

Ames Brewers League meeting April 9th, 2019

(Second Tuesday of the Month, Torrent Brewing)

Sebastian Speer opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were Sebastian and Shannon Spears, Mark and Colette Simpson, Levi and Kari Storjohann, Beth Harris and Brad Coates, Andy Curtis, Nadav Mer and Pete Crow. Potential new member, Justin and visiting members from the Fort Dodge Area Homebrewers Club.

Business

Presentation by Students

A presentation called "Brewing for Perfection-The Chemistry of Beer" was given by Maddison Wild, Delaney Webb and Iris Melcher.

ISU Hop Trials

Scott Nelson was not in attendance to update us on the ISU Hop Trials. This would be a club opportunity where we use a common wort but differently hopped batches - one with commercial hops and one with hops grown by Iowa State. We can compare and contrast differences between the hops. Torrent may be willing to brew a batch of wort we could distribute, but we could also reach out to Alluvial or Olde Main to participate. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/smallfarms/new-project-offers-research-growing-hops>

The Fort Dodge Club members indicated they would be interested in participating with us on this.

Big Brew Day 2019

Big Brew will be held on Saturday, May 4th at Alluvial. The Club will provide 10 lbs of grain or the extract needed to brew a batch of beer. Please contact Sebastian if you are interested in obtaining ingredients ASAP, so we can acquire the appropriate amount in time for Big Brew.

Club Dues for 2019

Club dues are due for 2019. The amount is \$15 per family for the year.

Upcoming Beer Competitions

NHC 1st Round Kansas City April 12 and 13th

Sabastian brewed two batches of beer for the Lion Bridge Brewing Company and Cedar Rapids Brewing Society wort rally. Good luck in this competition, Sabastian!

Style of the Month Competition: Club Competition

1st place receives 3 points, 2nd place receives 2 points, and 3rd place receives 1 point. Entrants who don't place receive 1/2 point. Point totals will determine the League's Brewer of the Year.

This month's competition is Sour Beers.

There were no entries this month.

Brewer of the Year Standings

Ron	6 and 1/2 points
Luke	2 points
Beth & Brad	3 points
Scott	1/2 point
Nadav	1/2 point
Pete	3 and 1/2 points
Mark.	3 points