



Zymurnauts

Monthly Meeting Minutes: October 28, 2021

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

Attendees:

- Martin Carts
- George Davis
- Matt DeLand (secretary)
- Melvin Donahoo
- Scott Glubke (treasurer)
- Wendy Lindboe
- Tom Northcutt (vice-president)
- Kevin Schenk (president)
- Brian Thibaudeau
- Mary Wallace

Topics:

Apologies for the long gap between providing club minutes. I'll try to catch everyone up on some recent club activities and upcoming plans.

NASACrabs

Yes, we did it! The annual NASA Crabs feast (at a slightly reduced size) was held at Rockburn Branch Park on September 18. The weather was fabulous, and the crabs (as always)

were great! Many good home brews on tap, including Tom Northcutt's "mystery beer" using whatever grew in the hop garden this summer. 😊 Kudos to Kevin Schenk for pulling this event together!



Oktoberfest Picnic

Jim Busch hosted an "Oktoberfest" picnic at his backyard compound on October 24. We enjoyed comparing three different batches of homemade chili, tasted the delicious products from Jim's wood-fired outdoor pizza oven (1000°!), and got a mini-tour of Jim's one-barrel home brewery. His latest addition is an imported greenhouse for year-round growing!



Hop Garden

While the 2021 growing season is obviously done, there's plenty of work needed to reclaim our plot from the weeds. If you have the opportunity to go on center and have any extra time, we'd be happy to suggest something that you could do to help out there.

Fall Festivities – INPUT NEEDED

We're on a roll for club events! Wendy has graciously offered her scenic deck in Glenn Dale for a weekend get-together in November. Target dates are either November 12-13 of

November 19-20. Please respond to the Doodle poll sent out on 11/1 (also available here: <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/mep8J26e>) to help us choose a date.

Brewpub Tour

A couple of ideas were discussed for a club brewery/good beer tour.

- Close to GSFC, it's easy to visit four places near Hyattsville (Denizen's, Riverdale Town Center, Franklin's, Streetcar 82) in a two-mile stretch along Route 1. Some of these places are best enjoyed on their patio, so a question for the group is whether this trip should be planned soon or targeted for next spring.
- Farther away (but full of good beer), Frederick offers small bus tours to multiple brewpubs. George Davis is willing to lead the organizing for this trip, so please let us (or George) know about your interest.

Club Brewing

We want to get more members brewing! A popular idea is to do another "wort brew", where a large batch of wort is brewed using a single recipe, and then distributed to members in 5-gallon carboys to finish at home. Tom suggested that we could use some of the sample yeast available from Imperial yeast for this step, providing an opportunity to find out how their different strains influence the final product.

Club Swag

Not forgotten, just out of mind for a while. 😊 The survey I asked everyone to complete back in May gave bottle openers and koozies as the most popular choices. I will be placing an order this week for stainless steel openers (credit card size, engraved with club logo) and collapsible koozies (full color club logo). Single item pricing should be \$3-4 each, quantity pricing TBD. If you know that you want a few of either item (or both), please let Matt know to help plan the order. Thanks!