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**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	September 16, 2016
<b>Location:</b>	Scott's House in Leominster, MA
<b>Present:</b>	Scott, Todd, Mike, Sharon, Ryan, Bob, Sherry, Matt B., Luke, Greg and Steve
<b>Food:</b>	Shepard's Pie
<b>Drinks Sampled:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Scott's Cranberry Cider 2013</li><li>2. Greg's Scottish Mead</li><li>3. Matt B.'s Mild</li><li>4. Todd's Cyser</li><li>5. Bob's Blueberry Wines</li><li>6. Harpoon Hibiscus Cider</li><li>7. Zombie Killer</li><li>8. Zoll Cellars Harvest Pumpkin Mead</li><li>9. FOAM's Sour Baltic Porter</li><li>10. Bob's Mulberry Mead</li><li>11. Ryan's Mango Wine</li><li>12. Luke's Star Raisin</li></ol>
<b>FOAM Business:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Barrel</b> – Steve and Scott got together and sampled five old ales. Scott suggested using black treacle in the recipe and everyone seemed interested. Scott is anticipating that the old ale will be around 12%. Scott will be forwarding a recipe around soon.</li><li>2. <b>Barrel Transfer Meeting</b> will be at Steve's House (52 Elmwood Avenue, Fitchburg, MA) on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. to transfer the Barleywine out of the barrel and putting the Cyser into the Barrel.</li><li>3. <b>Sour Barrel Tasting Votes</b> YES - Scott's Lambic YES - Ryan's Lambic YES - Mike's Lambic YES - Todd's Lambic YES - Steve's Lambic</li></ol>

	<p>YES – Matt B's Lambic</p> <p><b>4. Advent Calendars</b> We currently have 20 beers. We are hoping for 24. If anyone wants to make more, please sign up. Otherwise, Scott suggested we purchase beers in lieu of the missing four. The beers will need to be brought to the November meeting at Greg's house.</p> <p><b>5. Grain Buy</b> - Steve will send an email following up on the grain buy.</p> <p><b>6. Groton Library Talk</b> Scott, Greg and Ryan will be meeting soon to come up with a plan regarding the October 4<sup>th</sup> discussion.</p> <p><b>7. On competitions beers, Bob suggested that going forward we all put our names on the beers.</b></p> <p><b>8. Julios – November 13<sup>th</sup> is the Massachusetts Brewery Only Festival.</b></p> <p><b>9. Beers for Good is having their OctoberFest at the Fitchburg Senior Center.</b></p> <p><b>10. The Jamboree was a lot of fun and FOAM was well represented.</b></p> <p><b>11. Ryan said that Judges are needed for the Gardner Ale House's November 12<sup>th</sup> competition. If you are interested in competing, please have your beers in by November 9<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b>	We are over \$700.00.
<b>Webmaster's Report:</b>	The Advent chart does not update automatically but as of today, the currently posted chart is accurate.
<b>Raffle Winner:</b>	Greg. Congrats, Greg!
<b>Quaff Quote:</b>	<i>The problem with the world is that everyone is a few drinks behind.</i> – Humphrey Bogart
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<p>Date/Time: October 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Place: Steve's House 52 Elmwood Avenue Fitchburg, MA</p>

<b>Adjourned:</b>	8:05 p.m.