



The Monthly Publication of the Beer Barons of Milwaukee

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

# BARON MIND

## Christmas Party!



If you did not RSVP to attend the Christmas Party in-person, you can still join us virtually. Don't miss out on announcements, officer elections and "seeing" your fellow members.



## REMINDER

The December general meeting and Christmas Party will be held on December 16th at 7:00 pm

Due to the current COVID restrictions, Clifford's has requested that we do not have our usual "potluck" buffet table. If you bring something to share at your table, do so at your own risk.



Don't take your chances on getting a bum gift for Christmas, take a chance on winning a Spike Fermenter (and other great opportunities)!! Remember.....cash only.



**A participant from October's barrel project was inadvertently omitted in last month's Baron Mind. Apologizes for the oversight.**

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

J.D. Blythin/Renee Weinberger/Evan Feree

Josh Strupp/Paul Karcher/Jason Rohloff

Brian Marsh/Mike Schaeffen

Tom Nowalis

Jayne Nawrocki/Mike Schwartz

Josh Strupp/Spike Brewing/Paul Karcher

Dave Hardeman

# President's Letter

WOW! The last 2 years went really fast. First I would like to thank my fellow board members for all their hard work. Being a board member takes time and I truly appreciate all your efforts. Thank you Tom for all your ideas, diligence, perseverance, and execution of meeting topics and content. I can't say I had a favorite, because I loved the variety. Thanks too for turning on a dime when we were bound by "safer at home".

Have you ever seen a more picturesque, informative and helpful newsletter? I think NOT! All the step-by-step cheat sheets were a BIG help and are time consuming to put together. Lori thanks sooo much for being our scribe and newsletter extraordinaire. Scrapbooking your way through 2 years of activities, events and meetings.

Paul without your thoroughness and accuracy we would be in a heap of trouble. Most members don't know that although we are one club, our large events each have their own bank accounts. Fun times for our treasure. Finances aside there's all our members to keep straight as well as pay the bills. Thanks so much for keeping everything in order.

Now Jason, thanks for keeping track and in working order what I call our "life line"- our Jockey Boxes. Under normal circumstances those jockey boxes and their tool kits are traveling around the Milwaukee Metropolitan area by hand off of members who were pouring at events. Boxes that could have been lost in the scuffle if not under your watchful eye. Thanks for your craftsmanship of our not 1 but 2 shiny new Jockey Boxes. You are the person everyone wants to see first and the one person no one wants to leave at general meetings.

To Robert and Johnny O thanks for being there and supporting us and the club as needed; and for providing much needed comic relief.

And last, but certainly not least, thank YOU- our members for playing along, for your feedback and for putting up with me. ;) Collectively you made me a better brewer!

May all of you have a Blessed Christmas, Happy & Healthy New Year and may Santa bring you your favorite beer and brewing toys,

Cheers  
Rahshal

Did you get some new equipment for Christmas and want to purge your old stuff?  
Changing over your equipment?  
Looking for some new gadgets?



Bring it in to the January meeting for a  
**Swap Meet**



Shopping before the meeting at  
7:00pm and during social hour

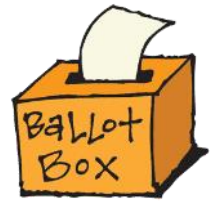
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and at your own risk.







# It's Election Time!



**Nominations for the officer's position were 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. See current nominees on the following page.**

**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>**

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

- 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

# And the nominees are.....

**Currently the following nominations have been made for officer positions for 2021. Remember, all positions need to be filled. If you would like to have your name added to the ballot for the upcoming election at the December meeting, please contact [officers@beerbarons.org](mailto:officers@beerbarons.org)**



<b>President</b>	-	<b>Matt Kuenzi</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	-	<b>Tim Minger</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	-	<b>Ray Albarelli</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	-	<b>Mike Andes</b>
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	-	<b>NOMINEE STILL NEEDED</b>
<b>Members at Large</b>	-	<b>Robert Hansen</b>
		<b>John O'Brien</b>



To say the past year has been challenging is truly an understatement...for us as individuals, families and as a club. I want to acknowledge my fellow board members for pulling together and keeping our club moving forward. The fact that we only cancelled one meeting and were able to present content whether virtually, in person or in combination for the remainder of the year is truly impressive. However, as has been stated in the treasurer reports, we have been experiencing negative cash flow during this time. We are still financially sound at this time, but the future of the club really is in your hands.

Whether you have been attending virtually, in person or have tried both, remember that the club cannot continue without its members. If you have felt comfortable attending the meetings in person, we are still in need of nominees for next year's board members, especially the sergeant at arms position. Please consider volunteering (the meetings will not be the same if we don't have a jockey box!). It is a great opportunity to get involved, perhaps learn something and get to know your fellow members better.

If you are not comfortable with attending in person, I hope you are taking advantage of attending virtually to keep in touch with club activities and your fellow members. Either way, please remember that the club has been here for you, so please do not forget to renew your membership or join again if you let your membership lapse. If we cannot maintain the leadership of board members and membership as a whole, we will not be able to sustain our wonderful club.

I wish you and your families a safe, healthy, holiday season and hope to see you soon!

Lori McDonald - Secretary

*Merry  
Christmas.*  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# Vice President's Update

Howdy Barons,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you as V.P. over the past two years. I would like to give a shout out to my other board members as well. It has been fun serving with you and getting to know you all.

When I decided to run as V.P. my ultimate goal was to get to know the club members a bit better. I only knew the table that I sat with every month. Through the the officer position I was able to gain new friendships and learn valuable experience about being an officer of an organization. I will work hard to ensure a smooth transition for the new V.P. and I encourage anybody who wants to get to know more people in the club to think about an officer position.

Also, thank you to all the club members for all the great ideas and setting me up for success.

Cheers  
Tom

## Zoom Meeting Log In Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89530963989?pwd=WXo2dXJ2dUpBMHNpMC9vWmNPZ2NPQT09>

**Meeting ID: 895 3096 3989 Passcode: BeerRocks**

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

**Meeting ID: 895 3096 3989 Passcode: 411144156**

## Instructions for Using Zoom

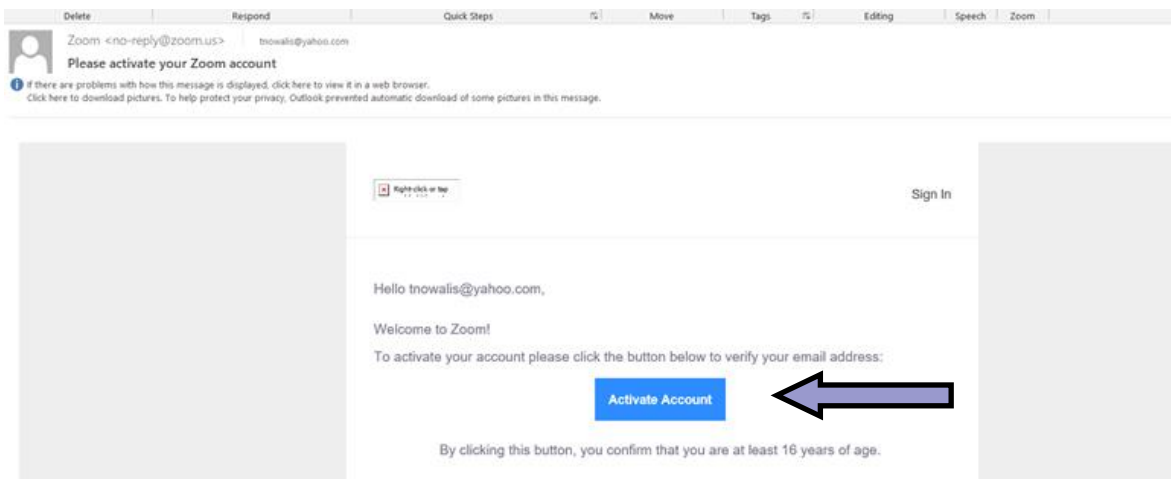
- Step 1: Register for Zoom (it's free) <https://us02web.zoom.us/signup> - You will need your age & email address



For verification, please confirm your date of birth.

Months  Day  Year

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



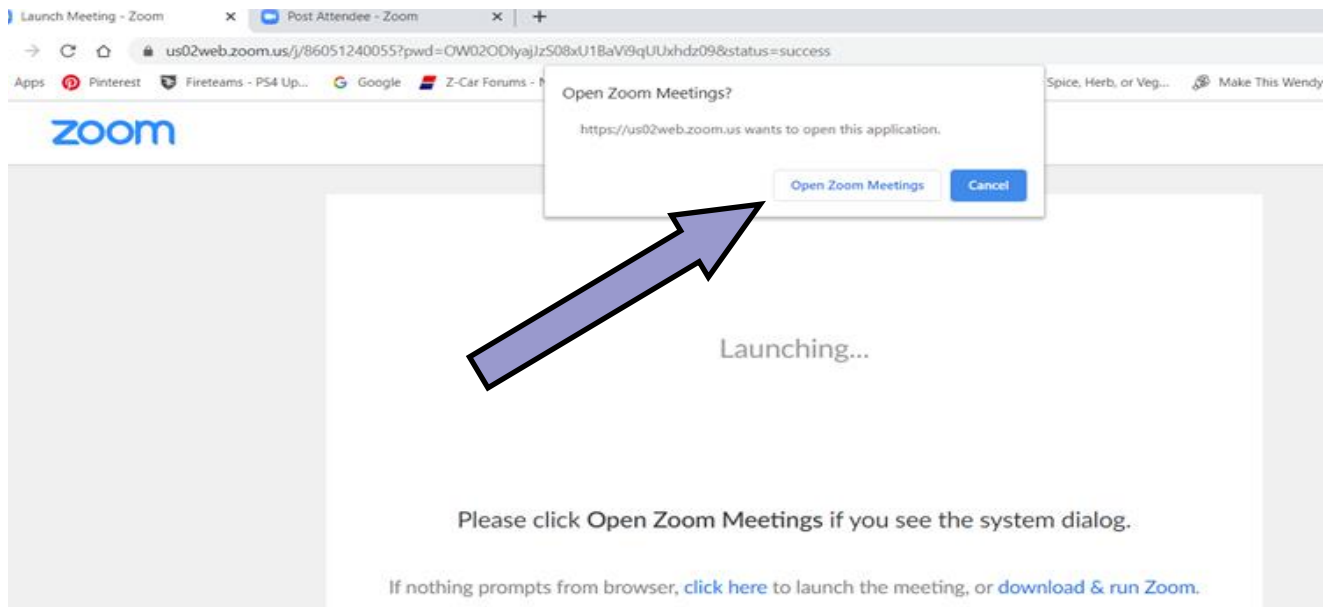
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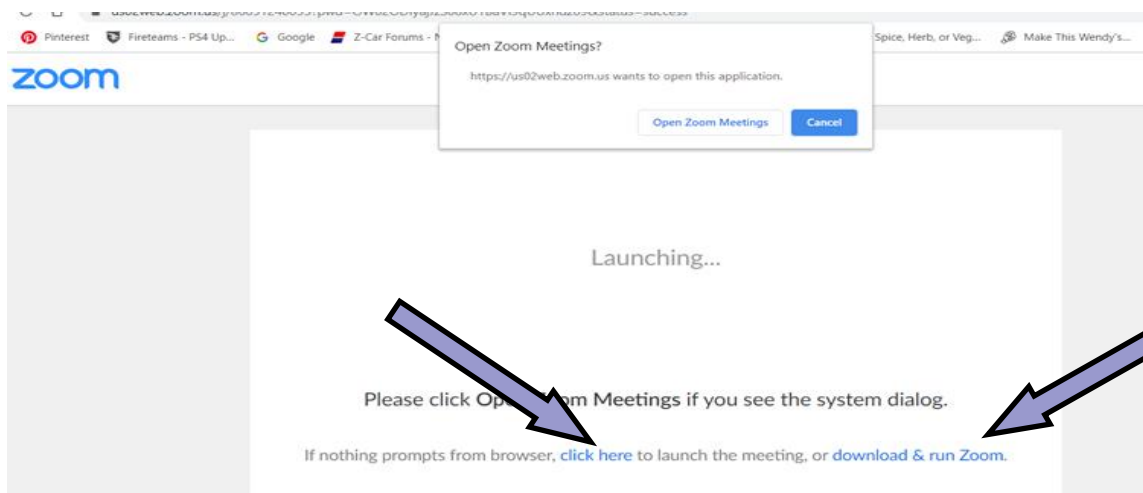
- Step 3: Go to the Barons Website and click where it says “**Click Here to Enter Meeting**” (or the link that is in the newsletter) Please also note the meeting password **Beer Rocks**.



- 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 you 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 \$7,909.44, as of 11/30/20. However, there is a \$851.90 check that has not been cashed yet (for the Belgian beers for the November General meeting); thus, our balance is closer to \$7,060. If you compare this balance to our balance 1 year ago, we have approximately \$2k less; however, as I have been pointing out in the past, this is a healthy balance.

There has been no change in membership since I reported it last month. We currently have 128 members. We had 28 total people attend our November general meeting (Belgian night) consisting of 21 gold members and 7 regular members.

I enjoyed my time serving you as treasurer, and I got to know many of you that I might not have otherwise. With that said, I am looking forward to showing the new treasurer the ropes. When I started as treasurer on 1/01/19, our club's bank balance was \$6,580, and as I am leaving, I am predicting that after paying for the December Christmas party, our end of year balance will be \$5,800, which is about \$800 less than 2 years ago. The important thing is that the new board members will have a healthy financial balance to start 2021!



## Did You Know???



For my very last 'Did You Know', I thought I would give a shout out to all the former treasurers of the club, and thank them for their service to our great club. Kudos to:



<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Tenure</u>
Gary Lavota	Jan 1990 – Dec. 1992	3 Years
Scott Lord	Jan 1993 – Dec. 1993	1 Year
Bill Myers	Jan 1994 – Dec. 1995	2 Years
Dave Van Der Wegan	Jan 1996 – Dec. 1997	2 Years
Mark Goerke	Jan 1998 – Dec. 1999	2 Years
Dave Van Der Wegan	Jan 2000 – Dec. 2000	1 Year (3 Years Total)
Mike Rice	Jan 2001 – Dec. 2001	1 Year
Rich Binkowski	Jan 2002 – Dec. 2003	2 Years
Richard McKagan	Jan 2004 – Dec. 2005	2 Years
Kelly Kramer	Jan 2006 – Dec. 2006	1 Year
Gary Metzger	Jan 2007 – Dec. 2007	1 Year
Bruce Buerger	Jan 2008 – Dec. 2009	2 Years
Brian Joas	Jan 2010 – Dec. 2011	2 Years
Joe Wichgers	Jan 2012 – Dec. 2013	2 Years
Patrick McHugh	Jan 2014 – Dec. 2015	2 Years
Jason Meyers	Jan 2016 – Dec. 2016	1 Year
Mike Borchert	Jan 2017 – Dec. 2018	2 Years
Paul Karcher	Jan 2019 – Dec. 2020	2 Years



(This list was created by reviewing prior 'Baron Mind' Newsletters and is believed to be accurate).

Live Life & Enjoy Beer!  
PK

# Belgian Night

Thanks Tom for  
a great night with great beers!



## 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: Benno's Bar and Grill**

**7413 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021 - 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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IO Group: <https://beerbaronsofmilwaukee.groups.io/g/BeerBaronsOfMilwaukee>

## 2020 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Rashal Kowal
Vice-President	Tom Nowalis
Treasurer	Paul Karcher
Secretary	Lori McDonald
Sergeant at Arms	Jason Otto
Member at Large	John O'Brien
Member at Large	Robert Hansen

Contact the Board via email at  
[officers@beerbarons.org](mailto:officers@beerbarons.org)

Or in writing at  
**Beer Barons of Milwaukee Cooperative**  
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5225 W Forest Home Ave,  
Greenfield

**Brews Wine and Spirits, 1256 Capitol Drive offers a 5% discount to Members**  
**Rock Bottom, 740 N. Plankinton offers a 10% discount on food to Members**  
**Milwaukee Ale House, 233 N. Water offers a 10% discount to Members**



**BIG thanks to Andy and Cheryl Hemken for allowing us to  
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For more info  
[www.beerbarons.org](http://www.beerbarons.org)

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

**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/Gadget Night

**Wednesday, Feb 3**: Officer's Meeting @ TBD - 7:00 pm

*Meeting Locations, Topics and Times Subject to Change*

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