



The Monthly Publication of the Beer Barons of Milwaukee

October 2020 [www.beerbarons.org](http://www.beerbarons.org)

# BARON MIND



*Jeremy Wochnick  
from The Barrel Mill  
will be joining us to share information about  
their company and the art of coopering.*

*In addition, we will be sampling the results  
of our own  
Beer Baron Barrel Brewing Teams.*



***Be sure to RSVP if attending in person.  
See details inside and on our website.***

RSVP

Are you Attending this event?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

# RSVP Now!



## RSVP for the October General Meeting Here

Or on the link on our website

Problems with the link? Paste: <https://signup.com/go/aAhpKwq> into your browser.



## RSVP Here Before November 1, 2020 to indicate if you are attending Belgian Night November 18, 2020

Problems with the link? Paste: <https://signup.com/go/HpffKbY> into your browser.

## With Christmas right around the corner, RSVP Here for the Christmas Party December 16, 2020, Before December 1, 2020

Problems with the link? Paste: <https://signup.com/go/WjJtoSq> into your browser.



**You must reserve your place for in person attendance  
(yes, we have been meeting in person)  
to meetings due to the need to reserve beer and/or  
food.**

**Failure to do so may result in denial of admittance.**

## President's Letter

I VOTE for BUTTER!!

I love BUTTER on popcorn, noodles, steaks, burgers, pancakes - YUM!! But I don't want it in most of my BEERS. This year I developed an allergy to the Fiction Crusaders; as a result I have time to listen to things that could potentially make me a better brewer. Escarpment Labs out of Canada has been posting webinars on YouTube which have been very interesting. Did you know that you can simply test your beer at home to ensure that your beer will not have diacetyl/butter as an off flavor?

Check out this link to learn how:

<https://www.escarpmentlabs.com/single-post/2018/09/18/The-forced-diacetyl-test>

Back to VOTING, next month is nomination month with Voting being held at the December meeting (both in-person & virtually). I hope you ALL are ready to either "throw your name in the hat" or nominate someone.

In the meantime, I hope you all "attend" Barrel Night and enjoy an evening dedicated to barrels and what they contribute to beers.

Cheers,  
Rahshal

## Keg Stipend Policy Change

**Due to our reduced attendance at meetings and thus the reduced amount of beverages being consumed, we are temporarily changing our ingredient stipend for members bringing kegs to share.**

**If the attendance for the meeting is 50 or less, the stipend will be \$10, if over 50 people in attendance, it will be \$20.**

**As always, the stipend is valid for one keg per meeting. Additional kegs, while appreciated, will not receive additional stipends.**

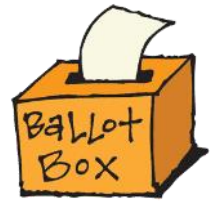
**We appreciate your understanding as we try to maintain the financial viability of our club to the best of our ability during this uncertain time.**



The officer's and esteemed members of the club met at Explorium Brewpub in Greendale for the October Officer's Meeting. Look for information in the Baron Mind where the next meeting will be held and join us.



# It's Election Time!



**Not to be left out from running an election ad, we want to remind you that the majority of the board members have served their maximum terms and will need their positions filled for 2021.**

**Nominations for the officer's position will be taken at the November meeting with the election taking place during the December meeting.**

**Below is a summary of the main duties of the officers. If you are interested in learning more about any of the positions, talk to one of the current officers, email us at [officers@beerbarons.org](mailto:officers@beerbarons.org), or check out the descriptions on the website [here](#).**

## ***This is an opportunity for you to get involved!***

Terms are for one year, (beginning in Jan) two consecutive terms maximum for a position.

- The President's duties include, but are not limited to:

Preside at membership and Board meetings, acting Chairman of the Board. Convene Board and special meetings as needed, appoint committee chairmen, be an ex-officio member of all committees, be responsible for the performance of all the officers of the association, be responsible for a yearly audit of the Treasurer's records

- The Vice President's duties include, but are not limited to:

Perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President during their absence or disability, be responsible for the general program of the association

- The Secretary's duties include, but are not limited to:

Keep complete and accurate minutes of Board and special meetings, maintain the official current roll of the membership, maintain copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, conduct official membership and Board correspondence as directed by the Board, send out notices of all meetings, elections and other official business as directed by the Board, publish and distribute the newsletter

- The Treasurer's duties include, but are not limited to:

Be responsible for all receipts and disbursements of the association, report such at the membership meetings, have all disbursements approved by the President or other authorized officers, keep a listing of paid-up members, i.e., of members in good standing

- The Sergeant At Arm's duties include, but are not limited to:

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

- The Members-At Large's duties are as assigned by the Board

Howdy Barons,

## Vice President's Update

I hope everybody is enjoying this wonderful Fall season. My fantasy football team is in great form this season and it reminds me of the fantasy draft that we did and never got to present...My fantasy beer turned out...not as great as I thought it would so I am looking forward to a do over next year (ahmen incoming V.P.) My time as VP for the club is winding down... I am really excited to see what other ideas you all have and what our next V.P. is going to have in store for us.

A big thank you to Josh Strupp for once again doing literally everything for barrel age night (short of brewing all the beers but his team will once again have a strong showing.) In addition to sampling the clubs brews, we are going to have a special guest join us. Jeremy Wochnick from the Barrel Mill will be joining us in person to discuss all things Barrel. He will be coming in from MN to speak to our club.

Next month is Belgian night. Please RSVP by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Belgians are in short supply this year due to supply chain disruption and we need to know how many people to plan for!

Cheers!  
Tom

### Zoom Meeting Log In Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85089127870?pwd=WXZDL1RkaTEwODhXMlpDVGIWRy9UZz09>

**Meeting ID: 850 8912 7870 Passcode: Beer Rocks**

**Or join by phone: 1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)**

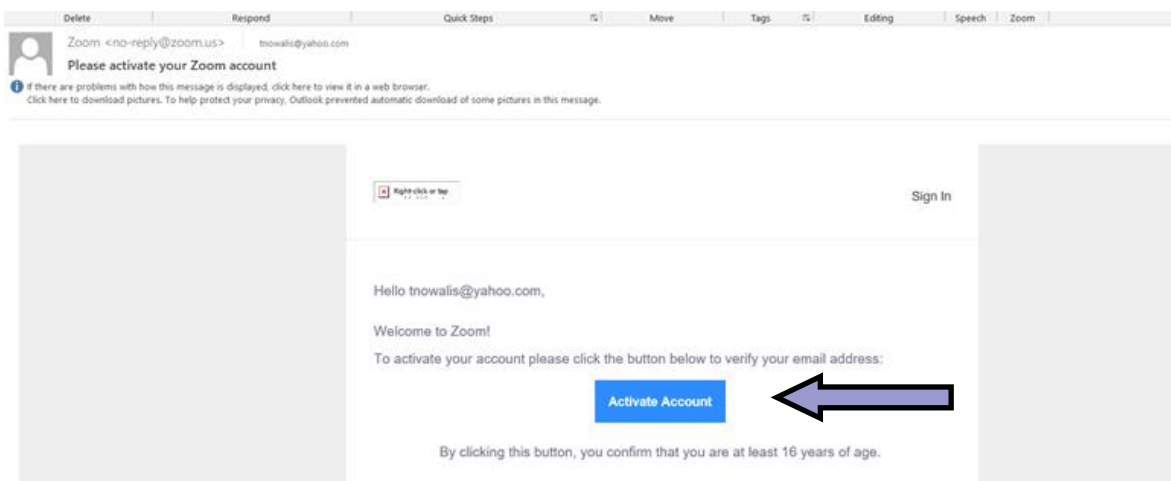
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### Instructions for Using Zoom

- 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.



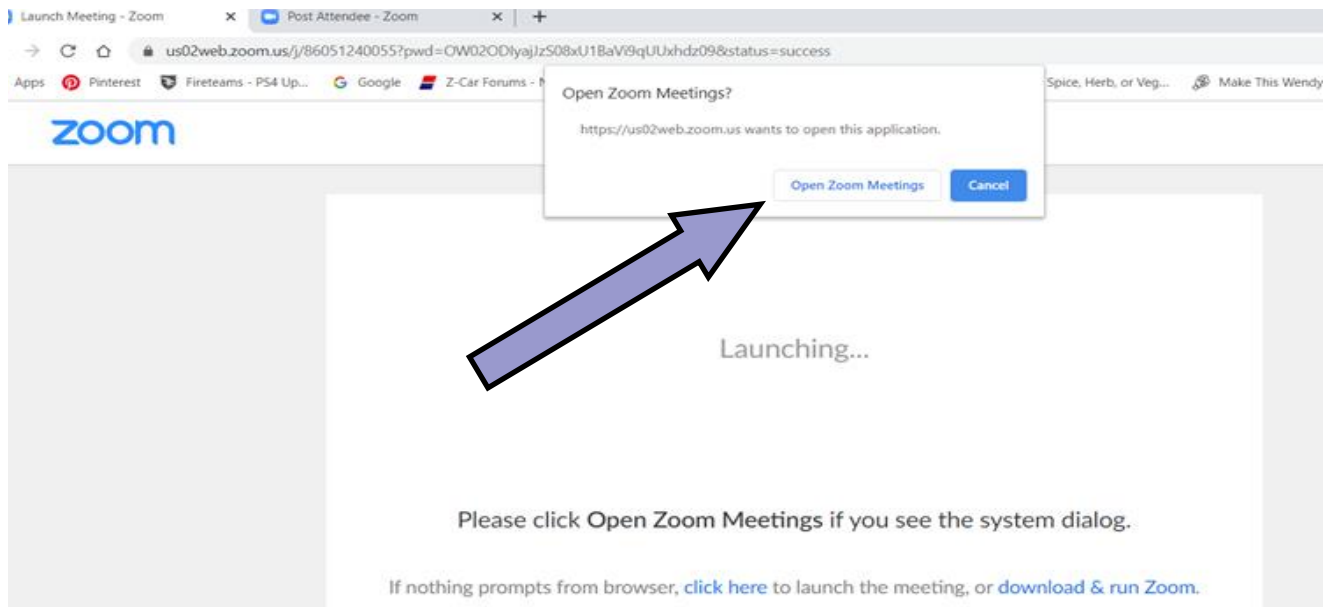
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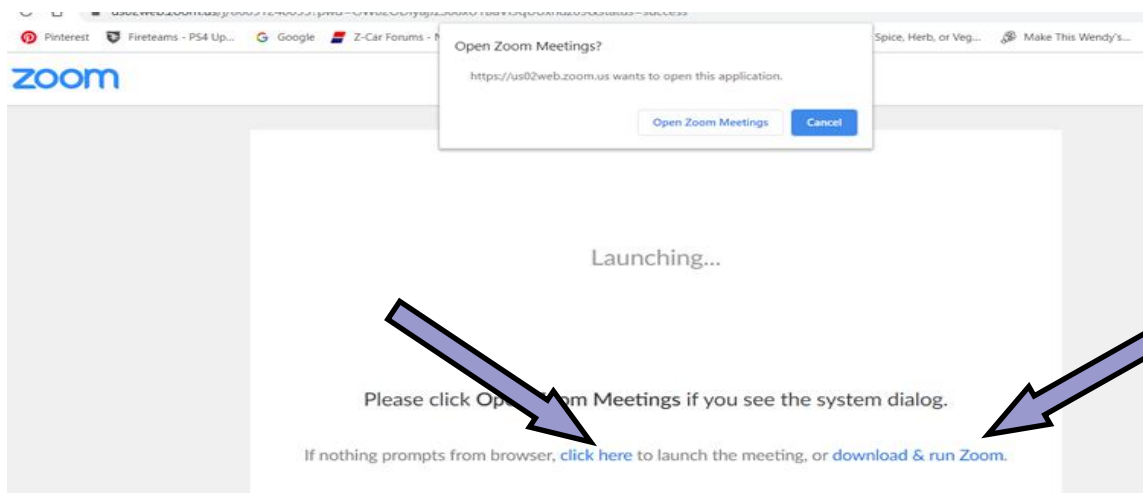
- Step 3: Go to the Barons Website and click where it says “**Click Here to Enter Meeting**” (or the link that is in the newsletter) Please also note the meeting password **Beer Rocks**.



- 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 the meeting using the ID or call in

# Important Things to Know For Attending the Meeting In Person

Upon arrival, you will have your temperature taken and will be asked to sign the waiver below that specifies the expectations and precautions we are taking to keep our members safe.

If you are unable or unwilling to meet the expectations, please join us remotely.

## Beer Barons Event Waiver

Things you should know before attending this Beer Barons of Milwaukee event.

The venue, Clifford's Supper Club in Hales Corners, WI has relocated tables to account for social distancing and are using commercial grade cleaners that kill viruses such as COVID 19.

- We ask that you leave tables in their current locations and do not move them

We the Beer Barons of Milwaukee have added the following measures to keep you and others attending as safe as possible.

- All attendees will be asked to enter through the banquet hall entrance – (located on the West side of the building).
- Upon entering your temperature will be taken and recorded on this waiver.
- PPE will be provided for attendees
- Disposable cups will be used for each pour at the Jockey Boxes. Jockey Boxes will be separated to encourage social distancing.
- Beverages on the Jockey Boxes will no longer be self-serve; a bartender/server will be present and will serve you at each Jockey Box.

By signing this Waiver, you agree not to hold the Beer Barons of Milwaukee responsible if your contract COVID19 or any other communicable disease. You also confirm that you do not have COVID19, are not ill and have not been in contact with someone who has COVID19.

\*If you participate in bottle shares you do so at your own risk.



## REMINDER

Due to the upcoming holidays-

The November general meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month (11/18) at 7:30 pm

The December general meeting will be held on the third Wednesday (12/16) of the month at 7:00 pm

# Treasurer Report

The club's bank balance is \$9,520.06, as of 9/30/20. However, there are 2 expenses for the September picnic that total approximately \$1,100 that have not yet been deducted from that balance. In addition, a \$270 check written to Sendiks (for the cheese and beer pairing we had at the September general meeting), has not yet been deducted from that balance, so the true balance is actually closer to \$8,150.

I hope you can join us on 10/28 for our general meeting, in which you will be able to share barrel-aged beers that your fellow beer baron members have created and brewed. In addition, Jeremy Wochnick, who is an individual from a cooperage located in central Minnesota called 'The Barrel Mill', will be joining us in person. 'The Barrel Mill' makes different size oak barrels (5, 10, 15, 30 & 53 gallons) for distilled spirits to age in. One of their customers is FEW Distillery, located in Evanston, IL. This is the distillery that our club obtained barrels from. So if the barrels that we used for the barrel-aged beers that you will be drinking could talk, they would tell you that they were made at "The Barrel Mill", purchased by FEW Distillery to age their rye whiskey, bourbon, or gin, and then purchased by our club to age the high ABV beer creations that you hopefully will be enjoying. What will the barrels be used for next – perhaps furniture, more beer aging, or an oak cabinet?

In terms of membership, we currently have 128 members.



## Did You Know???



Let's talk about everyone's favorite subject – Blueberry Beers. Have you ever had one? Which brewery makes your favorite one? I really never thought about blueberry beer until last July, when I went to Tribute Brewing in Eagle River, WI. Since I have never been there before, I made it a point to try several of their flights so that I could get a good sense of what they had to offer. Even though I was told that their 'Blueberry Train Wheat Ale' was their best seller, I purposely refrained from trying it till my last 5 oz pour because it just didn't sound impressive to me. I mean I do like blueberry pie, or a nice blueberry muffin, but why would you want to put blueberries in beer? After tasting it, I have to say that my initial thoughts were dead wrong – I, in fact, liked it. I thought that the blueberry flavor wasn't overpowering, and I could still taste the base American wheat beer underneath. I thought that two flavors paired nicely together.

Since I was pleasantly surprised by this beer, I now had to try other blueberry beers. I tried Sea Dog Brewing Co's (brewed in Maine) 'Bluepaw Wheat Ale'. I also tried Fox River Brewing Co's (located in Oshkosh, WI) 'Blu Bobber'. In terms of blueberry flavor, I thought the strongest was Sea Dog, then Tribute, and then Fox River. My favorite of the 3 was Tribute's, 'Blueberry Train Wheat Ale', but Sea Dog's creation was a close second.

Now that I tried blueberry beer and liked it, I of course, now had to brew it. Thus, on 10/02/20, I brewed 10 gallons of it, and I am calling it – 'BAWA', which either stands for 'Blueberry American Wheat Ale', or perhaps 'Bad A\_\_ Wheat Ale' with blueberries. I haven't decided which one yet. Here's hoping it turns out like the inspiration beer that I am trying to clone – 'Blueberry Train Wheat Ale'. All aboard!

Live Life, & Enjoy Beer!

PK



# BAWA





***Thank you to Katlyn Ramey from Sendik's for guiding us through a great pairing of beer and cheese!***



***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: New Berlin Ale House**

16000 W Cleveland Ave New Berlin, WI

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020 - 7:00pm**



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

**[WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG](http://WWW.BEERBARONS.ORG)**

# Membership Renewal Options and Fees

Type	Description	Annual Dues	Meeting Fee per Meeting
Single – Regular	Membership for 1 person	\$20	\$10
Single — Gold	Membership and Gold card for one person	\$20 + \$80 Gold card = \$100	\$0
Family — Regular	Membership for 2 people living in the same home	\$30	\$10 per person
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

## To Pay Online:

- Go to [www.Beerbarons.org](http://www.Beerbarons.org)
- Click on the shopping cart icon in the upper left corner to be directed to the membership renewal page

## 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)

NO guns or weapons of any kind allowed in the meeting  
NO SMOKING allowed in the building

Listen - Learn - Ask questions  
Someone *will* have the answer  
Enjoy the meeting & guest speakers



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Midwinter Brewfest: [twitter.com/MidwinterHBC](https://twitter.com/MidwinterHBC)  
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For more info  
[www.beerbarons.org](http://www.beerbarons.org)

### UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesday, Oct 28** Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - Barrel Mill/Barrel Night

**Wednesday, Nov 4:** Officer's Meeting @ New Berlin Ale House- 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, Nov 18:** Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - Belgian Night/Officer Nominations

**Wednesday, Dec 2:** Officer's Meeting @ TBD - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, Dec 16 :** Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:00 pm - Holiday Party/Officer Elections

**Wednesday, Jan 6:** Officer's Meeting @ Benno's- 7:00 pm

*Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change*



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