

05/14/2018 – Overmountain Brewers Meeting

Members:	Paul Davidson	Brian Donts	Guests:
Donna Dingus	Crystal Davidson	Caleb Jacobs	Scott Socia
Steve Paulson	Jamie Dick	Jim King	
Joe Wentz	Rick Carrol	Allen McKenna	

1. Financial Status – \$361.98
 - a. dues were added to the account
 - b. Jockey Box updates may require expenses
 - c. Discussion of the resignation of current Treasurer Brent Dingus as his schedule is such that he is unable to visit many meetings or help with the requirements of the position
2. Upcoming Events and Business–
 - a. Kingsport Oktoberfest – TBD
 - b. Sugar Hill Street Festival – May 19, 2018 – Sugar Hill Brewery
 - c. SWVA Beer Bash – June 16, 2018 – Heartwood Abingdon Va
 - d. Sugar Hill Street Festival – August 11, 2018 – Sugar Hill Brewery
 - e. Sugar Hill Otoberfest – September 29, 2018
 - f. Tazewell VA Oktobrewfest – October 6, 2018 – Main Street Tazewell VA
 - g. Riverhouse Meeting – August 18, 2018 – Joe Wentz Riverhouse
 - h. Zebulon - An Evening of Experimental Hop IPAs with Stan Hieronymus – May 27, 2018
 - i. High Country Beer Festival – Boone NC - <https://hcbeerfest.com/> - 8/25/2018
 - i. Appalachian State has a good brewing program
 - ii. Blue Ridge Community College’s program is a bit questionable and should be reviewed before investing in
 - j. Morganton, NC – Fonta Flora - State of Origin beer festival – June 9, 2018
3. Education Topic – Intro to Homebrewing – What equipment did members start with? What tips and tricks could be shared? How did you first brew day go?
4. Meeting Highlights / Walk on Items
 - a. Meeting place was at Joe Wentz, Riverhouse Abingdon VA
 - b. It is desired to purchase more glasses for the club – all current members get one
 - c. Look at a logo redesign and then potentially use that for our glasses and perhaps new shirts
 - d. Elderbrew in Bristol TN
 - i. Hosted an event for Joe discussing the Ales from the British Ales
 - ii. Next up will be a discussion on Pilsners
 - iii. Class time is 1 hour and it help before business opening to public
 - e. Jamie Dick ran across these great antique benches and tables in Knoxville that actually came from the Germany’s Otoberfest event. They are 7.5 foot long tables with Benches for approximately \$375.00. Called Slab tables. Contact Jamie Dick if interested

- f. Club would like a brewing calendar so folks can visit members when they are brewing to see different processes. Easiest way is to send an email to the club email address and then everyone will get the info.
- g. Also would like to see the guides that anyone would have available and could they be simplified to ensure everyone can get them? Check out what we have here on our site <http://www.overmountainbrewers.com/> then click on the Education tab.
- h. Caleb Jacobs is trying to capture local yeast. Recommend Bootleg Biology: <http://bootlegbiology.com/backyard-yeast-wrangling-tool-kit/>
- i. Jamie had a recipe discussion about getting maple syrup into beer – used 1 pint in the keg, attempted to stop the fermentation with the potassium, and Camden tablets. Then when transferred to the keg it still taste like cough syrup. Currently blending with other beer to mellow the flavor.
- j. Also he had a double that got frozen and after it thawed it would not hold any carbonation. Discussion about why?
- k. OMB Club T-shirts are still available with the existing logo
 - i. Short Sleeved: 12.00
 - ii. Long Sleeved: 15.00

Meeting Topics and Focus for 2018

Month	Presenter	Topic	Location
May		Intro Homebrewing with All Grain	
June	Justin Dick	Growing of the Hops	
July		Kegging 101	
August	All Members	River House Gathering of Brewers	Joe's River House
September		Cider – Pressing and Making	
October	Craig Ashburn- Joe's friend	Climate Change impact on Ingredients for Beer/Wine	Joe's River House
November	Jamie Dick	Soda Making	
December	All Members	Elections and Specialty Bottle Share	

Taste Camp visits and proposed ideas: Will look at Taste Camp later in the year to gauge interest.