



Fitchburg Order of Ale Makers



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MEETING MINUTES

Date:	December 14, 2019
Location:	Fidelity
Present:	Sharon, Mike, Bob, Sherry, Ryan, Danielle, Luke, Thia and Steve
Food:	Potluck
Beers Sampled: BOM: Holiday	<p>HOME BREW: Ryan's Chocolate Mint Stout</p> <p>COMMERCIAL: Mad Elf Grand Crew 2018 Vintage, Wormtown Blizzard of 78, Greater Good Pulp Berries, Cosmic Distortion, and Delirious Noel</p>
Old Business:	<p>The Braggot will be transferred on January 11th at Thia and Luke's house.</p> <p>Baltic Barrel – Was transferred on 11/23. The new pump was used and worked great. Steve will engrave the pump head as sour.</p> <p>Dave Higgins reached out to the Club regarding the 1st Annual Homebrew Competition and Tasting on April 11, 2020 at the American Legion Post 373, 3 Central Street, Baldwinville, MA. A link to this event is on the FOAM Facebook page. To enter your beer into this competition, please contact the event coordinator, Jim Cutting at 978-273-1067. This event is to support Veteran services.</p> <p>We discussed the 2020 competitions. Mike drafted a new score sheet using BJCP as a template. We discussed it and Mike will modify it slightly and reshare. We voted and will holding two competitions one in May and the other in November. We voted on doing a style competition and a brew whatever you'd like beer. We will pull the styles at the January meeting.</p> <p><u>New HOY Scoring:</u> In house competition: 1st = 3 pts; 2nd = 2; and 3rd = 1pt. Participation in outside comps (judging/stewarding/comp.): .5 pts. Giving lectures or FOAM promotional stuff: .5 pts BJCP competition winners: 1st = 3 pts; 2nd = 2; and 3rd is 1pt. BJCP Best in Show = 1 pt.</p> <p>We discussed hosting an open house on National Brew Day or Teach a Friend to Brew Day to get new members. We will revisit the location.</p>

New Business:	<p>Homebrew of the Year is Scott. There was actually a tie between Scott and Steve. Per the Bylaws, when there is a tie, the person who brought the most homebrew to meeting throughout the year wins. Going forward, the tie breaker will be to the person who brings the most homebrews to meetings between (January and November). Sharon will update the bylaws.</p> <p>Reminder - Dues are due at the January meeting.</p> <p>January – Fidelity Room February – Mike and Sharon’s House March - April - May - June – Luke and Thia’s House July - August – Summer Party September – Bob and Sherry’s House October - November - December - Holiday Party – The Lodge -December 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.</p>
Treasurer’s Report:	\$322.47
Webmaster’s Report:	Status quo
Raffle Winner:	Mike won
Quaff Quote:	“Mmmmmm, beer!” – Homer Simpson
Adjourned:	4:54 p.m.