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BARON MIND



Meeting cost for
this meeting is
\$10 for
members, \$15
for guests
Gold Members =
Free



Please bring a cold dish to pass, no **HOT dishes (*remember serving utensils*)**

******* START TIME = 7:00 *******

Remember to bring \$\$\$ for the Holiday Giveaway!!!



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WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

President's Letter

From the middle of another cold winter in Milwaukee, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday season. Colleen and I will be spending time visiting family and friends, and bringing the gift of homebrew with us. I hope you take the time to visit with your friends and family and help make this winter a little warmer.

As my final President's Letter, this is bittersweet to write. I am excited to see a new crop of members interested in leading the club into 2017 and beyond. The contributions of time, talent and resources given by my colleagues on the Board has been a source of personal gratitude. I will miss the camaraderie and the intensity of being the President of the club, but I am also excited to narrow my focus of service and dive more deeply into specific projects. We accomplished a lot over the last 2 years, but some our goals have outlasted us, and I look forward to future challenges and opportunities to serve.

Please give your thanks to the rest of the outgoing team in person next time you see them:

- Our VP and meeting programmer, **Josh Strupp**.
- Our Treasurer and financial voice of reason, **Jason Meyers**.
- Our Secretary and social media guru, **Jason Rohloff**
- Our Sergeant At Arms and draft gear caretaker, **Steve Williams**
- Our Members at Large and utility men, **Tim Minger** and **Michael Sande**.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 21st for our Holiday Party. A reminder that we are getting started at **7pm** this month. Please do bring a delicious dish to share (on that requires no active heat source). Be ready to vote in a new Board and celebrate the end of 2016 with great friends, fellowship and beer!

Merry Christmas and Na zdraví!
Jon

Vice President's Letter

Another successful Belgian Night is in the books! Special thanks to everyone who made the evening go so smoothly. It's not an easy task to distribute 11 different beers to 120 members in less than 90 minutes and I really appreciate the effort and coordination on everyone's part. We went all out (both logistically and financially) to get top-notch Belgian beers this year and I hope everyone enjoyed the selection.

Quick reminder that all Like Minds "Iron Brewer" home brew entries are due at January's general meeting. Please bring 2-12 oz. bottles with your name rubber banded to each bottle. If you have any specialty ingredients that you would like to declare for the judges, please indicate them on each bottle.

We're also pleased to announce a Baron's bus trip on Sat. Feb. 25th. The Milwaukee craft brewery scene has exploded in 2016. We'll be arranging bus transportation to visit various Milwaukee breweries. There will be a sign-up sheet at the holiday party and more details to follow.

I can't believe it, but this will be my last Baron Mind VP letter. It was an absolute pleasure to work my fellow officers over the past two years. Most of us were only acquaintances back in January of 2015 and since then we've all grown to become close friends. During my term as VP, my goal was to offer programming that would be enjoyable for both home brewer and beer enthusiast alike and I hope you believe that I achieved that goal. Moving forward, I plan to remain heavily involved club activities but I have to say that I'm very excited to sit with all of you in January and RDWHAHB! Thanks again for making my job easy over the last two years and for the fantastic opportunity!

December's meeting will be the Christmas party. We will have limited space on the jockey box so please email me early if you would like to share a homebrew. The commercial beers will be fairly malt forward so we could use a couple of hoppy beers if you have something to share. Please email me at stru0087@gmail.com if you'd like to have your homebrew on tap. If you supply a homebrew, we ask that you to give a small description of your beer at the meeting so members can sample it and provide feedback. The usual \$20 reimbursement applies.

Merry Christmas!
Josh

Interested in attending the next
Officer's Meeting?

The Board meeting is open to all members, and after the meeting stick around for a social time. Come out and try a new place to drink and see what's on Tap.

Next Location is:

Benno's

(7413 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI)

Guest Member's from the last meeting:

1. Jared Sutliff
2. Mike Borchert
3. Dave Campbell
4. Steve Swanson
5. Victor Williams
6. Steve St. Louis
7. Simon McConico
8. Max Liptack
9. Mike Schwartz

Thanks for joining us.

7pm Sharp for meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Belgian Night!!! Need I say more. Well, yes I do have to say more . . . thanks Josh and supporting team for a hell of a night filled with tasty beers and as always great company. No surprises, Belgian night our is well attended and a big spend for our club.

Attendance for our November general meeting was strong. We had 119 members in attendance, including 9 new members in attendance. There were no guests in attendance at the meeting, like October, was a members-only meeting. We did spend as I foreshadowed. The meeting cost the club \$2,223.

As for the numbers for November, we collected \$430 (after paying Clifford's), which included new member fees and regular membership meeting fees. Doing some crude math, crude because I'm averaging the advance payment of gold and family memberships, November's meeting was a net loss of approximately \$1,300.

This is typical and not to fear for our club. Current general account as of 14 December 2016 is \$3,945.53. There are no outstanding payments, except for the remaining spend for the Xmas party.

Prost!

Jason

Planning for the 2017 World of Beer Festival is going to be getting underway shortly. As always, we can use more help on the planning committee as this is our club's biggest event.

This year our biggest need is help for Jayme in contacting breweries who have attended in the past to make sure that we get them in there again. Most of this work has to be done during the day and Jamie can no longer do that due to job restrictions. It's one of the more fun aspects of the planning. This involves developing our long term relationships with brewers and brewery reps. You personally get to meet them and talk them into attending. They will remember you and say hey whenever you run into them at events. If you're interested in helping with this please see Jayme or send an email to vendormanager@WOBfest.com.

Some other areas we could use help in include:

- Assisting Diana Kane with volunteer coordination
- Lining up a potential speaker and music
- Promotions (anybody know some marketing?)
- Shuttle Bus routes, contacts, sponsors
- Programs, Signage, etc. - create and get them printed

Closer to the festival we also need data entry by people knowledgeable about beer. If you think you'd be interested in helping out let us know as soon as possible. The first planning meeting will be in January. You can talk to me at a meeting or email festival@WOBfest.com. Remember this helps fund the next advanced homebrewing conference.



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- Nothing is to be removed from this room that YOU did not bring in (That means the club beers stays). Please leave all un-opened beer for others to enjoy at other events
- NO outside food is allowed to be brought into the meeting that was not purchased at Clifford's
- Only exception is for snack items to enjoy with your beer
 - Pretzels, popcorn, nuts
 - Chips & dip
 - Cheese, sausage & crackers
 - Smoked or canned fish items

**Please bring your own glass and
clean up after yourself**

- Everyone must check-in with the treasurer, show your membership card, and pay your meeting fee to receive a wristband

- Please put your wristband on your wrist (not on your glass/horn)
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in the meeting
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Officers' Duties



DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT The following are the President's duties:

- a) be Chairman of the Board of Directors
- b) Preside at membership meetings and Board meetings
- c) have the power to convene Board and special meetings
- d) appoint all committee chairmen except the Program Committee Chairman to serve during his term in office
- e) be an ex-officio member of all committees
- f) be responsible for the performance of all the officers of the association
- g) be responsible for a yearly audit of the Treasurer's records

DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT The following are the Vice President's duties:

- a) perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during his absence or disability
- b) be Chairman of the Program Committee and as such, be responsible for the general program of the association

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY The following are the Secretary's duties:

- a) keep complete and accurate minutes of all general membership, Board and special meetings, and shall report the same to the general membership or on request
- b) maintain the official current roll of the membership and provide all officers as well as the Membership Committee with the same
- c) maintain copies of the Constitution and By-Laws
- d) conduct all official membership and Board correspondence, except as otherwise directed by the Board
- e) send out proper notices of all meetings, elections and other official business as directed by the Board
- f) keep an accurate roll of the membership
- g) serve as Chairman of the Secretarial Services Committee
- h) keep an accurate file of all correspondence conducted by all officers and all committee chairmen in the name of the association as well as any correspondence conducted by any other members in the name of the association
- i) publish and distribute the newsletter

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER The following are the Treasurer's duties:

- a) be responsible for all receipts and disbursements of the association
- b) deposit all receipts in a checking account or savings accounts in the name of the association
- c) report all receipts and disbursements to the membership at membership meetings
- d) have all disbursements approved by the President or other authorized officers
- e) keep a listing of paid-up members, i.e., of members in good standing
- f) be bonded at the expense of the association

DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS AT LARGE The following are the Members-At-Large's duties:

- a) such duties as they may be assigned by the Board

DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS The following are the Sergeant At Arm's duties:

- a) keep order at membership and board meetings
- b) safeguard any equipment the club may possess
- c) safeguard club signage and display materials
- d) coordinate the allocation and delivery of equipment, signage and display materials
- e) provide guidance and act a point of contact for members who wish club participation in an external event
- f) monitor the club's potential participation in external events and can decline or withdraw club participation in events if club resources are not adequate

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WEDNESDAY, December 21st: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Holiday Party
WEDNESDAY, January 4th: Officers' Meeting @ Benno's, West Allis
WEDNESDAY, January 25th: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's, Gadget Night

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For more info
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