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VICE-PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Hello Barons!

Last month's meeting with Jackson of Eagle Park went great! Some side news that happened after the meeting, Jackson agreed to host a wort rally in the October timeframe and we are actively working out the details now. If you have suggestions or requests for the base beer for this event, please let me know.

And for this coming meeting we have Rob Novak of the Old World Wisconsin brewing program. He will be talking about historic brewing as well as his process with some samples coming from their own system.

-Kyle-

PS: As mentioned at the last meeting, the code for a \$5 discount for your AHA membership (and a \$5 kickback for the club) is Beer-Barons-of-Milwaukee

Apr > Rob Novack of Old World Wisconsin's brewing program

May > Mead Night with our own Best in Show winner Jason Rohloff

Jun > Hop Butcher For The World (tentative)

Jul > 608 Brewing Company with owner and head brewer Phil Humphrey (tentative)

Aug > Fermentorium (tentative)

Sep > Cider Night with Cache Cider owner Ethan Keller

Oct > Barrel Night with Central Waters

Nov > Belgian Night with Supermoon

Dec > Christmas Party! (and elections)

****JASON ROHLOFF DOES IT AGAIN.**** He entered 4 meads into Operation Fermentation which was held in Texas & is one of the biggest beer/mead/cider competitions in Texas. This year there were 586 entries. He entered 4 meads, his 'Black to the Cran' Berry Mead took 2nd place in Berry Meads & 'Banana Rye' took 3rd in the Experimental Meads. His 'Black CherBerry' got a 48 but didn't medal.

TREASURERS REPORT

We have 96 Members and of those, 49 are gold members.

Last meeting we had 75 members in attendance including 2 new members, and 14 guests.

Thanks,

Rand



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From Sgt. John:

From time to time, various members borrow our serving equipment for events they are attending. Most of the time, I'm available to either drop off or attend in person. When I'm not part of the event, other members need to be responsible for the equipment. This is not unusual and has not been an issue the great majority of the time.

The Barons exhibited at the annual Food & Froth at the museum a couple of weeks ago. This was an event I did not attend in person. As of this writing (April 8), I still do not have all the equipment back. The jockey box covers and our 2 black utility buckets are still out, and we have two events coming up before the next general meeting.

Of greater concern is the condition of the large gas tank. It must have been dropped or fallen because the handle and stem are damaged. I normally get things back in a timely fashion, and in good condition. If you are responsible for our equipment, it is your duty to get all of it back on time and in the same condition you got it in other words, fix it before returning it or tell someone on the board so it can get fixed in a timely manner **before** it is needed again.

Again, this is not normally an issue. Let's be sure the current situation is a "one-off."

John Bowen

BIG thanks to Andy and Cheryl Hemken for allowing us to store our club trailer on their land at:

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Cheryl came along for the ride.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Hello Barons! We are continuing to advertise our monthly meetings on Facebook. Make sure you like the event posting and change the status to attending. Liking our events and posts will help us grow our Facebook presence and club membership. We also have a new Instagram account! Make sure you follow us on Instagram!

Our Jockey Boxes are getting pretty full at our meetings! To make sure we do not run out of taps, there is a new Meeting Tap Reservation item in the website store where you can also purchase your memberships. It is a free item to add to the cart and you can tell what you will be bringing - in the notes section of the checkout page. Tap priority will be given to those who make a reservation.

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We are looking to get a headcount to purchase tickets for the Great Taste of the Midwest August 10th, 2024 Olin Park | Madison, WI 1:00-6:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$70. The club will need to order a minimum of 15 tickets. Please go to our website store to make your reservation. We will contact you for payment at a later date if we have enough interest for this event.

Cheers!

Andrew Grove

NEED BREWING SUPPLIES?

YEAST HOPS GRAINS MEAD CIDER BOTTLES

A new Home Brew Supply store has opened up recently in the New Berlin area called **TRUEBRU HOMEBREW SUPPLIES**

They are located at 14260 West National Avenue, New Berlin, WI 53151. You can call or text to 262-788-0944 or email sales@trubru.com. Or just stop in, say Hi and make your purchase. Their Website is www.Truebru.com. The owners are Ryan Schram & Tyler Wallace, 2 great guys with the same interests as the rest of us.

KENOSHA BEER FEST: Per John Bowen, it was a very good show with lots of interest in our beers. The Barons would like to thank Terry & Lori McDonald, Andrew Grove and John who volunteered to work this festival. Also to all members who gave of their beers for others to try.

MAY OFFICERS MEETING

The next Officer's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at Vennture Brewing, 5519 W. North Avenue, in Milwaukee beginning at 7 pm. All members are welcome to attend. They always have some great beers there. They also have coffee if you prefer. Great place.



BLESSING OF THE BOCK

Thanks go out to Terry & Lori McDonald for pulling together the Blessing of the Bock on such short notice and to John Bowen & Tim Rupnow for helping serve. There were 7 different beers, ciders and meads. **Terry did take 2nd place at the Blessing for his Doppelbock for which we congratulate him.** It was well attended, and our table was always crowded. Tim Eichinger of Black Husky did a good job of making this show happen on short notice after Whispering Jeff passed away. Brother Tim (Klisch) of Lakefront Brewery gave a nice toast to Jeff along with the Bock blessing to start this event.

TIM RUPNOW

PRETZELS & BREW

A gentleman by the name of Blane Swanson contacted the Beer Barons and stated that he saw us at the Fond Du Lac Brewfest. He is promoting Pretzel City Brewfest to be held on September 28th and would like the Barons to attend as one of their home brew clubs. There will be more information to come. This means we will need a few beers to take along and would appreciate any samples to take along.

BIG BREW DAY WITH BELLE CITY BREWERS

Dear Brewers,

I am emailing to invite you and yours to join us for fun, refreshment, merriment on Big Brew day 2024 which is May the 4th.

I host a gathering each year at my shop where we set up the club bar, enjoy music, and brew and drink beer and any other refreshments anyone cares to bring.

It's not fancy, this shop hosts my contracting business so it's a workshop, no one cares if you spill.

Nice thing is that it has an old beat up trench drain!

The meeting is at 1903 Chicory Rd. in Racine and runs from 10am until 6pm.

Come out if you can and join us for some camaraderie.

Best regards,

Scott Goebel

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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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