

The First Annual Meeting of the Aleppo Brew Club was held on Wednesday January 9, 2019., in the second floor Conference Room, Aleppo Shrine Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, Ma.

All Officers were present as well as the following Members:

Steve Eriksen, Henry Michalski, John Wipple, Bob Scott, Paul Ricciardi, Carl Ohlson, Rick Dembowski, Ernie Pearlstein and Keith Parker.

It was agreed that "Charter Membership" is officially closed unless an exonerating circumstance (i.e. military service, illness or the like) existed.

The Annual Treasurer's Report was given and it was reported that our "Growler Website" compromised and our debit card cancelled. All but \$3.40 is attempting to be recovered . All shirts are paid for but \$20.00 is owed for shipping.

Treasurer's Report – July 27, 2018 – December 31, 2018

Income: \$4068.00

(All sources: dues, growler sales, shirt sales, donations)

Expenses: \$1869.00

Growlers:	\$309.90
Key Box:	\$32.44
Festival of Trees:	\$66.51
Brew Supplies(Christmas Ale)	\$39.79
Debit Card Fraud:	\$313.24*
Misc. Brew Supplies:	\$14.61
Shirts:	\$1029.00
Brew Supplies(Altbier)	\$63.51

Account Balance 12/31/2018 - \$2199.00

*Working with the Blue Hills Bank to recover \$309.83. Debit card was compromised when growlers were ordered. \$3.40 in misc. fees are not recoverable.

The Treasurers Report was Accepted and Passed.

At the upcoming Ceremonial on January 19, 2019 we will have 5-8 gallons of our just kegged German "Alt" beer as well as 2-3 gallons of the winter ale. Volunteers are needed to man the "wheeled" kegerator. The Arab Patrol has donated a case of heavy plastic cups to be used.

An asked for sink in the Brew Club Room has been denied, but we were informed the Building Committee will be extensively renovating the plumbing in the Director's Staff Room(back door), which will accommodate all of our non-kitchen needs, such as overhead spray. A key is being cut for us.

The next Brew Session will be Saturday January 12, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. We have to finish and be out of the kitchen by noon. A "Brown Ale" is our planned brew and is to be for the February 22, 2019 Aleppo Smoker.

Temporary and Permanent signs were discussed.

Nominations were opened and put forth as follows:

President and “ Head Beirmeister” Jeff Zesch
Motion made by John Cole, Seconded by Ben Lavranzano

Vice President and “Ales Rep”: Ben Lavranzano
Motion by John Cole, Seconded by Carl Ohlson

Treasurer and “Key Master”: John Cole
Motion by Jeff Zesch, Seconded by Carl Ohlson

Secretary and “Smooth Hoperator”: Don Coutoumas
Motion by Carl Ohlson, seconded by John Cole

The positions of Social Coordinator and Assistant Social Coordinator will be decided to be filled by volunteers which will be sought through emails.

Nominations were closed and all elected unanimously.

It was suggested a sign of “C.N.A.” be placed on the Brew Club door.

A motion to place an ad in the Aleppo Circus Book was made by Steve Eriksen and seconded by Ben Lavranzano. A \$100.00 limit was discussed, but a \$250.00 donation at the Ceremonial to the Potentate was agreed upon instead.

It was noted that a new Debit Card will be obtained from Rockland Trust.

A hand made mug by Sunset Hill Stoneware was shown and it was decided t put this mug on a back burner for now. The price was \$12.00 per mug, a \$100.00 set up fee plus a shipping cost of \$100.00.

The Vice President suggested bringing in different breweries in order to interest future Shriners. A further discussion will follow at the Saturday brew session.

The possibility of buying an 1800 W induction burner was briefly discussed along with Jeff Zesch bringing in his kettle from home to double our output per brew session.

It was suggested having Riverwalk Brewery products available for sale in the “fez Room” rather than Budweiser. The price is roughly half per keg at \$35.00, we could supply the cups. The Roller Derby in March was sited as an example. This would increase monies for the Shrine.

A February 22, 2019 brew date was discussed. Most agreed a weekend date worked better for them. It was noted that Football Season will be over.

The March 23, 2109 Homebrew and Chili Cookoff was announced. Admission is \$5.00. To enter it will be \$10.00. Entry is one gallon of Home Brew and two quarts of chili.is called or. This event is

sponsored by the "Brazenashlers". This event will be held at the Melrose Masonic Apartments on Main Street. The February brew date would be perfect timing and an I.P.A. has been suggested,

On February 1m 2019 will be the "Extreme Brew Festival, tickets are \$55.00 -- \$65.00. Contact Jeff Zesch as he is going on the Friday night. The possibility of a van if the attendance is large enough.

On March 23-24, 2019 will be the Boston Beer and Cheese Expo. It should be noted that Ben will be there with Riverwalk on Saturday. Riverwalk Brewery won the best last year and he desires a second.

Future Brews:

A brown Ale for St. Patrick's Day(not for sale)

An I.P.A. and a Strada for the Chili-Brewfest in March
(Ben will reach out to Wyoming Lodge for tickets)

Under Brew Room equipment: the need for a freestanding shelving and non-folding chairs was discussed. Bob Scott will inquire at his work.

Under future trips: Gental Brewing, Beverly was discussed, and Thursday night January 31, 2019 was agreed upon.

Ipswich Brewery and a summer trip to "Jack 's Abbey Brewery" in Norwood is also being planned. A food truck is available (75 people)

Brew Clubs Potentate's Reception Oktoberfest has been planned. It will feature a German Buffet and feature the Brew Club brewing at Riverwalk Brewery". This will be brewed under their license and in turn sold to the Shrine. The plan is to brew 15 barrels, a 50-50 or raffle table will also be planned. A \$40.00 per person ticket price was suggested. The Oktoberfest Committee will have multiple meetings And many hands make light work. If anyone has German Oktoberfest songs, there is a need.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be April 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Shrine Conference room.

Attest;

Don Coutoumas
"Smooth Hoperator (Secretary)