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President's Letter

Hello Barons,

To date, this is by far the hardest newsletter I have ever had to write. Not because of COVID, but as a result of ALL the changes due to COVID. I actually like change - however, each time I sat down to write this, the next day it was no longer relevant or reflecting our current reality. So here I go again... On June 3rd, five of our officers voted as to whether or not we should have an in person or virtual meeting. The results 3 for virtual and 2 for in person. Our June meeting will be virtual. I say that because with a little over a week away it would be logistically difficult to facilitate the changes needed to meet in person (please see below).

The following will apply to in person/hybrid meetings until further notice and applies to ALL Barons members and Officers: **Please do not attend if you are feeling sick, have been exposed to someone with COVID, are at high risk or do not feel comfortable being with others.**

Here is what meetings will look like as we apply extra measures to keep you and the club as safe as possible.

1. Those of you who use the door on the South end of the building will be met with a sign directing you to enter the door on the West side of the building.
2. You will be met by me when you enter (using the West door). There I will take your temperature using an infrared thermometer, if you are below the temp threshold you will be asked to sign a "cause no harm" waiver and then may proceed to the check in table.
3. Orange Safety Cones will be on the floor to remind you to distance socially.
4. Clifford's has a new layout for their tables which accommodates social distancing - more tables with less people, using the entire room vs. just the south end.
5. Jockey Boxes will be separated to allow for easier social distancing:
 - a. We will need a "bartender" at each jockey box
 - b. Disposable cups will be used for each trip to the boxes
6. PPE and Sanitation Stations will be set up with masks, hand sanitizer and wipes.
7. Headgear with a shield will be available for volunteers - bartenders, check -in, etc.
8. Bottle sharing - people who share or are shared with, accept all responsibility regarding keeping each other safe.
9. Hybrid meetings will be streamed live for those not able or willing to attend an in person meeting.

I can't wait to see those of you who can and wish to attend in July. In the meantime, if you have not yet completed the survey Monkey survey please do so - Thanks!

Be well & drink good beer,
Rahshal



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<https://www.homebrewcon.org/>

Vice President's Update

Howdy Barons,

I hope everybody is enjoying their summer in good health and happiness. Thanks to Bruce Buerger for connecting us with Michael Fairbrother of Moonlight Meadery. Michael is a wealth of knowledge in the world of Mead, he is President of the Mead Makers Association, owns his own Meadery and is famous for his podcasts. If you are into mead this is a meeting you don't want to miss.

Also, Michael and his Meadery is giving our club a special discount code (Code:BEERBARONS.) This code is good for 15% off a purchase in their online store.

<https://www.moonlightmeadery.com/shop/>

It's good for 30 days after the meeting so be sure to place your order!

Enjoy the meeting in the comfort of your own home as we will be broadcasting virtually.

Cheers!

Tom

Beer Barons May General Meeting - Wednesday, June 24, 2020 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82445742615?pwd=MnhzVXNSNGFzWmVfYohoUfFLMlXZzo9>

Meeting ID: 824 4574 2615

Password: Beer Rocks

Or if you have problems logging in or prefer to just call using phone:

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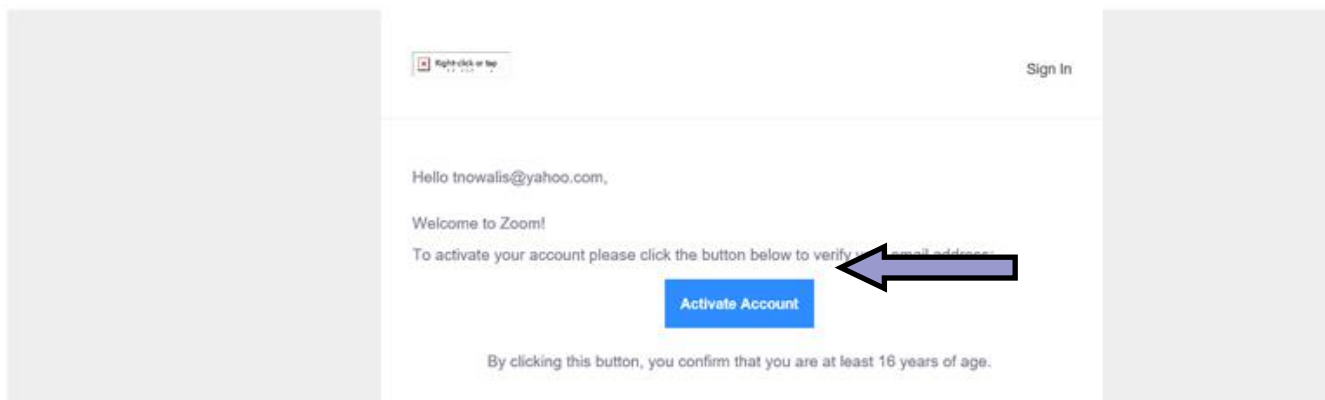
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- Step 1: Register for Zoom (it's free) <https://us02web.zoom.us/signup> - You will need your age & email address



- Step 2: check your email for the registration email and click the blue button to activate your account.



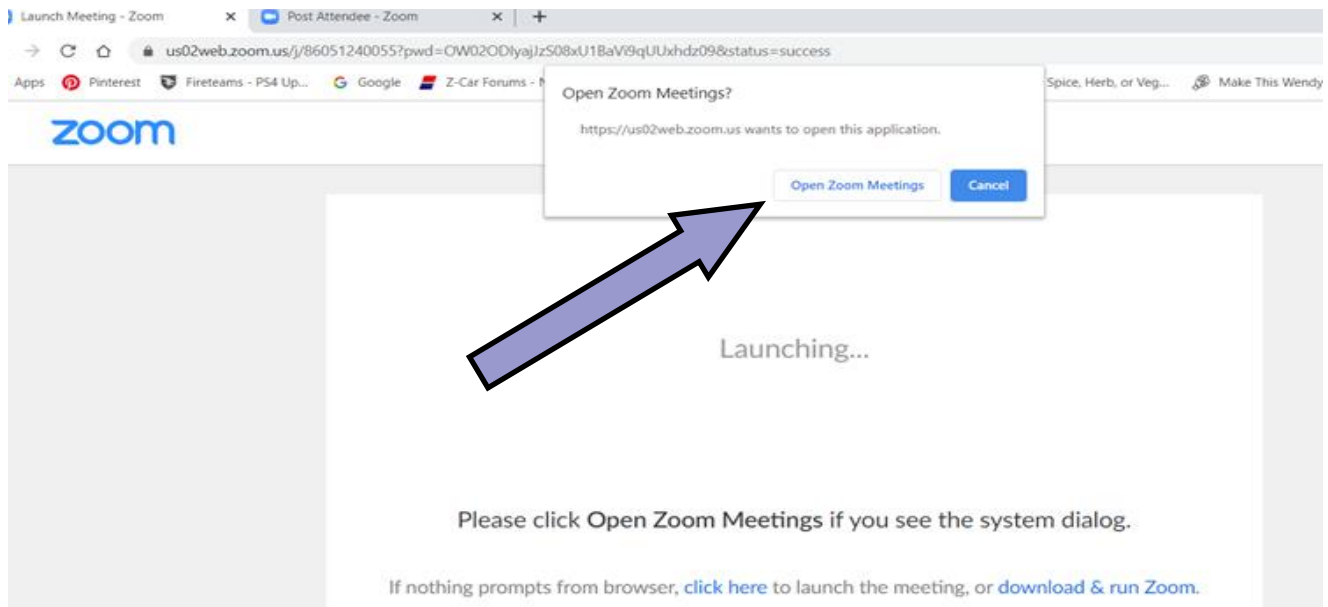
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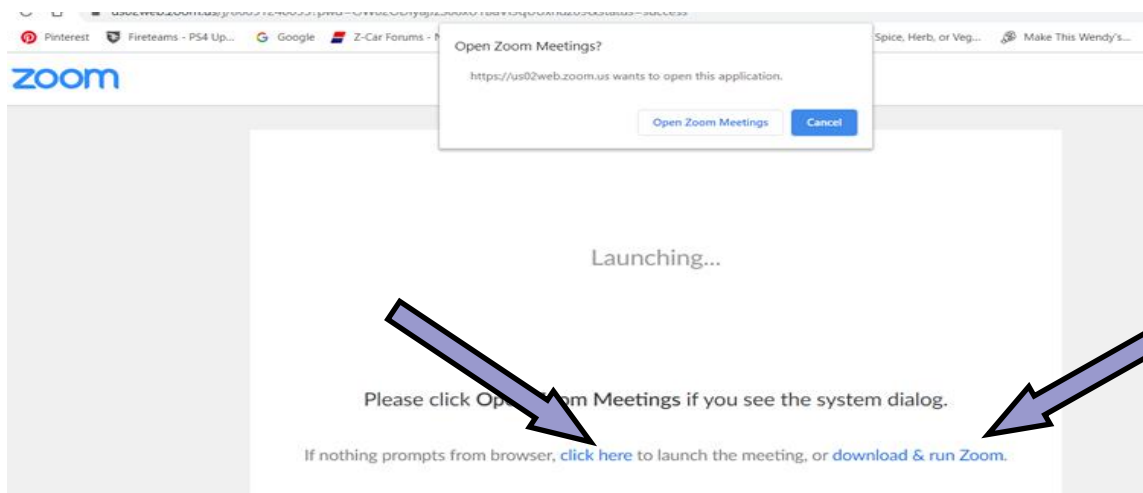
- Step 3: Go to the Barons Website and click where it says “**Click Here to Enter Meeting**” on the April post (or the link that is in the newsletter) Please also note the meeting password **Beer Rocks**.



- Step 4: Click where it says open Zoom Meetings



- Possible Step 5: If it doesn't run you might have to launch a temporary browser or download and run/install Zoom



- If this doesn't work you can go to the Zoom website and sign in and then search for meeting ID 824 4574 2615 or call in

Letter from the Editor

Hello fellow Barons.

After talking to multiple members of our club, as well as friends and my fellow healthcare workers, it is apparent that there are many different opinions and level of comfort with the current pandemic. I know that there are some of you that are being cautious and still staying put regardless of the “re-opening” efforts. On the other hand, there are some of you that are ready to get out and start getting back to work and socializing and are disappointed with not having an in-person meeting again this month.

Please keep in mind that your board members are people too and have different levels of comfort. Some of our officers are comfortable with getting out more, but some live in households with high risk people or, are possibly at risk themselves. It takes a lot of planning, organizing and work from our board to put together our general meetings. With the changes that will be required to keep our members safe it will take all of our officer’s and/or other volunteers to accommodate the CDC and reopening guidelines. As we don’t expect our members to attend meetings if they are not comfortable or at high risk, we cannot ask our officer’s to do so either.

Be assured that the board did not make this decision lightly. There were multiple conversations, emails and discussions regarding scenarios as the situation and recommendations were ever changing. We are hopeful that with careful planning that we will be able to gather again in July while still keeping our members safe. If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer to assist with upcoming meetings, I recommend that you attend the officer’s meeting or reach out to the officers at officers@beerbarons.org.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank Tom Nowalis for lining up the speakers these past several months and allowing us to continue our mission of providing educational content. While we couldn’t meet in person, having these nationally recognized guests has been a great opportunity for our club. In reality, we most likely would not have been able to have these guests otherwise. (Not to mention, you could participate in your pajamas on your couch and no one was the wiser!)

Thanks again for your support. Remember, if you have ideas on making the club better, take the survey if you have not done so, participate in the officer’s meeting, and consider running for the board next year.

Stay safe.

Hope to see you soon

Lori



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Treasurer Report

Happy Brewing Barons. Once again there is not a lot to report regarding the financial condition of the Club because there is little change from last month. Our club bank balance is \$12,687.14, as of 5/31/20. However, the officers did authorize 2 new jockey boxes (faucets, shanks, coolers, etc.), which will cost approximately \$1,000 (this will bring the club's balance to approximately \$11,687.14). Our Sergeant at Arms, Jason Otto, is currently ordering parts and will be assembling them in the near future. The 2 old jockey boxes weren't working as they are supposed to - faucets would leak, or wouldn't work at all, and it was really time to buy new. Hopefully the boxes will be ready for the first physical meeting we have.

In terms of membership, as of 5/31/20, we have 119 members.



Did You Know???



Question: Everyone knows that April showers bring May flowers, but what do Mayflowers bring?

Answer: Pilgrims

When you think of Pilgrims, what do you think of? Do you think of Thanksgiving, turkey, and sharing a meal with Native Americans? Do you think of beer? Well, did you know that if the Mayflower had been carrying more beer, it might never have landed at Plymouth Rock? Read on.

Based on several articles I have read, including an article by Susan Cheever, author of "Drinking in America: Our Secret Society", one of the reasons the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock was because they were short on their main hydration source – beer. Because water could be unsafe and make you very sick, passengers on the Mayflower mainly drank beer instead of water (the beer's alcohol content was low, but since it had been boiled, it wouldn't make you sick). Each person on the Mayflower was rationed 1 gallon of beer per day.

An entry in the diary of a Mayflower passenger explains the unplanned landing at Plymouth Rock: "We could not now take time for further search... our victuals being much spent, especially our beer..."

Perhaps you know someone who uses beer as their main hydration source. I know I do. The next time you drink a beer, give a toast to the Pilgrims!

Live Life & Enjoy Beer! PK



Thank you to *Michael Tonsmeire –
"The Mad Fermentationist"*
for his presentation at our May virtual meeting.
Thanks to all of the members that participated!



Interested in attending the next Officer's Meeting?

The Board meeting is open to all members! It's a great place to find out what's happening with the club while trying a new place to drink.

Next Officer's Meeting: Format/Location To Be Determined

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 - 7:00pm

Watch email and Facebook for updates.



For more info and events, check out the Barons Website:

WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG

Membership Renewal Options and Fees

Type	Description	Annual Dues	Meeting Fee per Meeting
Single – Regular	Membership for 1 person	\$20	\$10
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Family — 1 Gold	Membership for 2 people living in the same home—1 member with gold card	\$30 + \$80 Gold card = \$110	\$0 for Gold card member \$10 for regular member
Family — 2 Gold	Membership for 2 people living in the same home, both members gold card	\$30 + \$140 2 Gold cards = \$170	\$0
Guest	Non-member meeting fee	N/A	\$15

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Beer Barons - Code of Conduct

Our goal is to improve our members' knowledge of home brewing and its enjoyment.

Please show your respect and courtesy to the people you have elected to do the business of this club and the guest speakers that are graciously giving their time to come and put on a presentation for you by being **QUIET** during the meeting.

- 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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Someone *will* have the answer
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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, June 24: Virtual Monthly Meeting - 7:30 pm - Moonlight Meadery

Wednesday, July 1: Officer's Meeting @ TBD - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 22: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - Component Brewing

Wednesday, Aug 5: Officer's Meeting @ TBD - 7:00 pm

Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change

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