

# Guild Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021

## Attendance:

Chris Anderson – Guild Treasurer  
George Bach – Libations rep  
Paul Connors – GOBREW rep  
Kevin Ervin – Wootown rep  
Tom Flavin – CRABS rep  
Matt Haines – Baltibrew rep  
Rob Kiernan – Guild Secretary  
Steve Kranz – Midnight Homebrewers' League rep  
Paul & Jamie Langlie – BURP reps  
Chris Mark – MALT rep  
Greg Newswanger – Granite Run Brewers rep  
Tim Sauerwein – Guild Electronic Communications Officer  
Jim Schall – Annapolis Homebrew Club rep  
Ben Schwalb – Guild President  
Adam Stine – BADASS rep  
Nikki Tracht – ECBC rep  
Les White – Guild Vice President  
John Jester – former Guild President

## Minutes:

- MASHOUT** - August 19-22. We got the registration announcement two hours after the meeting ended. Cost is \$45 per person, plus processing fees. Same location as 2019. The registration link is <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5173603>
- Maryland Microbrewery Festival** and homebrew competition.
  - September 25 at Union Mills Homestead in Westminster.
  - Will be looking for judges.
  - Homebrewing demonstration.
  - Literature table – Guild or clubs can have flyers, brochures, or cards. Clubs contact Steve Kranz of Midnight Homebrewers' League to have their literature, signs, etc displayed on the table.
  - Website: <http://www.marylandmicrobreweryfestival.com/>
  - Homebrew Competition
    - Registration will open August 1 and end on September 11.
    - Past winners had their beer brewed at DuClaw's and distributed in Buffalo Wild Wings restaurants. This is not possible this year. Midnight is looking for a commercial brewery to brew the winning recipe. Suggestions welcome.
    - Website: <https://mdmicrobrewfest.brewcompetition.com/>
- Crab feast**
  - NASA Goddard is not fully open yet.
  - Kevin Schenk informed today that a smaller event is planned for Saturday September 18 at a 100-person pavilion somewhere in Howard County. It will be for friends and family of Zymernauts, invitation only, and Zymernauts will brew the beer for it. A message will be sent out with a code to purchase tickets.

- Need to retrieve Guild banner from the person (Angela) who helped us put this event on in 2019.

#### 4. **Holiday party**

- We need a venue. Heavy Seas is no longer available due to adding a lot of equipment including a new canning line, 15 bbl brew house, etc. Possible alternatives discussed:
  - Union – big space.
  - Key – not as big of a space, but Les thinks there is a lot more than people realize. Someone (Kevin E) will reach out to them and see how they feel. They were helpful last fall when we tried to put together an event.
  - Checkerspot – rent a large tent in the parking lot? We have heard that the owner of the parking lot is becoming difficult to deal with.
  - BC Brewing – Are they willing to lose some/all their Saturday business for us?
  - Reckless Ales/Axe Throwing
  - Elk/Moose Lodge/VFW/firehouse?
- **Anyone with other venue ideas, please let the guild know ASAP.** We don't have to do it in a brewery. We may want to be open to other venue ideas (perhaps favoring a place that has been hit harder by COVID). We may want to try a place associated with charities.
- Other things that are making the logistics difficult because we aren't sure if we are doing them:
  - Food trucks to help with food, or will we depend on the clubs to provide it?
  - Raffle?
  - Silent Auction?
  - Attendance size? We can't really look at past numbers to make an estimate since things are not quite back to normal.
- We should send out a survey asking what clubs are willing to do, what they want to do, etc. (make food? Booth themes? Competition judging (judges or attendees w/ poker chips)?)
  - We could use the attendee list from prior events to gather input from everyone

#### 5. **Guild logos**

- We removed Yeast Culture Club and added MASHOUT and ECBC for the MDHB poster, T-shirts, and the Guild web page.
- We received an updated logo from Cara.
- Now we need to figure out how to print it & how to update the webpage
  - Print posters and pamphlets (need pamphlet doc!)
  - John Jester states that we can print it at Walgreens
- New T-shirts?
  - Dan Klinglesmith has typically done this for us
  - "Flash Embroidery" in Odenton
- Plastic mugs? They might be more useful than a t-shirt or a glass

#### 6. **Treasurer's report**

- Current balance: \$4166.02
- \$75 picnic expense
- Not sure if Killer Ales is around anymore
- Clubs please pay dues if you haven't

#### 7. **Miscellaneous**

- Steve Kranz has found & is giving away a BJCP study guide for both beer and mead.

- Guild website needs to be updated
  - Tim S will handle this (needs logos of ECBC and MASHOUT in web image format)
- 2022 HomebrewCon
  - In Pittsburgh
  - Discussed having a Guild presence there since it is not too far away
- Maryland State Fair Homebrew Competition
  - Jeff Sanders has handled this in the past. He confirmed during the meeting that the competition will take place this year.
  - Note that the state is still running vaccinations there, though it should be done by the time of the fair.
  - Will receive entries at the fair on Saturday 8/21 from 11 – 3 PM
  - Will be judged at the fair on Sunday 8/22
  - Entries must be entered online by July 31
  - Homebrew will be in the Farm and Garden category: <http://www.marylandstatefair.com/exhibitors/open-class-farm-garden>
  - Homebrew competition information at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P5p2\\_K2qii1kK80Y916npUn95u2ClyhkBrz5PnOJSGw/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P5p2_K2qii1kK80Y916npUn95u2ClyhkBrz5PnOJSGw/edit)
  - Sign up to be a judge or steward at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdV3tnbDb2mJcF5uS3b1is3xyMVYfG7IYJkEGmwOXA6MMxgg/viewform>
- BURP Real Ale Festival
  - First weekend in November
  - Need to be a member – join at <https://www.burp.org/join-burp/>
- Hop prices are expected to increase for the next year due to West Coast fires.
- Ales Through the Ages
  - Williamsburg, VA
  - November 12 - 14
  - Good presentations/speakers
  - Webpage: <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/on-site-opportunities/educational-conferences-forums-symposiums/historic-ales-and-foodways/>
- Crawls for Paws
  - Generated approx. \$3000 for SPCA
- Party idea: Mystery beer tasting. Everyone brings a bottle or can that they don't know what it is. Can be a homebrew or a commercial bottle whose label fell off.
- Granite Run Disc Golf Tournament & Homebrew Competition
  - Will happen this year.
  - Location will be different – Conowingo, MD
  - September 25
  - Still hashing out the details
- Mead Day – Saturday August 7

**Next meetings:** September 13, November 8