



“Beer brewed well is bliss. Beer brewed bad is educational.”

(You are encouraged to print this newsletter and bring it to the meeting, no copies are available at the meeting)

NEXT HOPS MEETING:

Tues. April 9th, 6:30pm, Kelleher's, downtown Peoria.

(food and beer available...and you can bring in your own home brewed beer or commercial beers you'd like to share!)

Meeting Minutes (March 12, 2012)

Attendance: 18

Meeting Started at 6:45 PM

Black & Tan

Greg Dare gave an update on our Annual Black and Tan competition. Again, we are looking to provide a competition open to all styles. The date of the event was proposed to be moved from April to the first weekend in June (Saturday June 8th) in order to attract more certified judges from outside of Peoria.

Locations are being investigated including Fox Farms, suggestions for locations appreciated.

Additional help will be needed to ensure a successful competition, please contact Greg in order to volunteer with labeling and sorting entries or working as a steward or judge.

Events:

Annual November Competition. The competition will be held on the 1st or 3rd Saturday of November so hold those dates. Greg and Elliot will develop the grain bill for the competition to be officially released at the next meeting with Grain to be available by the May meeting.

Details:

Competition will not be BJCP, there will be a double elimination bracket pitting beer against beer.

All brewers must use the same grainbill with a twist in this year's competition, each brewer can choose to add up to a single pound of any grain or combination of grains beyond the provided grain bill.

Rule sheets to be provided by the April meeting, please contact Jason if you are interested in competing by the end of the April Meeting.

Reminder: Mark your calendar for the spring picnic. Date is to be June 30th. Watch for more details in future newsletters.

HOPs

PRESIDENT

Don Summers

VICE PRESIDENT

Jason Hohulin

TREASURER

Jason Hohulin

TRUSTEE

Greg Dare

SECRETARY

Elliot Kammeyer

AHA Coalition Update:

An AHA coalition was formed to organize the homebrew clubs in Illinois to let home brewers into events like the Peoria beer fest and serve their beer. Greg provided an update at the meeting. A draft of the bill is being created with the help of the distributors group and will soon come to a vote before it is floated to the house.

Beer Hoppers: Sizzonis on Galena Road. March 26th.

Beer Education: Greg presented an introduction to BJCP judging.

Official Business closed at 7:45 PM.

TWITTER! Follow us on Twitter for updates about meetings and last minute changes @HOP_Peoria

MONTHLY BEER EDUCATION

(Everyone, who wants to, can participate!!!)

THE PRESENTER: You can sign-up (*see open months below*) for either a **beer style** and present it with commercial versions and one you may have made **or** bring in some **intresting/unique beers** we may not have ever had, or it's been awhile. *The main idea behind this education is to continue learning about beers.* Remember, you have a budget of \$20 on the purchase of commercial beers that the club will reinburse you for.

THE REST OF US: We have the option to participate by also brewing a batch of the beer style being presented and bring it along...or sit back and free-load off of other people's efforts!!!

March... Tues. 12th
Topic: Beer Experimentation
Speaker: Elliot Kammeyer

If you are interested in a future topic, please provide ideas at the upcoming meeting.

To be voted on/Amended

Current:

Article V – Officers Existing

- a. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee. Elections will be held yearly for all officers. President must have held another office previously. Replace on resignation.
- b. The officers are the executive committee and shall provide leadership and guidance to the membership at large.
- c. Call for nominations two months prior to the annual meeting. Vote January, take office in February.
- d. President leads HOPS. Vice President leads in place of President as needed. Secretary makes newsletter and records minutes. Treasurer collects, submits monthly to the newsletter accountings and expends funds. Trustee – operates the annual bus trip.

Article V – Officers Proposed

- a. The officers and hierarchy of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee. Elections will be held yearly for all officers. President must have held another office previously.
- b. The officers are the executive committee and shall provide leadership and guidance to the membership at large.
- c. Call for nominations two months prior to the annual meeting. Vote January, take office February.
- d. President leads HOPS. Vice President leads in place of President as needed. Secretary makes newsletter and records minutes. Treasurer collects, submits monthly to the newsletter accountings and expends funds. Trustee – operates the annual bus trip.
- e. In the event that a monthly meeting is held and an officer is not in attendance, HOPS business may be tabled until the next meeting. Or can be added to Article VII
- f. An officer may resign with or without cause. Failure of attend three consecutive HOPS business meetings shall operate as a tender of resignation.
- g. The succession of officers will be hierarchy of officers in descending order.

Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:
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HOPs Beer Club meeting dates:

2nd Tuesday of each month • 6:30-8:30pm • Guests are more than welcome!
Kellehers Irish Pub & Eaery • 619 SW Water Street., downtown Peoria • 309 673-6000
Website: <http://hop.bradley.edu/>

Beer Hoppers

Monthly Dinner & Beer Social - Bring your family/friends

4th Tuesday of each month • 6:30pm

An email will be sent out for this month's location or consult the HOPs website

HOPs Beer Club Annual Picnics/Parties/etc.

Annual Beer Bus Trip - Jan., the Sat. before Super Bowl Weekend

HOPs Annual Picnics - usually the last Sunday in June and first Sunday in October

HOPs Annual Group Brew - 1st Sat. in May

HOPs Holiday Party – December

Other local Homebrew Club meetings:

ABNORMAL HOME BREWERS

2nd Mon. of each month • 7:30-9:30pm

Fat Jacks • 511 N. Main • Bloomington • (309) 829-2805

Join “HOPs” Beer Club

(Homebrewers of Peoria)

Interested in joining a club of beer-making fools? Find yourself obsessing about beer and don't have anybody to talk to? Want to learn how to make beer in your own but don't know how to start? Or do you just want to get together once a month to drink and talk beer? Dues are an obsessively cheap \$18 a year...with the first year FREE. Dues include this newsletter, a monthly place where you can do one or all of the above mentioned desires PLUS various parties, picnics, socials and a beer tasting bus trip thrown in.

Fill-out this form and bring to any of our meetings, every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Guests are more than welcome to visit and check us out.

Yes! I want to join HOPs!

Name: _____

Street/Apt: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Email: _____