

## CCH General Meeting Minutes – 3 June 2015

7:07 PM Meeting called to order

7:11 Pledge

7:11 New members? Christian Pierce, just checking it out. Richard Hodges, here with Christian. Dave Wasan (?). Brian Smith, who still hasn't paid dues.

Beer. Sam: two 40 Arpents + a pale ale; Neil – ESB pilsner, single pendejos; Sonny – mai bock, pilsner; Richard – American Trappist + cherry lambic; Tom – bock + honey; Johnny – Brown ale and a milk stout; Dan – cherry sour; another 40 Arpent; Ryan – Brown IPA; Katie – Belgian Winter with ginger and orange peel; Pierce - Sorachi Ace saison + Irish export.

7:15 Old business.

-Crawfish boil was Saturday. Everybody had a great time. We had over 100 people, and served eight homebrews + some Gordon Biersch from Sonny and some of the NOLA Sours. The event cost about \$2500. We cut that in half by charging \$10 per head; that should allow us to do a round-the-lake brewery tour. Thanks to everybody for coming out, and to Frank for organizing the event and Neil for filling in for Frank, plus all the others who helped out during the day. Clean-up was good.

-Today we purchased and had delivered our ocean-going deliver. We got a 20x8 container. This is slightly larger than the one we have now, but it will now be kept at the Haus instead of in a storage unit facility. We'll be doing some minor repairs, adding shelving, etc. in the coming weeks. This cost us \$1500 including delivery.

-Winterfest is our biggest fundraiser, and that's really what lets us do as many things as we do. That's coming up on November 14th, from 6-11pm. We had a Winterfest brainstorming meeting two weeks ago. We have a few venue captains who are taking over some of the issues. We're way out ahead of the tickets, flyers, and posters. Greg did a first run of some flyers and posters—take as many as you want and hand them out. Jack wants to encourage everybody to donate some time to volunteer and do something, in addition to your beer. There are lots of times that you can work, often before the night itself. Frank has a sign-up sheet for Winterfest. Come sign up.

-Cuccia: People should go to Oktoberfest and do some flyering there.

-Comment from the floor about the flyering. All three weekends we had Rick Doskey flyering; we should put people on both the north and south gates.

-Brewoffs with Neil! Last brewoff was at Frank Casteix's house. We made a Belgian pale ale with Keith. Next one is this Saturday at Neil's (BIAB), it'll be a Belgian strong ale. Gravity will be 1.070. No more slots open for wort, but you can still sign up as an alternate or a guest. Come party! We need people for the July brewoff. That'll be a cream ale in Lakeview on 7/11. We need a

brewmaster, equipment mover, and a cook for that. August will be a Saison at Barney's, also a BIAB. September is at NOLA on Tap. Neil has no idea what's happening. It's changed three times. Doskey seems to want to run it, so talk to him.

-Carol: The Brewoff at NOLA on Tap will be an all-female brewoff. Marcel lacks the appropriate body parts. But Carol wants some male grunts for running the gizmo side of it. Talk to Carol if you're a lady and interested. She's thinking of a seasonal pumpkin ale, maybe with a step mash.

7:30 -Emerald Coast is happening the first weekend after Labor Day. Pensacola Beach Resort is already taking reservations. Rooms are \$139 for ocean view; \$20 less for parking lot view. Reach out and contact them. We have information in the hop line, but some of the information is incorrect. Melinda is now our contact person there. Monk will send something out on the hopline. Monk: Can somebody besides Frank get the information? Jack: Yes. Don't wait—these rooms sell out quickly. Also think about the brewers' dinner on Thursday night (Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>) at Apple Annie's. There's limited seating, but we have a bulk reservation. Ryan: What brewery will be featured? Jack: We don't know yet, but we're hoping to get 20-30 people committed. Ryan: Cost? Jack: In the past it's been \$75, should be close to that again.

-Frank: Advance tickets to Emerald Coast are available, and you're not on the hook until the Sept. Meeting. Advance tickets are \$20; this price is very good: it's \$40 at the gate, and even the Pensacola club has to pay \$25. We have a beer team that will bring out our homebrew on Friday night. The hotel has been renovated, which is why the cost has gone up \$10. Not bad. Frank is sorry to everybody that Monk was given bad information from him, and that Monk failed to do his fact-checking before relaying it to the club.

7:36 -Beer school. Carol: Things have settled down. There are now walk-in spots available. The next class is mashing. Beers are English Ales with Greg. Walk-in price is \$20. Monk: Is that for women only? Carol: The class is heterosexual. The date is June 20<sup>th</sup>.

-Name tags. Carol: Get your name tags. Jack: We have badges and lanyards. It's to make people more approachable. Jack also has applications for people to join tonight. We're now at a discounted rate. Jack will make up a rate since Marcel isn't here. If you're not getting the hopline. Chris will take your name, hand them to Marcel, and make sure our roster is up to date. Lots of good articles there.

-Roller Derby. I was speaking, so I didn't take a transcription. E-mail me with questions.

-Commercial brewers! Jack: Commercial brewers do a lot, like Sonny bringing a bunch of beer to the crawfish festival. Sonny: I brought some apparel from GB to add to the 50/50 raffle. The 16<sup>th</sup> of this month from 6-9 is Sonny's first official beer tapping. On Friday morning the 26<sup>th</sup>, they're doing kegs and eggs instead of a brewers' dinner. They'll also have bloody maries made with port, plus malt with coffee. \$34 per person.

-Monk: Today is Peter Caddoo's birthday. He's not here, but let's wish him a happy birthday! He's out of the hospital now, too!

-Katie from Bin 428: My store is a wine and spirits store on Washington and Magazine. They do tastings on Fridays from 6-8, usually wine. They're starting to do beer and spirits tastings on Thursdays, about twice a month. Come by to do a tasting!

-We have Jeff Elizardi here to talk about NOLA on Tap. The Haus has approached us, they're having a celebration called HarvestFest at the end of July. Jack has been talking to Erik Han, who has asked us to stop by and support the event. He's hoping we can do tastings of homebrew. The problem is that we don't have time to brew something and get it out that fast. With Emerald Coast and NOLA on tap we might be hard pressed, but if you have something ready for HarvestFest, please do offer it. He wants to introduce the Homebrew club at the event, so stop by even if you can't bring beer.

-Mike Biggs: How many members here are members of the Deutsches Haus? About 5. People should consider joining: they're good to us. Jack: They now let us have meetings for free, but we do a lot for them in terms of cleaning and maintenance in order to support them. Mike Biggs: Let's have people join anyway if they can.

-Question from the floor: What is the Deutsches Haus? What does it do, what's its purpose? Jack: The purpose of the Haus is to foster and further German heritage in New Orleans through cultural and social events. Dues at the Haus are currently about \$100 per year. They do lots of events, including educational ones. Your dues get you into lots of events free or at a discount. It's worth supporting the Haus with a membership. But support them any way you can by attending their events. And you don't have to be German to belong!

-Jeff finally gets to speak! Jeff Elizardi: He works for the SPCA and is now a member of the CCH. This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> year for NOLA on Tap. Last year there were 15,000 people. There were a few contests last year, too, which was meant to thank the homebrewers for donating their time. It was a general BJCP contest, plus a peoples' choice. There may also be a booth decoration competition. Jeff left some sign-up sheets on the tables, but they describe the event in greater detail. Homebrewers have been involved since 2011. There's live music on the festival grounds—it's a great time. The best thing is that there's no up-front fee. You just buy tickets for what you drink. Samples are 1-3 tickets (\$). The goal is to let you pay for just what you want to drink. The date is Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> from 12-8pm. Homebrewers can set up.

-Doskey: Should individuals or the club fill out the form? Jeff: It's fine to have a single sign-up sheet. I mostly brought them out so you can understand the process. He wants to put people and their beer on their website. They need 2-3 weeks advance notice to do that. He wants to promote people as best as they can. Doskey: One thing that was wild about the homebrew tent last year was that they charged 2 tickets for our beer and 1 ticket for commercial beer! Carol: For the fair value of your beer, put \$0! We aren't allowed to sell or "donate" beer.

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-International Beer Festival. Jack: This isn't an event we can support. It's a for-profit event, so we can't participate; I also think we should be supporting charity events rather than for-profit events.

-Dan. After the Crawfish boil, a friend donated a few buckets AND A BALL-LOCK KEGGING SYSTEM to the club since he's getting out of brewing. Dan wants to do a beer competition at the Roller Derby event for bottle conditioned Pale Ales, open only to those who have never kegged before. He also has a five gallon carboy and some wash buckets that he's giving away to new brewers.

-Jack: He's finally done!

-Doskey steps up to the microphone. Crowd: Groans. Doskey: Keith is our beer wrangler for Pensacola. We're now at capacity (8). But we need more for the after party. Rick is the beer wrangler for NOLA on Tap and Winterfest. There's another event called Up on the Rooftop on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll be participating in that—usually just a few of us. If you have a beer, please donate.

-Parting note from Jack: We have a number of events coming up that we support with homebrew.

-We have \$79 for the 50/50 raffle, plus some bombers, a t-shirt, and a stein. Let's start the drawings...

8:Something -Meeting adjourned.