

## Minutes – Officers’ Meeting – March 6, 2012

### Members Present:

Chuck Homola, Wayne Yandell, Jason Starnes, Larry Papkin, Jimmy Orkin, Einar Jonsson, David Lee, Barrett Tillman, Aaron Wolin.

### Global Discussion:

- NTHBA presence at North Texas Beer Fest
- Club Nickname Contest \$100 gift certificate
- Communication strategy for online presence (MeetUp.com/Facebook)
- Updated signage for the club
- National Homebrewday club sponsored LME (shares for brewing members)
- Members are challenged to welcome the new faces at club events

### Chuck:

We are looking for 8 to 9 servers for the events for Bluebonnet events Big Thirsty and runners for Kelly’s raffle. Needing three more sponsors for Bluebonnet style categories. The club will cover the remaining. Next club meeting will be at Franconia. Chuck is planning the next few club meetings to be hosted at local breweries. Discussions have begun with Lakewood and Deep Ellum brewing. Chuck is also checking into Flying Saucer at the Lake about hosting a meeting.

Chuck is planning a smaller gathering with the owners of Peticolas brewing. Space is limited to a max of 35 people. More details will be provided as plans continue.

The club has agreed to provide pizza, tables, and chairs for the meeting at Franconia.

Discussion continues on registering a booth for the North Texas Beer Fest. Items discussed but not committed:

- o Membership signup
- o Selling t-shirts

Chuck has proposed a Club nickname contest to be discussed at the next club meeting. Jimmy has also proposed voting for no nickname. The club will be collecting the nicknames. Members will be asked to submit them at the next meeting. The member with the winning name by vote will receive a \$100 gift card to the local homebrew store of their choice.

### Jason:

Jason is working with Bryan and Walter for the Bluebonnet booth. Wayne has offered to cut off the studs to accommodate.

Jason encourages club members to register for NTHBA on MeetUp.com as a better form of communication. Jason has suggested joint events with the Dallas Beer Club of MeetUp.com.

April's brewday will be at David's place in Allen, TX. The May brewday will be National Homebrew Day hosted by Kelly. Jason is working with Kelly of Homebrew Headquarter's to provide a barrel of LME at cost. Shares of LME will be provided for members wishing to brew at this brewday. We are expecting members to provide their own brewing rig and specialty gains.

Jason has volunteered to host the NTHBA Spring party on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Bill James has volunteered to host the NTHBA Summer party.

Chuck Homola will host in September.

Chuck is working with Brian at the Holy Grail to host the club for Memorial Day.

The club has agreed to purchase the barrel of LME sponsored at Homebrew Headquarters' cost.

David:

David reports slow membership signup for MeetUp.com and Facebook. Jimmy and David are to work on loading club photos.

The budget reports are pending David will prepare them mid March.

Check authorizations signatures are still pending.

The club has agreed to print more information cards and membership cards.

Aaron:

Aaron has reported the education program for April as pending.

Aaron will continue discussions for the BJCP style class after Bluebonnet.

Einar:

The Alamo City competition entries are due this Thursday March 8th. Einar has agreed to drive the entries to Austin.

The Celtic competition entries are due April 12<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> awards will be May 5<sup>th</sup>. Members of NTHBA are encouraged to help steward and judge the competition.

Big Bash is coming up on May 11<sup>th</sup> NTHBA members are encouraged to brew for this competition. The style is Black IPA

No dates have been set for the Limbo Challenge. However it will be sometime in August in keeping with prior scheduling.

The club has agreed to ship entries to National Einar is planning a boxing party. A palate shipment will not be needed as NTHBA entries are low.

Larry:

Larry has proposed members carpool to Bluebonnet Judging in Fort Worth.

Jimmy:

Jimmy reports that the email list has been updated and loaded into Gmail. The list is 450 people from the 2011 and 2012 membership.

Barrett:

Barrett reports the newsletter for March is not complete and should go out before the club meeting.

Barrett is looking for more articles for the newsletter. It has been suggested that more articles are written on Technique and Process.

Barrett has suggested a more homebrew focused Club Meeting. Discussion followed to delineate the club meeting for business and the club brewdays for social activity.

Wayne:

No response at this time.