



Fitchburg Order of Ale Makers



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MEETING MINUTES

Date:	January 17, 2020
Location:	Fidelity
Present:	Sharon, Mike, Bob, Scott, Roger, Luke, Greg, Lori and Bruce
Food:	Pizza from C&M
Beers Sampled: BOM: IPA	<p>HOME BREW: Mike's Fig and Raisin Barley Wine, Scott's Kettle Sour, Scott's Imperial Brown Porter, Thia's Wood Aged Wheat Wine, Mike's FABB Barley Wine, Greg's Holiday Cheer Beer and Scott's Blood Orange Hibiscus Cider</p> <p>COMMERCIAL: River Stix Venom of Cerberus, Decadent Coconut French Toast and Trillium Slideshow</p>
Old Business:	<p>Homebrewer of the Year is Scott. Congratulations, Scott.</p> <p>The Braggot was transferred on January 11th at Thia and Luke's house. Sharon will send out an email to find out who would be interested in brewing a new sour for this barrel.</p> <p>Scott is going to try to find a 30 gallon barrel or less. Scott will send an email out to the club regarding the barrels.</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>This year we will have two competitions one in May (style comp.) and the other in November (brew whatever you want). We selected 10 different styles and Sharon will create a randomly numbered list of the styles. Please email Sharon with a number between 1 and 10 and she will give you a style.</p> <p>Mike will revise the new score sheet and will bring it to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>New HOY Scoring:</u> (From November 2019 to November 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Every five homebrews that you bring to a meeting = 1 pt.

	<p>We discussed hosting a National Big Brew Day in May. Sharon suggested River Stix. We will reach out to River Stix to see if they would be willing to let us brew there. We will discuss at the next meeting.</p> <p>Calendar – Sharon and Scott will discuss how to add FOAM events to the Google Calendar.</p>
New Business:	<p>Reminder - Dues are due.</p> <p>Partners is having a retirement party for Walter tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>January – Fidelity Room February – Mike and Sharon’s House March - TBD April – Scott’s House May – Greg’s House June – Luke and Thia’s House July - TBD August – Summer Party - TBD September – Bob and Sherry’s House October - TBD November - TBD December - Holiday Party – The Lodge -December 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thia created FOAM business cards. They came out awesome! Thanks, Thia.</p>
Treasurer’s Report:	\$542.47
Webmaster’s Report:	Status quo
Raffle Winner:	Congrats, Bob!
Quaff Quote:	“The other day I was so desperate for a beer, I snuck into the football stadium and ate the dirt under the bleachers.” – Homer Simpson
Adjourned:	8:12 p.m.