

Black Canyon Homebrewers Association Meeting

October 19, 2023 – Eric's Residence

Attendees: David Sinton, Eric Svensen, Katie Arnold, Tom Arnold, Matt Landt, Dennis Murphy, Joe BenHayon, Jerry Sprangrude, Carle Hoover, Andrea Hoover, Mike Thomas, Missy Siders

Current Business:

- Approved minutes from the September 14, 2023 meeting with a unanimous vote

Topics:

- Oktoberfest Review:
 - Cider was a big hit. We should strive next year to get Big Bs to come. Grow a Pear from Talbots was very popular.
 - Next year we should have spray bottles available to clean customers' cups.
 - We should also have bottle openers that can open cans too. This would save our hands and help us look more professional.
 - Breweries that we pour for should be encouraged to supply banners and branding. This will help them advertise their product and help Oktoberfest have a better overall image. InDesign was suggested as place to get banners.
 - We could help Billy Goat Hop Farm run Fresh Hop Festival.
 - Overall, the customers were well behaved.
- 501(c)(3) is complete. We are now a 501(c)(3)!
- Upcoming Beer Festivals-check them out if you can!
 - Ciderfest in Hotchkiss at Big B's runs from October 27th to the 29th. There will be great music. Cider tasting will be Oct. 28 from noon to 6:00 PM. Bookcliff Homebrew Club has suggested that we join up with them at the festival.
- Beer Book Share. Dennis has a lot of beer books that he'd like to share with others. He will create a spreadsheet and we will share on the google drive to track who is borrowing what books. Others with books that would like to share are encouraged to add their books to the spreadsheet.
- Beer recipes online. An offshoot of the beer book share is a recipe share. David offered to add recipe section to the website. We should request that entries to future beer competitions.
- December meeting. Andrea and Carle offered to merge our December meeting/party into their annual Winter Solstice Party.

Demonstration:

- We explored the Oktoberfest beer style, noted in the 2021 BJCP style guide as either Festbeer or Märzen. We somewhat successfully reviewed these styles. Six commercial versions of this German lager were enjoyed in a semi blind tasting. There was no clear winner and all samples were great.

Upcoming events:

- Ciderfest – October 27 - 29
- November meeting on 11/9 at Terry's
- Winter Solstice- date to be announced