

CHGA Board Meeting

Location: CAES Windsor, 153 Cook Hill Road, Windsor, CT

Date: 4/26/17

Attendees: Robert Bahre, Alex DeFrancesco, Matt DiSciaccia, Alan Fenrow, Jim Gidicsin, Jim Lamondia, William Standish, Jeffrey Standish, Scott Burdick, Robby Bahre, Bill Ireland, Sally Ireland, Ryan Hannigan, Beth Couture, Patrick Klingman

6:05pm- Meeting Commenced

- Alex Gives Introduction
- Matt gives overview of Winter Quarterly minutes
 - Minutes are approved unanimously
- Matt gives Treasurer's report
- Smokedown Farm Tour Recap
 - 15 people attended
 - Everyone really enjoyed the tour
 - Dr. Shepherd gave a great overview of his practices
- Bylaws
 - Patrick gives intro and page-by-page overview
 - Nothing outstanding, pretty standard format
 - Clarifies that full members are the voting members
 - No Questions
 - Bylaws are unanimously approved and signed by President and Secretary
- June 17
 - Daytime event: presentations and hop pelletizer demonstrations
 - § 12pm-1pm registration, 1pm-4pm presentations, 4pm-5:30pm Tradeshow
 - Or tradeshow running throughout the day alongside presentations
 - § People generally need more training on moisture content in hops and how to bring them to hop-pelletizing facilities
 - § Nathan from Four Star Farms will give a seminar on drying and conditioning hops
 - § Steve Miller will give presentation on growing, harvesting, etc.
 - § Steve Schmidt will give presentation on hop yard setup
 - Will bring some equipment to show

- § Joel from UVM will give presentation on costs of setting up a hop yard
 - § CHGA will provide speakers with a hotel room for one night and a ticket to the beer pairing dinner
 - § Parking will be \$10 per member car and \$15 per non-member car
 - § Hop pelletizer demonstrations will take place between presentations
 - § Tradeshow to take place between demonstrations and dinner
 - \$10 to have a table
 - There will be equipment/plant suppliers as well as hop growers
 - Hop yard Alley
 - Growers at each table
 - Each grower will hand in a one-page info sheet beforehand for us to compile into folders to hand out to everyone
- Night time: Beer Pairing Dinner
 - § 5:30pm
 - § 4-course meal using local produce and each course paired with beer
 - § \$60/member and \$75/non-member for tickets
 - § Thimble Island Brewery will donate beer for the event
 - They will also explain each pairing with each course
 - § Alex knows a few caterers who will make the food
 - § George Krivda and Commissioner Reviczky love the idea
 - Dept. of Ag will advertise the event
 - § Dept. of Ag wants a CT beer trail, and this event will fundraise for it
- July 12th
 - Quarterly meeting at noon, followed by Summer Workshop at 1pm
 - Windsor, CT Ag Experiment Station
 - Jason will give seminar on financing
 - Dr. Lamondia will have a presentation on IPM
 - One or two other presentations TBD
 - Demonstrations outside
 - § Possibly hop harvester
- Katja recommends that we put our minutes and upcoming meeting info on the website
 - All agreed
- Farm Brewery Legislation
 - George Krivda spoke to Alex
 - It has passed in the House and is going to Senate
 - Should hopefully pass in Senate
 - Enables Farm brewery manufacturers permit

- Can produce up to 75,000 gallons of beer per year
- Can sell up to 7 liters per customer per day
- 1st year, must use 25% CT ingredients
- 2nd year, must use 50% CT ingredients
- Jim has a colleague in NY state, where similar legislation has passed. Some hops prices tripled, and people were buying.

- Fred Behringer is testing hops
 - He will have a table at the June 17th meeting
 - He may do a presentation at the July meeting
 - Currently we send hops to UVM and it would make a drastic difference to have testing in-state

- Alan is the Portland, CT Rep. on the Lower River Valley COG's Agricultural Council
 - They are putting on a workshop June 5, 2017
 - CHGA will advertise to mailing list

7:11pm- Adjourn