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

NEXT HOPS MEETING:

Wed. March 14th at Obed and Isaac's

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

Meeting Minutes (Feb 12, 2018)

Attendance: 6

Dues : Club membership dues are due. \$20 per year, please pay Will at our next meeting.

Hoppers (social dinner):

Feb 28th - Bearded Owl (bring food, if you want to eat)

Discussion Topics:

By-Laws - The by-laws are attached at the end this newsletter. We would like to discuss and vote on the by-laws at the Mar meeting

April is Matt Riggs from Rigg's brewery in Urbana visit. He is trying to get on tap at Sullivans.

Equipment-We also discussed setting up a tracking doc for club property. We identified that the club owns a banner, and a jockey box (maybe just the chill plate) but not sure where that is located.

HOPs

PRESIDENT

Eric Ross

VICE PRESIDENT

Gary Gilles

TREASURER

Will Baar

TRUSTEE

Greg Dare

SECRETARY

Greg Probst

Competitions - We discussed switching the timing for our competitions. So, the previously named November would occur earlier in the year and our other competition would possibly be in Sep to align with the fresh hop harvest. Stay tuned for more info....

Liability-The liability insurance was voted in. The club will be proceeding to purchase it, but it does require an accurate member roster.

Pouring -Talked about pouring events. Probably not going to happen for beerfest this year. German American society would let us pour at bratfest in August. But generally want to make it for charity and we're not sure that would fit the bill. Brewgala in Bloomington is also in August. There's a Streator homebrew Event in June/July timeframe. This seemed to have the most interest. Ottawa morel fest is in May but no details at this time.

Big Brew Day- May 5th Stay tuned for details

Beer Education:

Beer Education Volunteer:

March - Homemade Bitters - Nick and Brittany? Or Will B as a backup.

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 reimburse 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!!!

Beers Tasted:

None

Calendar:

- Feb 28th - Hoppers Bearded Owl
- March 14th - March Meeting O&I
- March 28th - Hoppers TBD
- April 11th - April Meeting Sullivans
- April 13th and 14th - Jaycees Beerfest
- April 25th - Hoppers TBD
- May 5th - Big brew day
- May 5th - Morel MASHup homebrew tasting and competition???
- May 9th - May meeting Obed and Isaacs
- Mid-may - North Peoria craft beerfest????
- May 23rd - Hoppers TBD

Free / For Sale:

Nothing? Let me know if there is anything for sale.

Website:

www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org

Up-Coming Clubs Events & Meetings

This is your newsletter...want to contribute??? Please email me anytime at:
gkprobst67@gmail.com •

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://www.homebrewers-of-peoria.org/>

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 \$20 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: _____

BY-LAWS: Homebrewers of Peoria

ARTICLE I – Name

The official name of the organization shall be the HOMEBREWERS of Peoria. Informally, the club shall be referred to as the HOPs.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

It shall be the purpose of this club to be a self-supporting, nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the art and science of brewing and beer appreciation.

ARTICLE III - Motto*

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

ARTICLE IV - Membership

- a) Any person who is 21 years of age or older is eligible to join HOPs. All will accept responsibility for their own behavior. Free first 12 months. Dues, as set by annual vote, are payable, prorated in February.
- b) Guests are welcome for two (2) meetings then after that they are considered members and must pay dues like regular club members.
- c) All club members shall be responsible for their own actions at meetings and club functions.

Membership Obligations: Each member is suggested to bring homebrew which they have made, to at least one meeting or other club event per year. He or she is also suggested to contribute time to at least one club event per year.

Examples are:

- assistance in planning, preparation or cleanup of major HOPs events such as Beerfest, club brew sessions, club trips, fund raisers, etc.
- work on a homebrew competition in coordinating, preparation
- stewarding, judging or cleanup: entering a beer competition does not count toward contribution time.
- Beer education - talks, lectures or discussion leader of homebrewing topics presented at meetings or authorship of such articles submitted to the HOPs newsletter.

ARTICLE V - Officers

- a) The officers of the club shall be a 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 2 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 annual bus trip.

ARTICLE VI - Dues

- a) Dues set at annual meeting not less than \$18.
- b) Any member of the club in arrears shall not be eligible to vote or enjoy any other privileges or benefits of the club.

ARTICLE VII - Meetings

- a) Annual meeting - February in each year. Members unable to attend may vote by proxy.
- b) Executive Committee meetings as needed, in person or by email
- c) Regular monthly meetings - The club shall meet once a month at a time and location agreed upon at the previous month's meeting. All members in good standing are encouraged to attend and participate in the transaction of the ordinary business of the club at these meetings.
- d) Special meetings - special club meeting may be called at any time by the President or any Executive Committee member.
- e) Beer Hoppers - a separate monthly social gathering, with significant others and friends encouraged to attend, at an agreed upon place of good beer and food. Location determined at monthly HOPs meeting.
- f) Quorum - Greater than 50% of the current members of the club entitled to vote including two (2) officers shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. A simple majority of the quorum shall be required to make or change any club decision or spend club funds. Votes can be made by majority using email if necessary.

ARTICLE VIII - Club Purchases

Expenditure of funds no greater than \$20 from the club treasury must be approved by a vote of the quorum. An affirmative vote shall authorize the treasurer to release the necessary funds, as approved by the Executive Committee, and notifying members via email, for HOPs related items only.

Article IX - Suspension or Expulsion

As required by quorum vote.

Article X - Amendments

Proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any club meeting. The proposed amendment must be read at two (2) consecutive club meetings prior to a vote. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all club members in good standing shall be required to pass or reject the amendment. Members may vote by proxy.

Article XI - Behavior at the Club

Participation: Members will recognize that participation in HOPs activities is entirely voluntary. Participation in these activities may include the consumption of alcoholic beverages, which may affect perception and reactions. Members will accept individual responsibility for their conduct and behavior. The HOPs organization will neither assume or accept irresponsibility for an individual's actions. Members or guests not of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages in the State of Illinois may not consume such beverages at HOPs meetings or activities. Members assume all responsibility for their guests

Article XII – Dissolution of the Club

In the event of dissolution the club will abide by all laws of the State of Illinois and the Internal Revenue Service.

OFFICIAL HOP's BYLAWS ENDED THE PREVIOUS LINE. ANYTHING BELOW IS UNOFFICIAL.

* = motto amended 2008

Un-recorded / unknown status amendments:

- 1) 2013 proposed by Don Summers, recorded in March 2013 Newsletter, next newsletter (August) doesn't make mention. Intent was to implement a succession plan for resignations and refine the requirements for an officer, especially that one cannot miss 3 successive meeting.

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- 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.

- 2) Jan 2016 voted to increase the dues to \$20 and do away with the pro-rated 2nd year. This passed by vote of the club, but was not done formally as an amendment. May want to vote again to implement as an amendment, or we can annually vote.

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- 3) Jan 2016 – alumni members (those who have moved away) should be granted alumni status and allowed to attend meetings. Also engage in club competitions? My recollection is that the club deemed this already acceptable within current bylaws and took no vote.