

## CHGA Board Meeting

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

Date: 10/12/2017

Attendees: Alex DeFrancesco, Matt DiSciacca, Jason Hoagland, Jeff Standish, Jim Lamondia, Alan Fenrow, Erick Olsen, Joshua Olsen, Jon Colin Daubon, Mark Arnett, Jake Baker, Randy Auclair, Jared Carroll, John Auclair, Wayne Budney, Nick Laskos, Douglas Sacks, Joseph Moon, Susan Pribyson, Jason Bloom, Brian Fink, Spencer Thrall, Patrick Klingman

4:59PM: Meeting Commenced

- Alex Gives Introduction
- Items added to agenda
  - Ag Station hops for sale
  - NEHA annual meeting
  - Hops on the CHGA website
  - BHA update
  - Beer Trail Update
  - Chad Meigs
- Matt gives overview of 7/12/2017 quarterly meeting minutes.
  - Approved unanimously
- Alex Recaps the seminars on 7/12/2017
  - Overall went very well with a strong turnout.
  - Pesticide credits helped boost attendance.
  - It was very nice to see the ag station data.
- Jason presents the Treasurer's Report
  - Still pending 501(C)-5 status
  - There have been no expenses since the last meeting
  - Treasurer's report approved unanimously
- Alex talks about the 2018 Annual Meeting
  - To take place January 13, 2018
  - There will be multiple educational seminars. Some possibilities:
    - § Nathan from Four Star Farms on drying hops
    - § Jim Lamondia on IPM and spraying programs
    - § Steve Miller

- § Chad Meigs on Hopyard setup troubleshooting
  - We should incentivize brewers to attend. Possibly cheaper admission or no admission fee
  - There will be a social hour with 30-40 test brews available for tasting, all made with CT-grown hops
  - Seminars to be followed by dinner
    - § Catering from John and Maria's again
    - § Uconn Extension grant cannot be used to purchase food
  - Jason gives overview of Uconn Extension grant
    - § \$1,000 towards cost of annual meeting
    - § Will not cover food costs
      - Jason will reallocate portion of grant that he budgeted towards food
    - § Jason will reach out to Joe Bonelli with RMA to ensure that this date works for them
- Mildew/IPM
  - Mildew has continued to be a problem
  - Jim Lamondia has done a great job with his IPM tests
  - Powdery Mildew is here now
- Drying and Baling
  - Do it right the first time
  - Many people are requesting to have this topic covered in a seminar
- Hops in the media
  - Many different growing styles
  - Educate the public
  - Let us know if there is a link you would like us to post to our website
- Ag Station Hops for sale
  - Brewers are very interested
  - Alex donated his time/services to pelletize the ag station hops
  - Selling these hops helps to fund the hop research
- NEHA meeting
  - First weekend in December
  - Friday is Researchers' meeting
  - Saturday is annual meeting
  - Lots of education and great opportunities for current and prospective hop growers

- Alex will attend. Steve Miller asked Alex to give an update presentation on CT hops
- Hops on CHGA Website
  - All CHGA members with hops for sale can list them on our website
  - If interested, send us what you have available and analysis info and contact info
- BHA Updates
  - Beer trials with brewers
    - § Still awaiting brewers to do time series trials
    - § BHA wants this conducted before moving further
  - Quarantine permits were granted in January 2017 and are good through at least 2019
- 2018 Beer Passport trail
  - Hoping to have things in place to start for summer 2018
- Co-op buying
  - Everyone that is interested in co-op buying from Schmidt Hops can let us know
  - When the email is sent to our master list about the NEHA meeting, we will include co-op buying info
- Spencer Thrall
  - Malting by Thanksgiving 2017
  - Would like to give a tour once facility is up and running
- Hops Survey
  - Will keep same format as last year, add area for grower number
- Brian Fink
  - Gives intro about Legal Food Hub
- BHA hops will likely be available for planting around 2020 or 2021

6:01- Meeting adjourned