

BREWSLETTER

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Note: Minutes of the Last Two meetings are included in this letter.

Minutes

March 11 at Ferdinands
Minutes by Jerry

The meeting preceded the trip to the Fest O' Ale at Nelson BC

PROPOSALS:

Gerald is from our sister brewclub K.A.B.A in British Columbia. He has volunteered to take over the newsletter. We need to address this in our next meeting.

Ferdinand proposed to develop a system whereby we could keep a steady supply of grain. (instead of George always having to drive to Armstrong)

INFORMATIONAL:

The KABA Mayfair will not be held this year as Gerald has to move that weekend; he does promise that it will be back next year!

George and Ferd plan to enter a brew or two into the competition at Pasco in the name of our Brewclub! We wish them success!

Next Meeting : A hop field – work party at Chip's on 1 April

BUSINESS CONCLUDED AND MEETING ENDED
WE PROCEEDED TO NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE BREWFEST.

Minutes

April 1 at Chip's
Minutes by Jack

The meeting was held spontaneously after the **hop planting** since a majority of members were present. Present were Dustin, Chip, Jack, Jerry, George, Ken, and Ferdinand. The details of the Hop Planting will be spelled out below.

Next Meeting was set Noon (12:00) on Saturday, 13 May at George's , 2737 Chamberlain Rd, Rice. Call 738-6593 for directions.

Beer Tasting Event at Ken's on Friday, 14 April at 6:00 PM. Ken will have several beers on hand including a year-conditioned Imperial Stout. Bring whatever you like to snack or sip. Location: 690 Larch, Kettle Falls. Call 738-4094 for directions.

Proposals:

George has been getting a great price on bulk grain from Gambrinus located in Armstrong, Canada (about 12 miles north of Vernon).

55Lb sacks of malted barley are to be had for about \$18 Canadian (more or less depending on the type). This inspired the following:

1. Dustin and George will look in to the possibility of conducting a tour of the Gambrinus Malting Facility.
2. Jack will obtain and distribute a price list for the different grains available.

Summary:

We adjourned the meeting and started a roaring fire for our chicken barbecue.

See all about the hop field planting on the next page

The Hop Party hard at work



I. George and Ferdinand are going to the Ice Harbor Brewing Competition on May 6th. Get a hold of them quick if you want to send an entry along. Get more information on this event at: <http://www.iceharbor.com/pages/eventsframe.html>

II. The new club HOP FIELD has been planted!

We gathered at Chip's house at 12:30. George and Jerry had already pulled all the cuttings from the old hop field so all that was left to do was sink the poles and plant them.

Bob Trudell (Chip's Dad) had generously donated a location close to a water supply and had just tilled the soil before we showed up. His generous contributions do come at the high price of a copious supply of fermented, hop - flavored beverage.

Chip directed us up to the Trudell homestead (a.k.a. "Fort Trudell") where we picked up a supply of hop poles. We proceeded to the nearby hop field and commenced digging holes and stringing wire. Within 2 hours the hop field was erected and the hops were planted.

The types of Hops planted were:

1. Cluster
2. Willamette
3. Cascade (4 cuttings)
4. Hallertauer
5. Mt. Hood

There is still room for three more plantings. If you have a source you still have time to get them in the ground.

After the planting we retired to Chip's house where we had a barbarian barbecue and finished off the tasty IPA that had been made at the club February meeting. We finished up at about 6:30 in the evening.



< View of the hop field at dusk.

The field is expected to bear usable hops in about 2 years.

III. 30 Gallons of Brew on the Porch

Chip, Dustin, Ken, and Jack brewed 30 gallons of All -Grain Brew on 26 March. 3 x 10 gallon batches produced 6 x 5 gallon carboys/pails of IPA and a Malty Golden Ale that has come to be called "Chip's Dad's Beer". Two infusion mashes and a step mash were used along with a variety of hop packages. The Golden Ale will be unveiled on 9 April. The best of these may be entered in the Ice Harbor Brewing Competition.

IV. Ed's World

Welcome fellow beer geek's. Some of you may know me (and some of you don't, but you soon will.) My name is Gerald Pinard, I'm a Canadian eh? I'm a new member of your club. It also looks as though I've volunteered as

your new rag producer. It's a little hectic for me this month, so there isn't much to this one. I just wanted to get a quick word out, and I apologize for the disorganization.. Just to give you a little background: I've been an avid home brewer for about 10 years (8½ from all-grain), and even tried to go into it professionally. I began my hobby in Vancouver, B.C., Canada and was involved with the brew club there [R.C.M.P.- Royal Canadian Malted Patrol {We always get our brew!}]. I was their Vice -Prez and have helped organize the VIA BC competition. The last one I did had over 150 entries! I brew religiously at least one batch a month and all my beers enter into AHA sanctioned competitions for formal evaluation. I have even won some. I am a recognized judge with the BJCP (Beer Judge Certification Committee). A couple of goals I have (or dreams) is 1) To always promote home brewing and improvement while keeping it fun 2) to have a resource of judges, like myself, in our local area so we can organize an AHA Competition here in the future. Because of these things, I'm always coming up with innovative ideas for a club and it's members to keep interested in the hobby. One thing I intend to accomplish with this club is to offer a series of workshops on formal evaluation of beers. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting, Gerald.

Nelson fest O' Ales Notes: We met at Ferdinand's at 10am, had a quick meeting, critiqued Ferd's Imperial Stout, and proceeded to Nelson for the Brewfest where we sampled run -of-the-mill commercial fair (except for "Parker's Pepper Ale from Nelson Brewing Co.)

V. Quote Of The Month

Kirk: Romulan Ale...Why Bones, you know this is illegal.

Bones: I only use it for medicinal purposes.

-Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan

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