend on getting some confirmation of which hops have fared well so far. While hops can be transplanted to another location (such as someone's house), Mary noted that downy mildew does tend to come along with the plant.

The possibility of having a new soil test was raised. Mary said that the most recent test (a few years ago) gave good results.

Post-meeting update: The hop garden fence along the central path has had some collapse, and will require significant repairs in the future as well.

## **Virtual Crab Feast**

Kevin mentioned the possibility of holding a "virtual" Crab Feast for members and guests this fall in conjunction with Casey's (our normal supplier). Howard County has recreation centers available for \$175 rental (approval needed for alcohol), which is much less than the normal charges for holding the event at the GSFC Rec Center. It was agreed that this would be worth pursuing.

## **Swag Poll**

Coming soon, I promise!

## **Notices:**

Next meeting is tentatively planned for Thursday, April 22 at 5:00.