

## CHGA Board Meeting

Location: Lockwood Farm, 890 Evergreen Ave, Hamden, CT

Date: 11/10/2016

Attendees: Patrick Klingman, Alex Defrancesco, Jason Hoagland, and Matthew DiSciaccia, Bill Ireland, Alan Fenrow, Scott Burdick, Joe Fydenkevez, Katja Maurer, Phil Hornig

6:10 PM

- Discussed and approved minutes from the 7/21/2016 Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
  - Checking account is set up with Key Bank
  - Jason Reported on account balance
- Website
  - Jason gives website overview
  - Awaiting pictures to add to website
  - Eventually a PayPal will be set up and there will be a link on the website to access and pay membership dues and make donations
  - Once we start having a quarterly newsletter, it will have a spot on the website
- Membership Dues
  - Agreed upon the two tiers of membership
    - § \$20 associate members, \$40 full members
  - At this point dues will not yet be collected as CHGA does not yet have the ability to offer much in return
  - Motion was made to add dues to the agenda for the annual meeting and motion was passed.
  - Will likely have dues sign-ups at February Quarterly meeting
- BHA Updates
  - Alex has been working with Eric Chamberlain from the New Have Ag Experiment Station to understand requirements/ obtain permits
  - With quarantine, will likely not have farmer access to the plants until Summer 2018 if they arrive January/February 2017, best case scenario.
  - Once we have all of the varieties, CT Brewers' Guild will run test batches.
- NEHA Annual Meeting
  - Taking place December 2,3,4 in upstate NY

- Alex will be a guest speaker to talk about CT Hops resurgence
- Alex would like to collect data on acreage
  
- Hop Pellet Machine at DeFrancesco Farm
  - State budgetary issues delayed grants/ receiving hop pellet machine
  - Alex now has the machine, but it is not yet up and running
  - Once machine up and running, CHGA, Connecticut Brewers' Guild, and Dept. of Ag would all like to do open houses at the hop pellet facility
  - Alex is working with Justin Gargano, president of CBG
    - § CBG will test alpha, beta, etc. once pellets are being produced
    - § Testing to be done at Thimble Islands Brewery
  - Alex taking a trip up to UVM to check out their pellet machine/facility
  
- Vacant seat of Communications Director
  - Vic has sadly passed away, his seat is open
  - All present agreed to keep seat open until it is deemed necessary to fill it
  - All present agreed that Ex-Officio member will have voting rights in the case that there is a 2-2 tie in a Board vote.
  
- Annual Meeting
  - Will take place January 12, 2017 from 5:00pm-7:30pm
    - § 5pm-6pm food and beer tasting
    - § 6pm-7:30pm meeting/discussion
  
- February Quarterly meeting
  - Will take place at 3pm on February 9 at the Windsor Ag Experiment Station

7:49pm- Meeting Adjourned