

CT Hop Growers' Association
Fall Quarterly Board Meeting
October 8, 2019

Location: Hops on the Hill, 275 Dug Rd, South Glastonbury, CT

Attendees: Alex DeFrancesco, Jason Hoagland, Matt DiSciacca, Alan Fenrow, Joe Fydenkevez, Al Gondek, Jon Auclair, Randy Auclair, Kevin Mardorf, Joe Moon, Phil Baumann, Jeffrey Standish, William Standish, Kathy Burdick, Scott Burdick, Bill Ireland, Sally Ireland, Bill Balfour, Jared Carroll, Ally Hughes, Patrick Klingman, Jim Lamondia

6:34pm- Commence

- Recap of Annual Meeting Minutes
 - Unanimously approved
- Treasurer's report
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- FSMA/PSR
 - Working for years with DoAG
 - Commissioner is on-board with inspectors
 - Safety training
 - Brewers want suppliers to have certificate
 - If you use your own hops to brew, DoAG says you do not need to be certified
 - DeFrancesco's have been piloting GAP/PSR for years
 - For now, DoAG keeping cert class prices low
 - Currently the course is \$50
 - Suggested that you have a manager, or a more long-term employee attend the training
 - Brewers fall under FSMA
 - They are under the microscope
 - CT Brewers' Guild holding seminar in January for compliance
- CT Brewers' Guild Fall Meeting recap
 - Updates on legislation
 - More taxes
 - Starting January 2020, Brewers pay a new taproom tax
 - July 2020 lots of new legislation takes effect
 - Multiple manufacturing entities under one LLC
 - Brewers can serve other CT-Made products
 - Highest tier license is catering
 - TIPS certified training

- Program for bartenders about safely serving customers
 - Good for 3 years
- Winter Annual Meeting
 - Will be held at Stewards of the Land Brewery in Northford
 - Will include a DoAG training session for FSMA/PSR
 - Food
 - Use same pizzeria we have used in the past
 - Date TBD- January 2020
 - President is up for election this year
 - Can begin submitting nominations
- IPM
 - Fomopsis an issue this year
 - European Corn Borer
 - Reasonably widespread in CT this season
 - Weather brought them out of synchronicity with corn, so they hopped onto other crops
 - Cause brown/dying plants
 - To fight it
 - BT engineered corn as a catch crop
 - Trichogramma wasp
 - Predatory
 - Will be added to this year's IPM guide
 - Many effective sprays for it, but not approved for hops
 - Spotted lantern fly
 - Could be in CT soon
- Hops on the Hill
 - Al Gondek gave great detail about how this business came to be
 - Many hurdles to get over with the town
 - Started growing hops 3 years ago
 - After meeting Phil, they decided to go ahead with starting the brewery
 - Neighbors were pleasantly surprised when brewery opened up
- Spring 2020 meeting will be held at Norbrook Farm Brewery

7:45 PM- Adjourn