



Fitchburg Order of Ale Makers  
Homebrew Club  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

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| <b>Date:</b>          | January 10, 2017  |
| <b>Location:</b>      | Pinecrest Lodge, Hubbardston, MA  |
| <b>Present:</b>       | Scott, Sharon, Mike, Mark, Jess, Thia, Luke, Greg, Lori, Matt B., Steve, Sherry, Bob and Joe Z  |
| <b>Food:</b>          | All kinds of yummy stuff  |
| <b>Beers Sampled:</b> | <p><b><u>Homebrews:</u></b><br/>Mark's FABB Barley Wine<br/>Bob's Spiced Christmas Ale<br/>Mike's Barreled Aged Cherry Quad<br/>Greg's Spiced Scottish Style Ale</p> <p><b><u>Commercial:</u></b><br/>Mayflower – Thanksgiving Ale<br/>Stone - Sixth Anniversary Porter<br/>Wormtown – Blizzard of 78</p>   |
| <b>Old Business:</b>  | <p><b><u>FABB Barrels</u></b><br/>The Baltic Porter was sampled.<br/>The Sour Barrel will be transferred next Saturday at Scott's house at 9:00 a.m. and the barrel will be taken and then filled at Luke and Thia's house thereafter.</p> <p>A sample of the Cyser were tasted. Everyone agreed to leave the Cyser in the barrel longer.</p> <p>The following four samples of the Old Ale were tasted and voted on:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Scott – Yes<br/>Bob – Voted to revisit<br/>Mark - Yes<br/>Steve – No</p> |

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|                      | <p><b><u>Meeting with WIZARDS</u></b><br/>Greg and Mark attended the meeting. Joey mentioned having FOAM participate in one of their club competitions. Greg said that they had an excellent presentation Kumbicha at their meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Road Trip</u></b><br/>Sharon suggested doing an overnight. We are going to brainstorm locations and revisit this at the next meeting.</p>  |
| <b>New Business:</b> | <p><b><u>FOAM BJCP Competition</u></b><br/>The club voted not to do the same BJCP competition this year. However, we may come up with an alternative competition. Greg will brainstorm and revisit this at the next meeting. He will also send out an email on this.</p> <p><b><u>FOAM Club Competitions</u></b><br/>The FOAM will have one competition this year. The competition will be held in October. The details of the competition will be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Home Brewer of the year is Steve. Congrats to Steve!</p> <p><b><u>Wizard and M4 Competition</u></b><br/>Greg said that the Wizards and M4 clubs' competition has a \$5.00 entry fee and the winner of the competition wins the money. FOAM was invited to participate in this. Greg is going to reach out to Joey for him to send out the details on this competition.</p> <p><b><u>2017 Meeting Schedule</u></b><br/>Feb 17 – Todd<br/>March 17 – Mark/Jess<br/>April 21 – Ryan<br/>May 19 – Greg<br/>June 16 – Mike/Sharon<br/>July 21 – Bob and Sherry<br/>Aug 19 – Summer Party - Thia/Luke<br/>Sept 15 – <b>TBD</b><br/>Oct 20 – Scott B.<br/>Nov 17 – <b>TBD</b><br/>Dec 16 – Bob @ Pinecrest Lodge</p> |

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|                            | <b><u>Other New Business</u></b><br>Scott suggested bringing back meeting discussions.                        |
| <b>Treasurer's Report:</b> | Dues are due!<br><br>The current balance is \$887.14.   |
| <b>Webmaster's Report:</b> | The old site is down. The website address is <a href="http://www.foambrewclub.com">www.foambrewclub.com</a> . |
| <b>Raffle Winner:</b>      | Joe Z   |
| <b>Quaff Quote:</b>        | <i>Ah, beer. The cause of and the solution to all of life's problems.</i> – Homer Simpson                     |
| <b>Adjourned:</b>          | 5:45 p.m.   |