



Fitchburg Order of Ale Makers



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MEETING MINUTES

Date:	February 16, 2018
Location:	Matt B's House
Present:	Matt B., Sharon, Greg, Lori, Todd, Steve, Scott and John
Food:	Turkey Pot Pie
Beers Sampled: BOM: New England IPAs	<p>HOME BREW:</p> <p>Matt's Eldorado Hopped Beer Matt's Strawberry Rhubarb Berliner</p> <p>COMMERCIAL:</p> <p>Too Juicy – Two Roads Pulp - Greater Good Green Gown – Double IPA Berkshire Brewing Company Sam Adams New England IPA Citra Pukwudgie – Down the Road Beer Co. Pulp – Greater Good Sip of Sunshine – Lawsons V – Greater Good Water Shed - Vanished Valley Brewing Co. Life in the Clouds – Collective Art Brewing</p>
Old Business:	<p>Competitions – Three competitions. First is ingredient comp. in March. Second is the style comp. in June. Third one is the historic comp. in October.</p> <p>Barrels – We tasted the old ale and it is ready. WE NEED TO BREW THE BALTIC PORTER. Scott will send out an email.</p> <p>Supplies being purchased - Steve will send out a link about the scale and Mike will send out an email regarding the pump.</p> <p>Advent – We will revisit sending out Advent emails.</p> <p>Jamboree – We discussed brewing a special beer.</p> <p>Dues are due. Please bring your dues to the March meeting.</p> <p>October 6th – Dave Higgins is having a competition at the Eagles in Leominster. You have to register your beers. More details to follow. Greg will reach out to Dave.</p> <p>FOAM field trip – We were thinking of picking a destination spot and members will be responsible for getting themselves there and home. Greg suggested Brattleboro and North Hampton. Greg is going to take the lead on planning and Sharon will help and we will circle back at the next meeting.</p>

New Business:	<p>John's friend started a non-profit for families who need gene therapy. They might have a fundraising event where they need homebrewers. Scott recommended having judges for the homebrew. More details to follow.</p> <p>Scott suggested restarting the beer discussions at the beginning of each meeting (i.e. styles, technique, or BOM). Greg suggested discussing the style. Greg suggested calling it "beer banter."</p> <p>Todd mentioned the new sweatshirts. Sharon is going to reach out to Thia and Ryan.</p>
Treasurer's Report:	\$867.51
Webmaster's Report:	Sharon discussed adding the American Homebrewer's Association membership to our website. Everyone agreed.
Raffle Winner:	Steve won. Congrats, Steve!
Quaff Quote:	"Anyone can drink beer, but it takes intelligence to enjoy beer." – Stephen Baumont
Adjourned:	8:33 p.m.