

## CHGA Inaugural Meeting

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

Date: 3/8/2016

Attendees: Patrick Klingman, Alex Defrancesco, Jason Hoagland, and Matthew DiSciacca

4:00 PM

- Certificate of Incorporation
  - Need to figure out mailing address, principal office
    - § Use Farm Credit East for postal address
  - Board members will sign and Patrick will file with state
- Membership
  - Full members and associate members
  - Different fee levels for both
  - In-state and out-of-state members allowed
  - Possible membership perks
    - § Increased communication with other hop growers/prospective hop growers
    - § Access to dwarf hop plants through the CHGA's ability to obtain a dwarf hop license
      - CHGA purchases plants, farmers purchase from CHGA, farmer plants them, then at the end of the harvest pays royalty directly to dwarf hop supplier
- By-Laws
  - Meetings
    - § Will discuss number of meetings and where/when they will take place
    - § Will decide how we can attend meetings (in person, over the phone)
  - Chorum
    - § How many Board members must be present to conduct transactions?
      - 3 was agreed upon
  - Patrick will look into similar organizations such as NEHA to examine their by-laws
- Alex has been looking into various projects
  - Talking to Uconn about starting up an experimental hop growing station
  - Working with Justin to start a new CT Beer Trail
  - Would like to personally take on the role of promoting CHGA and connecting local breweries with local farms.

§ All present were in favor, so long as Alex remains unbiased in his promotion and simply promotes the use of local hops

- Vic Triolo has proposed creating a fifth board position for Communications Director and has nominated himself
  - All present were in favor
- Honorary Ex-Officio Board Positions
  - Alex Nominates Dr. Shepherd and Mr. Garrison
    - § All present were in favor
- Discussed new GAP certification legislation
  - May be prudent to make members aware of this
  - Important for those planning to pelletize hops
- Alex mentioned that Steve Schmidt has volunteered to assist with the June 2016 workshop.
  - Steve helped Dr. Shepherd set up his trellis system.
- Discussion of getting the Certificate of organization filed
- Meeting Ajourned

5:27pm