

## CHGA Board Meeting

Location: Mikro, 0 Depot Ave, Hamden, CT.

Date: 10/11/2018

Attendees: Sally Ireland, Bill Ireland, Scott Burdick, Kathy Burdick, Matt DiSciacca, Alex DeFrancesco, Alan Fenrow, Jihan Hallawa, Jason Hoagland, Nick Blow, Jeff Standish, William Standish, Patrick Klingman

6:45pm- Meeting Commences

- Alex Gives Introduction
- Minutes from Spring 2018 meeting unanimously approved
- Matt Gives Overview of July 2018 Quarterly Meeting minutes
  - Minutes are unanimously approved
- Jason Gives treasurer's report
  - No need to file tax return, can do a "postcard return" which will be much cheaper
  - Jason took QuickBooks course and will transfer CHGA financials to QuickBooks
  - Treasurer's report unanimously approved
- All in attendance agree that CHGA should purchase a tablecloth/banner for use at tradeshow.
  - May be able to count as part of the annual meeting expense. Jason will check
- Summer Seminar Recap
  - IPM- Jim Lamondia
  - FSMA- Mark Zotti
  - Drying/storing- Nate
  - Terroir Effect- Alex
  - Attendance low, but those there gave positive feedback
- Small State, Great Beer
  - Many Mailing list sign-ups
  - Huge attendance
- Durham Fair
  - Alex had two tables, one for CHGA and one for DeFrancesco Farm
  - People were very intrigued with the hop samples

- Over 50 additional emails for the list
- CHGA updates
  - FSMA
    - Hops now fall under FSMA
    - Similar to GAP
    - More info to come in the next couple months
    - Definitely want to have Mark or Katie talk at annual meeting
    - What-if's part of the conversation (example of neighbor's goats entering your field)
    - Breweries want FSMA
      - All vendors for CT brewers' guild guarantee safety
  - BHA
    - All agree that the contract as-is is not acceptable
    - BHA never mentioned the 75,000 Pounds Sterling down payment that was in the contract
    - As it is currently written, BHA will maintain ownership of all plants, even once planted in CT fields.
    - Alex will reach back out to BHA to discuss
  - Annual meeting January 12, 2019
    - Lunch buffet
    - Morning seminars
    - Beer fest in afternoon
    - Seminars
      - Heather Darby- aspects affecting harvest
      - Would like to do an oil analysis and compare to 4-star farms
      - Liz will give a talk on aromas and notes of different hops
      - Mark and Katie- FSMA
      - Jim Lamondia- new pests seen in 2018
      - Would like to put together a growers' panel for Q and A
        - 3-4 growers
        - Alan volunteered
        - Matt to find two or three more
      - Beer Fest
        - Mythical Events
        - Food trucks can be brought in
        - Mythical events pulls permit, takes care of licensing, and will coordinate with Brewers and sell tickets

- We have to purchase the beer brought by brewers
- Snow date January 13<sup>th</sup>
- Should have it planned by October's end
- Festival is open to public
- Possibly do VIP time including some educational things, aromas, taste
- Open house of pellet facility
  
- Fred Behringer
  - Fred, Jim and Alex have been talking about expanding the analysis to look at all oils, not just Alpha and Beta
  - Brewers are very interested
  - Looking into the possibility of a block grant to purchase the machinery needed to perform testing
  - Alex would like to add a question to our annual survey as to whether growers are interested in this
    - Also add feedback from growers to discuss pests/treatments this year
  
- Alan Fenrow expressed his hope that Commissioner Reviczky will either maintain his position or the next commissioner will share his views.

8:00pm- Meeting adjourned