



Fitchburg Order of Ale Makers
Homebrew Club
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MEETING MINUTES

Date:	September 18, 2021
Location:	Jess and Mark's House
Present:	Mark, Jess, Ryan, Sharon, Mike, Bob, Sherry, Bruce and Scott
Food:	All kinds of deliciousness
Beers Sampled:	<p><u>Homebrew:</u></p> <p>Mark's Raspberry Wheat Mark's Harpoon Winter Water Clone Mark's Binkha IPA Mike's Belgian Imperial Stout Matt B's Coffee Milk Stout Greg's Seltzer Beer</p> <p><u>Commercial:</u></p> <p>Colin Nerk – New Brewery - Dergable in Littleton Hardywood – Misfits Three Monkeys Triple Chocolate</p>
Old Business:	Advent beers – We reworked this to be as follows: If you want to participate, please create a package of 24 beers (wrapped or covered individually). These beers can be homebrew or commercial. Bring your package of 24 beers to the November meeting. Each participant will exchange their 24 beers with another participant. All participants will have their own custom Advent beer package to take home. Please let us know who is interested at the October meeting.

	<p>FOAM field trip. We would like to do this in October or November. Portland is the place. We will stay at a hotel and casually bar hop. Sharon will send an email asking for dates in Oct and Nov that work.</p> <p>Some members attended the Homebrew Jamboree last weekend. It was another great success. See Thia's letter attached hereto with more details on what we can do next year to make it even better.</p> <p>Barrels – Thia and Luke brought a sample of the Braggot to the Jamboree and Ryan said that it was awesome.</p> <p>Thirty Robot wants to have a Club night with FOAM when they are not open on a Tuesday night. G will coordinate with them.</p>
New Business:	<p>Reminder – Second Comp. is next month. Steve is hosting. During the last comp. G suggested that the host of the comp. meeting should get one of each of the comp. beers. We all agreed. Competitors, please bring an extra beer for Steve.</p> <p>Next year is the 20th anniversary of FoamStock. Mark is shooting for the weekend before father's day in June.</p> <p>Brew Free or Die is doing the regional competition on October 10th. They are looking for remote judges. Greg is in and needs two more judges.</p> <p><u>New Breweries:</u></p> <p>Double Down Brewery in Worcester. Thirsty Robot in Fitchburg. Dirigible Brewing Co in Littleton.</p>
Treasurer's Report:	\$443.47
Webmaster's Report:	Status quo.
Raffle Winner:	N/A
Quaff Quote:	<p>"There is a reason that beer rhymes with cheer" Frankenmuth Brewery</p>
Adjourned:	4:38 p.m.

Hey All,

We're back from the New England Homebrewers Jamboree and it was another year of great fun! The weather was perfect and the beers were better than ever. All the usual participating clubs were present and the Wort Processors even made it out of Boston to attend for their first time.

There were only a few of us from F.O.A.M, but our beers were very well received. Ryan's Mango Madness Milkshake IPA and Nestle Quick Porter were extremely popular. Bob's The Big One (20% ABV barrel-aged barley wine) and Strawberry wine both had lots of repeat customers and my Georgia (peach saison) kicked well before the end of the day. The little bit of the F.O.A.M. barreled braggot we did as a limited release at 3pm and people were lining up to get their sample.

Next year is the 25 Year Anniversary of the Jamboree so we should plan to really bring it. I've got some ideas floating around, but let's keep thinking about it for next year. We got a lot of requests for glassware and/or stickers. The timed/limited releases do really well, so let's try to get a couple of those lined up. Also maybe a guess the number of beer caps type raffle game or something to raise some extra \$\$ for Make A Wish.

Put it on your calendar for next year.- September 9/10th, 2022!

Thia