



# BARON MIND



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## PRESIDENTS LETTER

I wanted to give a big shout out to Ron from Amorphic – I had a great time hearing about the process he not only uses to make beer, but that he has a process in place to try and rate his beer before it is even brewed (rated on Untappd). This month I'm looking forward to hosting Component Brewing as I've enjoyed quite a few of their beers. ***Just a friendly reminder that anyone who is planning on making any beers to submit for the picnic this year may want to start now (depending on style).***

One thing that came up at the Officer's meeting that I wanted to broadcast is we are in the process of printing off business cards once again for the Barons. That way when you are out and talking about us, if you grab some when they become available, you can hand out one of our cards. What has changed, and we owe a big thanks to Rahshal for her work and idea that whoever comes to check us out, gets their first meeting on us (she also made up a V1 of the business card too). I see this as a great way of getting new members in the door and the board agreed. We will have different colored business cards for member handouts, beer festivals, breweries/Northern Brewer, etc.

Finally, I wanted to recognize the members of our club that have gone out on their own and started YouTube channels and other resources online. I know a few of you have started a YouTube channel, so let us know your info at the next meeting please. I'd like to include your channels in our monthly newsletter as a resource for all of our brewers. Thanks everyone and see you at the meeting May 24<sup>th</sup>!

Joe Wichgers

## TREASURERS REPORT

Hi Barons

I am in California taking in the sun. The Alt beer is ready to go and I will bring it to the meeting. Because I don't have my info with me I will give the financial report at the meeting.

Cheers,

Robert Hansen

## VICE-PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Hi Everybody,

Ron from Amorphic was a blast last month! His methods for taking a scientific approach to beer design and his philosophy on the business side of the brewery were fascinating. I enjoyed learning from him and his beers were excellent. A big thanks to Ron for coming and be sure to stop by Amorphic if you're ever around Riverwest.

This month's meeting will feature Bayview's Component Brewing. They will be stopping by to talk with us about their "artfully (and scientifically) made craft beer, created with only the most essential ingredients – the "components" of a greater good!". Then next month, Omega Yeast will be coming to present on thiolized yeast and we will be sampling yeast parallel beers brewed by a few members.

Cheers!

Kyle



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The **Officers Board Meeting** in June will be on Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of June at **Ope! Brewing Co.** at 6751 W. National Avenue, in West Allis beginning at 7 pm. The meeting is open to all Barons members and usually only lasts an hour or less. If you have never been at Ope!, it is rather large and has a good beer list. They also have some pretty cool lights hanging above the bar. If you come down, check them out.



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**HEY BARONS, PLEASE KEEP THE NOISE & CONVERSATION DOWN DURING THE MEETING PROGRAM SO EVERYONE CAN HEAR THE PRESENTATION. ALSO, PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR TABLE BEFORE HEADING OUT.**

**THANK YOU FROM CLIFFORD'S AND THE BARONS BOARD.**



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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 stay.) 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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