

Black Canyon Homebrewers Association Meeting

March 15, 2023 - David's House

Attendees:

- Phil DeArcos
- Adam Gardner
- Ken Holsinger
- Andrea Hoover
- Carle Hoover
- Casey Knopp
- David Sinton
- Eric Svensen

Pomona Brewery Opening

Kevin should be opening Pomona Brewery to the public on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17. We'll plan on having an informal gathering there at 6:00 PM. [edit: He will be opening on that date!]

SMaSH

We need to get our entries in by the end of May. We'll have a joint club meeting to judge entries. Location will either be here or in Grand Junction.

Style Discussions, How to Judge Beer, Off-Flavor Detection

To best understand beer and also to help with our annual beer judging competition, we discussed that the club should engage in discussions about beer styles, how to judge beer, and how to detect off flavors. The club decided that spending club resources for off flavor detection education would help with this matter.

Fair

The Montrose County Fair will be the third weekend in July. As with previous years, BCHA will be running the beer (and other adult beverage) judging. Andrea suggested having a picnic beforehand. The style discussions, how to judge, and recognizing problems with beers will be very helpful with this.

Pub Crawl

For a group activity and to help garner support for Oktoberfest, it was agreed that pub crawls in neighboring communities would be beneficial. And Oktoberfest will be September 30 this year at the Montrose Amphitheater.

Frequency of Meetings

We will have meetings on the third Thursday of each month. **Next month's meeting** will be on **April 20 at 6:00 PM at Carle and Andrea's house**. Future meetings could be held at Pomona Brewery. Stay tuned for possible future adjustments.

Web Site

The new and (possibly) improved website is up and running. There are plans to improve this further. Let David know if you have suggestions. [Here's the website](#). Also, to help members stay informed of events, members can "add" the BCHA calendar by just clicking the blue plus sign on the bottom right of the calendar.

Group Brew

We discussed having a group brew. All will be invited to brew a batch of beer following the same recipe. We would all combine our batches and age in an oak barrel. If Matt still has the barrel we used last time and if he's willing we would use that. The suggested style would be a Cherry Kriek. We would discuss recipes at the get together at Pomona Brewery. Adam offered basemalt that would be available to all interested.

Financials

We discussed the possibility of establishing a 501(c)5 (*not for profit*) or a 501(c)3 (*non-profit*) for our club. The benefits of the *five* is that the paperwork is much easier. The benefits of either alternative is that we could establish a bank account, construct a "store" on our website, and be able to collect member dues. And possibly sell cool swag.