

HOMEBREWERS OF PEORIA



"Beer brewed well is bliss. Beer brewed bad is educational."

FEB 2023

NEXT HOPs MEETING:

**Mar 8th, 2023 – W.E. Sullivan's
Peoria Hts, IL 6:30pm**

Meeting Minutes (Feb 8, 2022)

Attendees: Mike, Noelle, Priscilla, Gary, John, Dave, Jason, Dick. Also attending for the first time: Robbie, Randy & Carol. Welcome!

Treasury Report:

\$ 2,736.49 in HOPs account – after bus expenses, reservations, & new dues received. Dave advised web expenses forthcoming.

Annual HOPs dues being collected: \$20 single, \$25 couple/family.

Jan Beer Education: Noelle and Mike prepared an "off flavor" sample for the month. The answer to the "what is it" was ethyl acetate, or the sensation of nail polish remover or solvent. A "why" sheet was provided to explain it.

Spring Milwaukee brewery tour. Potential date is May 6th – would coincide with Big Brew Day – John presented potential trip planning in development.

Discussion on upgrading business cards with a QR code, purchasing more HOPs shirts, changing the HOPs club location on the AHA page, and making HOPs club information flyers for new member information.

HOPPERS Feb 22: the new Dog Haus Biergarten on University in the Metro Center, 6:30pm.

2023 HOPs OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Noelle Buonaccorsi

VICE PRESIDENT

Jason Clow

TREASURER

Priscilla Gilles

TRUSTEE

John Waldman

SECRETARY

Dick Miller

BEER SHARE: Gary: Peanut Butter Porter. Thanks for sharing.

Topics of Discussion cont'd: HOPs to plan on brewing at Bratfest Aug 6, '23 and pouring at O-fest Sept 16??, '23.

Suggestions for '23: ride the Peoria Historical Trolley for the "Roll out the barrel tour" or "Naughty & Nice Tour" – tour schedule TBD. Also, another bike ride.

Jason reported on the amount of spam on the HOPs Facebook pages, the club agreed to change FB status to "Private".

Topics of Discussion cont'd:

Quad Cities Brewery Adventure 2023 (aka bus trip 2/4/23): when asked how the trip went, Gary said: "it was a success – the same number of riders that started out returned on the bus 😊". It was a great trip – thanks Gary & Priscilla! John is in planning mode for the 2024 bus trip. Motion was made and carried that HOPs would pay for the Trustee's bus trip and dinner due to depth of pre-planning.

January '23 "Hoppy New Year" exchange: and the "hop results" are – Jason: Nugget, Gary: Triple Perle, Noelle: Cryo pop / TRI 2304, John: Sabro, Dick: Cluster. All good.

Peoria Library Brew demo: Noelle & others working with the staff at the North Library for a "Brew101" (brewing review only). Planned date is Saturday, April 1 at 10am. A "Brew 202" (an actual brewing) is not currently planned. Noelle shared an outline of the session for review. Noelle, John, Jason, & Dick volunteered for the demo. Details to be developed.

Peoria Parks On Tap: Eric provided info on potential locations and dates – HOPs chose Summer Park on June 2 & Cassidy Park on July 14. Further planning TBD.

Noelle & Three Felines Brewing Company obtained a "flavor sample kit" and will do a monthly beer ed on "off-flavors". Each month would focus on a single issue. See the Feb Beer Ed comment.

Gary reviewing 2024 fundraiser with the ABNormal brewers.

Dave will do a March Beer Ed on "partial Mash".