



Fitchburg Order of Ale Makers
Homebrew Club
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MEETING MINUTES

Date:	July 15, 2016
Location:	Bob and Sherry's House in Hubbardston, MA
Present:	Bob Sherry Mike Sharon Todd Steve Mike Lorraine Scott
Food:	Chili
Beers Sampled:	Homebrewed Beers: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>English Raspberry Barleywine</i> by Bob2. <i>American Pale Ale</i> by Bob3. <i>F.O.A.M. Barrel Barleywine</i> – Club (voted to keep it in the barrel for now)4. <i>Spiced Cider</i> – Hamesbest Competition: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Baltic Porter</i> – Luke2. <i>2016 Quad</i> – Steve – WINNER - Second Place3. <i>Pilsner Belgium</i> – Todd4. <i>Belgium Dart Strong</i> – Thia – WINNER - Third Place5. <i>Vienna Lager</i> – Mike T.6. <i>Old Ale</i> - Bob7. <i>Barleywine</i> – Mike L. – WINNER - First Place
Opening Toast	<p>Cheers to Scott and Melissa on their recent nuptials!</p> <p>Cheers to F.O.A.M. for hosting a great competition at the NRHBF! Thank you to Ryan for all of his hard work in organizing everything. Thank you to all who assisted on the day of judging. Finally, thank you to Steve and Todd for representing the club at the festival in Fitchburg.</p>

Old Business:	<div>1. Barrel – The Barleywine was tasted and the members voted to keep it in the barrel for another month due to the fact that the bourbon was overpowering and the oak could not be easily tasted. Sorry, Mark. ☹</div> <div>2. Nashua River Comp. – Steve gave Mike the trophies for Luke to mail out, together with the final score sheets. We are still waiting for the PayPal entry funds to process, but it looks like FOAM will more than break even. Only two or three participants showed up to the festival in Fitchburg. Next year we will need to do a better job advertising our presence at the actual festival.</div> <div>3. Advent calendars – Need entries ASAP, as beers need to be turned in at the November meeting at Greg’s house. Scott will send a reminder email out to the club.</div> <div>4. Insurance – Sharon signed up to register 25 members (we currently have 21 paid members). If you want to be included in the insurance program, please submit your dues to Luke.</div> <div>5. Fidelity Function Room - Matt B’s wife works at Fidelity and she can allow the club access to Fidelity’s function room in Leominster for club meetings. She spoke to Fidelity and there is not an issue with the club bringing alcohol into the function room. Sharon is going to check to see if our newly purchased club insurance will cover use of the Fidelity function space.</div> <div>6. October Meeting Location - We need a location. Anybody? Anybody?</div>																																
New Business:	<div>1. Yankee Brew News – Scott sent out an email on this with a bunch of exciting new and upcoming events.</div> <div>2. Ommegang - Belgium Comes to Cooperstown, NY event is the weekend of 8/5/2016. Scott said that it is likely sold out</div> <div>3. Homebrew Jamboree in Tamworth, NH is the weekend of 9/9/2016 cost is \$68.27 for the entire weekend (includes camping). Even if you cannot attend, please consider making a keg for FOAM to present at the festival.</div> <div>4. Grain Buy - Steve is going to be sending out an email on the grain buy.</div>																																
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Webmaster's Report:	It was suggested that an RSVP response page be created in the Members' Only section for: internal competitions, advent beers and club meeting attendance. Sharon is going to work on this.
Raffle Winner:	Scott – Congratulations, Scott!
Quaff Quote:	Deep Thoughts by Jack Handy: <i>"Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."</i>
Next Meeting:	Date/Time: Summer Party - Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Place: Mike and Sharon's House 73 Buttermilk Road Leominster, MA 01453
Adjourned:	10:10 p.m.