

CHGA Board Meeting

Location: DeFrancesco Farms, 43 Augur Road, Northford, CT

Date: 01/12/2019

Attendees: Alex DeFrancesco, Matt DiSciacca, Colleen Kisselburgh, Alan Fenrow, Joe Fydenkevez, Rich Ruggiero, Tyler Willis, Joe Bonelli, Ally Hughes, Jim Lamondia, Al Gondek, Joan Nicolls, Elisha Allan-Perkins, Scott Burdick, Kathy Burdick, Mike Burdick, Joseph Moon, Fred Behringer, Patrick Klingman, Kevin Mardorf, Katie Yuhas, Heather Darby, Roger Rainville, Jesse Pringle

9:40AM: Meeting Commenced

- Alex gives introduction
 - Welcome, overview of meeting
 - Beerfest previous night, good attendance
 - CT Brewers Guild wants to do more events
- Matt reads previous meeting minutes
 - Passed unanimously. VP and Treasurer voted to approve by proxy
- Treasurer's report
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- Survey
 - We should get Brewer's Guild email list
 - Is there a state list of breweries?
 - We should reach out if possible
 - CHGA Educational nights
 - Geared towards home brewers
 - Will reach out to CT Home Brewers Association
 - IPM
 - Growers would like to make this section region-specific
 - Cut up by county
- 2018 Annual Report
 - Brewers are liking the product coming from hop yards
 - Difficult weather year for everyone
 - Some hop yards suffered in late harvest varieties
 - Some growers changing varieties based on weather pressure
 - Events

- Michael's greenhouse
 - Small State great beer
 - Oakdale CT Brewers Guild
 - More public education
 - Many members promoting CHGA
 - This has been a learning year
 - Federal Laws/FSMA
 - Brewers will determine what we will grow
- Officer Election
 - Treasurer
 - No floor nominations
 - No other nominations
 - Jason Hoagland sent email and would like to run again
 - All full members present voted to reinstate Jason Hoagland as Treasurer
 - VP voted via email to reinstate Jason Hoagland as Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - No floor nominations
 - No other nominations
 - Matt DiSciacca spoke and would like to run again
 - All full members present voted to reinstate Matt DiSciacca as Secretary
 - VP and Treasurer voted via email to reinstate Matt DiSciacca as Secretary
- 2019 to Come
 - More Freebies. We have had great feedback on our shirts, cozies, etc.
 - March 24 CT Brewers' Guild Beer Fest
 - Phil and Dana want us to have a full official display
 - Will give us 3-4 tables
 - Want samples from hop growers
 - Table for malts
 - All proceeds support paying the directors and lobbying
 - Should be a tax incentive for CT-Grown beer
 - CT Wineries only get the label, no other incentives
- Analytics
 - Will get more feedback on which oils are most important to brewers
 - Waiting on Dept. of Ag on a block grant for analysis equipment
 - Would expand capabilities
 - Will touch base with Fred once brewers' survey is complete

- Summer Seminar
 - Multiple topics
 - Will see what people are interested in
 - Weather-dependent

- Spring Meeting
 - Have at a local brewery
 - Joe's Filling Station (Joe Moon)
 - 6pm, March 21st

10:55AM- Adjourn