

CHGA Board Meeting

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

Date: 07/14/2018

Attendees: Sally Ireland, Bill Ireland, Scott Burdick, Kathy Burdick, Matt DiSciacca, Alex DeFrancesco, Jim Lamondia, Alan Fenrow, Karrie Herrington, Caroline Mormile, Dan Gleason, Mark Zotti, Bryan Hickey

11:05am- Meeting Commences

- Alex Gives Introduction
- Matt Gives Overview of March 2018 Quarterly Meeting minutes
 - A quorum does not exist, so March 2018 minutes will be approved at the Fall Quarterly Meeting
- Some of the newcomers introduce themselves
- Gathering of the Bines at Two Roads Brewery
 - Alex had a table set up there
 - Reactions were very similar to the Mikro beer fest at Michael's Greenhouses
 - Brewers and drinkers alike were impressed with the CHGA booth
- August 5th Potato and Corn Festival, North Branford
 - Would like to have a hops table
 - Need a volunteer to man the table
 - DeFrancesco Farms will have a table for CT-style beer
 - Ticket sales are online
- Farm to Table Beer-Pairing Dinner
 - All ingredients come from CT
 - Discount for members- \$80 for members, \$90-\$100 for non-members
 - Breweries already agreed to come-
 - § Front Porch with a brown ale
 - § Fat Orange Cat with a Jalapeno Jack
 - § NE Cider with a hopped cider
 - § Alan Fenrow/Joe Fydenkevez to provide a beer
 - Foods to include squash, sweet potatoes, etc.
 - Chef Wayne from the last FTT dinner to prepare the food, set up
 - If buffet style, cost is \$20-\$25 per person. If plated, cost is \$30-\$35 per person

- A local vineyard will bring a wine as well
 - § May be an extra fee if you want wine. Presale tax
- Optional greenhouse tour will be offered before dinner

- Terroir Effect
 - Concern for trade agreements
 - BHA is worried about terroir effect and the renaming of trademarked hops
 - CTZ case
 - § Columbus, Tomahawk, and Zeus hops
 - § They came out of two separate programs at the same time
 - § Genetically the same, separately trademarked
 - BHA is very worried about this happening to their proprietary varieties and has been pulling back in talks with CHGA
 - Proprietary varieties need to be protected
 - § Would be hard for anyone to police this
 - § Leaves future with BHA uncertain
 - BHA understands and is okay with the terroir effect. Main concern is likely whether they could collect royalties. Would be hard to do on a renamed product
 - The ability to grow some proprietary dwarf hops is our main reason for wanting to work with the BHA

- CT Brewers' Guild
 - Mutual memberships have been agreed to be swapped between CHGA and CTBG
 - Alex went to their June meeting
 - CTBG is currently working on their website, and our membership will be granted once they fix it

- CT-Style Beer
 - Originally looking to do same %'s as wineries
 - § Does not make sense
 - 25% first year
 - 50% second year and on
 - Currently working with our attorney
 - Label would help bring in more money for the CT style beer
 - For farm breweries, NY is currently at 50% of throughput but may go up to 90%
 - There are 60 farm breweries in NY

- Matt goes over Treasurer's report
 - A quorum does not exist so we will vote to approve it at Fall 2018 quarterly meeting

- Caroline from the Durham Fair
 - They will be setting up a CT beer and wine tasting area
 - There will be a vendor-style contract for wine/beer booths
 - All proceeds go to the breweries/wineries/cideries
 - CHGA will have a table here
 - Reach out to Caroline with any questions
 - Good networking opportunity
 - Promoting local goods and educating the general public
 - Last weekend in September

- Idea is raised to develop a CHGA beer coozie

12:07pm- Meeting Adjourned