

## **BREWINGRABBLE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF FEB. 5, 2011**

**LOCATION:** Northern Ales brewpub, Kettle Falls, Wa. 12:25 p.m.

**PRESENT:** The Pres. Joel, Jim, Jerry, Tim, Bill, Pat, Barry, Ferd, Bill Burt from Republic with his friend Brad, Don Wright.

**PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:** Were conspicuously absent due to the Secretary's absence without notice. It was viciously rumored that the Secretary had mentioned to a club member that he could not attend because he was attending to wedding matters. A marriage getting in the way of a brew meeting? Where is the loyalty of our elected officials? A comment was made that that activity reminded them of the behavior of a Democrat. The Secretary now has some explaining to do.

Interject 7 conversations now going on at once, accomplishing not a damn thing since no one can hear the other person.

Gavel pounded. (well...there's a start)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Finally after the Pres.'s third attempt to restore order, the keeper of the funds reported that the club had \$355. and something plus what was taken in today. Hey, come on I.R.S. audit this! It was stated that a complete report would be supplied at the next meeting. (Political promise?)

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ferd made a motion that the laughing dog road trip be moved forward to April or May for better weather and because the brewery has not yet moved. It was mentioned by the Pres. "What difference does it matter if they have moved or not, is it not the road trip that is important?" It was diplomatically suggested that the matter be tabled til next meeting so that more information could be garnered and so it was.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fines were discussed to penalize those ashamed to wear the colors O' the club. Hence forth and hereafter shall be the law. Those that weareth not the colors to a club meeting shall be fined \$1.00. Officers who do not show up at a meeting shalt be fined \$2.00. And since any officer who does not show up for a meeting cannot possibly display his wearing of the colors, shalt be fined an additional \$1.00 for a total of \$3.00.

Past and perhaps still current Sgt. At Arms Prolo made a motion that upon the payment of annual dues, any member could pay a surcharge of \$10.00 and buy immunity from club fines. Passed. Bill Beatty, Joel, Jerry and Tim immediately paid their dispensation fee.

The club Leprechaun made a motion that it be the duty of the Sgt. At Arms be assigned the task of collecting the fines. It was not successful. The Treas. Shalt collect all fees and fines.

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The Grain order was received and has been stored to date, thanks to Steve and Andrea, at Northern Ales Brewclub. After a period of pretty much non productive discussion regarding payment, ( insert here that although we had an order specifying how many bags of grain, we neglected to record who ordered what and of those who ordered that were at the meeting, they couldn't remember exactly what they had ordered). Steve astutely stated that when he received the invoice he would bill the club. The members could then pay the Treas. For the grain they wanted. And so was it done. The grain was loaded into Bill Beatty's truck and is now in storage at the clubhouse. The leprechaun will keep records (yeah, right!) of who owes the Treas. As they pick up the grain.

Jim Irwin introduced Bill Burt who came over from Republic with his friend Brad. Bill and his wife Emily are going to start up a brewpub in Republic, hopefully opening around May of this year. (permits and paperwork) The location of the pub will be the old firehouse on main st. It will be called The Republic Brewing Company (in honor of an ancestor pub of yesteryear in Republic) and consists of a 1 barrel system with the first draft to be drawn will be a pale ale, which is Bill's favorite.

Meister Prolo brought up the subject of growing and harvesting hops at Steve's, after discussion, which did not include Steve, Jim Irwin suggested that the club plant and maintain hops all along the back of Steve's warehouse, good sun, easy to maintain. Pres. Joel was aghast, made a comment about the hops flavoring being affected by the fumes from the railroad, promptly had an aneurysm and died. He was buried under the railroad tracks. What happens at the brew meetings, stays at the brew meetings.

PENTICTON! APRIL 8&9, 2011. The group that stayed a second nite in Osooyoos is attracting supporters. Especially of those who want to experience the Forbidden Fruit Winery.

**NEXT MEETING:** March 5, 2011, at the clubhouse.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 12:57 p.m.