



The Monthly Publication of the Beer Barons of Milwaukee

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BARON MIND

Belgian Night



If you did not RSVP to attend Belgian Night in-person, you can still join us virtually. Don't miss out on announcements, officer nominations and "seeing" your fellow members. Use the link on the website or in the newsletter.

RSVP Now!

RSVP Here

before December 1, 2020

**to attend the annual Christmas party
December 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm**



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

Can't attend the November or December meeting in person?

Join us remotely to participate in nominations and voting for new officers.

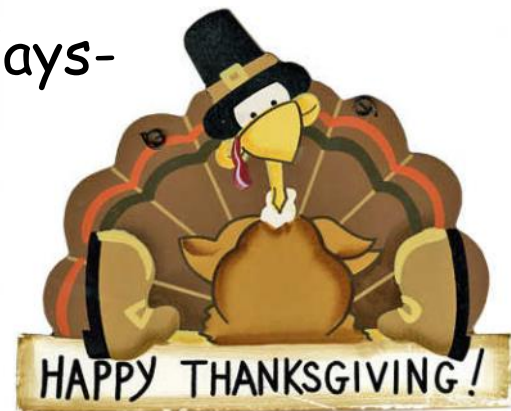


REMINDER

Due to the upcoming holidays-

The November general meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month

November 18th at 7:30 pm



The December general meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month

December 16th at 7:00 pm

President's Letter

Ahhhhhhh TOYS

Do you remember being a kid, spending hours flipping through department store catalogs, looking at all the COOL TOYS? Circling the items you wanted, making a list or dog earring the pages? Dreaming of those toys you couldn't live without. What new brewing or fermenting toys are YOU dreaming about? The Grainfather G30 or perhaps the much larger G70? Maybe the Spike Flex Fermenter, a keggling system, or a fancy GrowlerWerks growler. Or maybe a stocking filled with all the latest hops or a few buckets of varietal honey. Whichever item or items you wish for, I hope Santa is VERY GOOD to you and brings you whatever your little heart desires.

In the meantime, we get to feel like 'kids' at Belgian Night-*well drinking age kids.* ;) tasting beers that we may not get to drink otherwise.

Be well & Cheers,
Rahshal

PS. There may be a Milwaukee Pretzel in the future of those who attend the meeting in-person. Wink Wink

PSS. We will be accepting nominations for 2021 Officers at this meeting. Those yummy Belgian Beers will remain capped, until each position has at least one nominee. ;)

Thank you!!

Thanks to all of the members and teams that participated in this year's barrel project.

The results were outstanding!



Josh Strupp/Paul Karcher/Jason Rohloff

Brian Marsh/Mike Schaeffen

Tom Nowalis

Jayne Nawrocki/Mike Schwartz

Josh Strupp/Spike Brewing/Paul Karcher

J.D. Blythin/Renee Weinberger

Dave Hardeman





It's Election Time!



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.

For more details, visit Article III in the Beer Barons of Milwaukee constitution, found on our website:

<https://beerbarons.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/constitution.pdf>

Or, feel free to stop one of the current officers to learn more about what they do.

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

Vice President's Update

Howdy Barons-

I hope everybody enjoyed our Indian Summer in November. I used the warm-up as an excuse to finish off the last of my Summer beers. Now pretty much all I have left is the darker stuff so, bring on the cold!!! I am excited for Belgian night; we are going to have a mix of imported and domestic Belgian style beers ranging from wit beers to lambics to strong ales to quads. It's a good thing I placed the order when I did because I heard from Beechwood that the importer they use for Belgians has filed bankruptcy recently. If you are attending virtually and would like to follow along, I am going to email you a list of the beers being served. You might want to check out Discount Liquor, Otto's, or Total Wine to find what we are serving.

As my Vice Presidency comes to an end, I think about the wonderful experiences I have had. I got to know some brewers and brewery owners on a first name basis, get behind the scenes VIP treatment from them, take in ideas from the club and execute. It really has been fun (even with the challenge of COVID) and the ideas for meetings are literally endless. I really hope that some of you seriously consider running for Officer, many of you have great ideas and the club needs you! We will be taking nominations in November. If anybody is interested in learning about the VP role just send me an email or ask me at the meeting.

Cheers,
Tom

Zoom Meeting Log In Information

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83705296749?pwd=UoMyVVo2LzBXQXVSboE2NEJTaUJCQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 0529 6749 Passcode: Beer Rocks

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

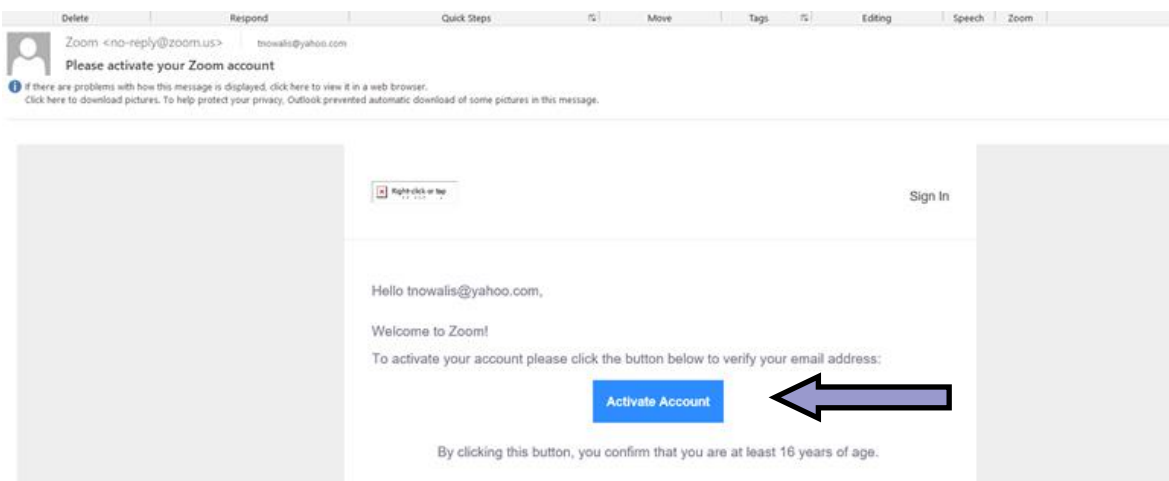
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Instructions for Using Zoom

- Step 1: Register for Zoom (it's free) <https://uso2web.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.



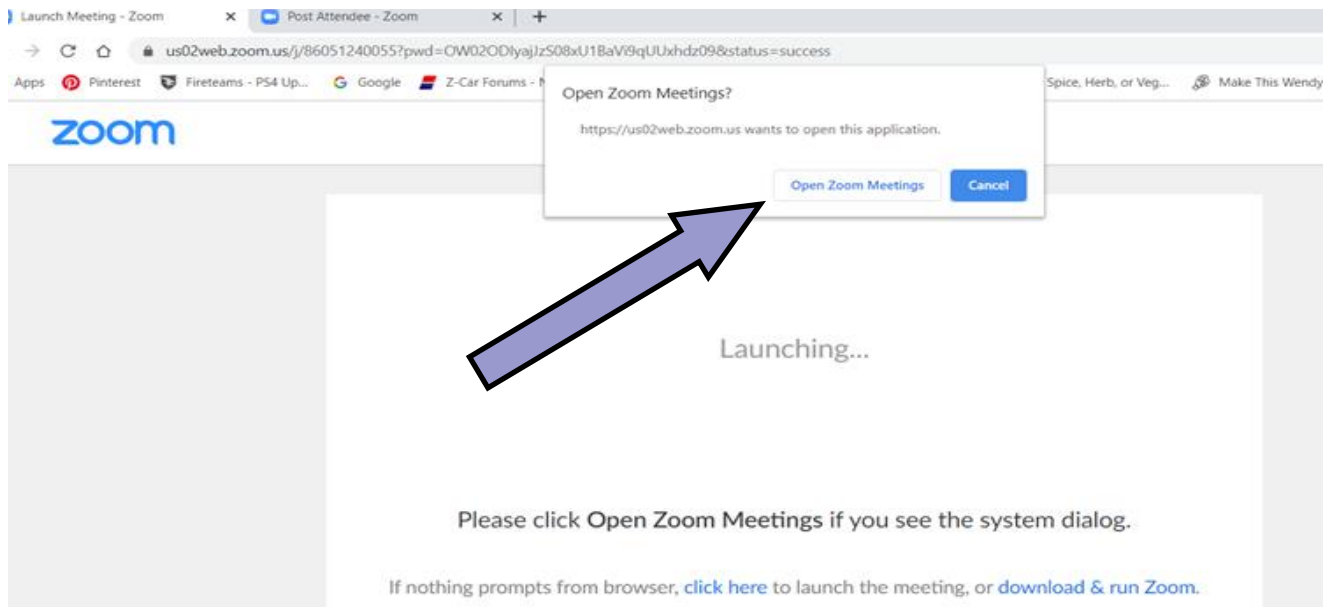
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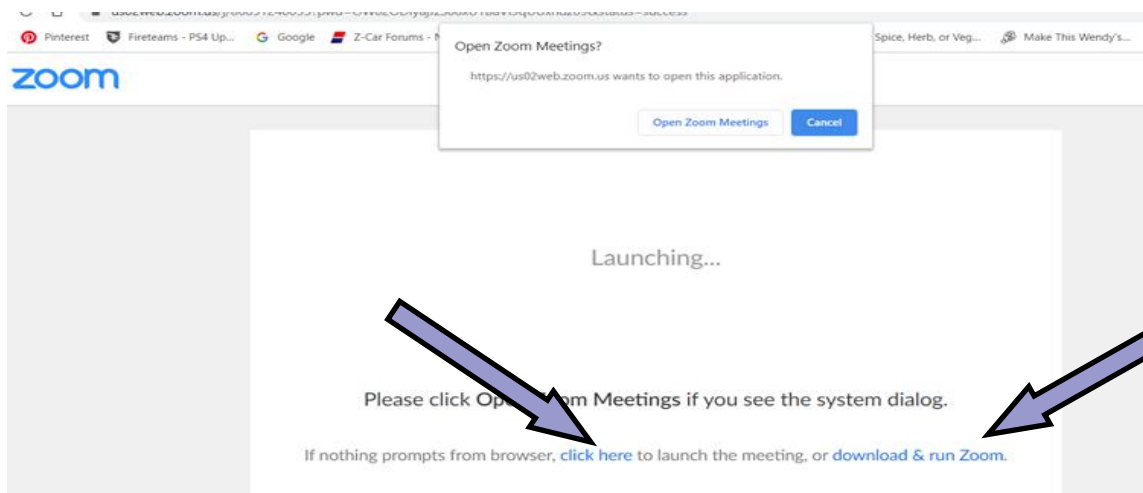
- Step 3: Go to the Barons Website and click where it says “**Click Here to Enter Meeting**” (or the link that is in the newsletter) Please also note the meeting password **Beer Rocks**.



- 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.

Treasurer Report

Our club's bank balance is \$8,074.69, as of 10/31/20. If you compare that balance to 1 year ago, we have approximately \$1,200 less (the 10/31/19 bank balance was \$9,228.20). Please note that our balance is quite healthy, and financially our club is in really good shape; however, the pandemic has been affecting us. Every month since March 2020, our bank balance has been going down, and the main reason is attendance (regular member and guest attendance). Let me illustrate it here:

	<u>2019 Attendance</u>	<u>Meeting Fee</u>	<u>\$ Collected at Meeting</u>
Reg Members (Avg)	29	\$10	\$290
Guests (Avg)	5	\$15	\$75
			\$365 Avg Collected per Meeting

	<u>2020 Attendance</u>	<u>Meeting Fee</u>	<u>\$ Collected at Meeting</u>
Reg Members (Avg)	7	\$10	\$70
Guests (Avg)	2	\$15	\$30
			\$100 Avg Collected per Meeting

As you can see, on average, we are collecting \$265 less per meeting this year, compared to last year. There is no need to be alarmed, and as I stated above, a \$8k bank balance is actually quite healthy; however, I wanted to provide an update regarding how the pandemic is affecting our club.

In terms of membership, we currently have 128 members. This is 34 less members than last year at this time (we had 162 members on 10/31/19).



Did You Know???



Milwaukee Beer Related News:

Gathering Place Brewing Co. will be opening up a second brewery and taproom in Bay View sometime in 2021. The address of the new location is 2160 S. KK and will be inside the Flour & Feed food hall and marketplace. Their main location in Riverwest, located at 811 E. Vienna Ave, is about 1 block from Spike Brewing, where our club has held brewing sessions in the past.

The founder and President of the *Gathering Place*, Joe Yeado, spoke at our general meeting in May 2019.

Explorium Brewpub opened up another location in the Third Ward in September. It is located at 143 W. St Paul in the Pritzlaff Building.

The founder of the *Explorium Brewpub*, Mike Doble, spoke at our general meeting in February 2018.

Lakefront Brewery is offering "Date Night in the Chalet", which they are marketing as a romantic meal for 2 in Bernie Brewer's Original Chalet overlooking their fermenters. This is the original chalet that Bernie Brewer used to stand in at County Stadium. Reservations are \$20 for 2 people for 90 minutes, but includes a minimum spend amount. On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays the minimum spend amount is \$65, and on Monday through Thursday, the minimum spend amount is \$50.

Their website says this is sold out until 2021, but you can book into 2021.

Live Life, & Enjoy Beer!
PK





A great big "Thank You" to Jeremy Wochnick from The Barrel Mill for coming from MN to join us at our October meeting!



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: Private Residence
Please call 414 949-1303 to RSVP and for address

Wednesday, December 7, 2020 - 7:00pm



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
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
- 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
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UPCOMING BEER BARONS MEETINGS, EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Wednesday, Dec 2: Officer's Meeting @ Private Residence- 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

Wednesday, Jan 27: Monthly Meeting @ Clifford's - 7:30 pm - Swap meet/TBD

Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change

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