

## INLAND EMPIRE BREWERS MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 2018

- Introduction
  - There were several new faces so we went around and everyone introduced themselves.
  - Jason thanks everyone for taking the time to fill out the 2017 Survey regarding membership.
  - All those who filled out the survey and put a name with their response were put into a basket and a winner was randomly drawn for the 4oz of whole HOP1 and 4oz of whole HOP2 hop. Congrats Noe on winning it.
  - An announcement was made that if you needed to pay your membership dues to see Marianne or you could pay online through the link on [inlandempirebrewers.com](http://inlandempirebrewers.com)
  - A reminder was made about if you are not receiving the e-mail newsletter to go to the website and on sign up to receive them through the webpage.
- Brewer of the Year was announced and discussed.
  - Brewer of the Year is an internal homebrew club competition where brewers are award points by bringing beer for the Style of the Month, entering and placing in competitions and volunteering to host brewing demos or group brews.
  - The competition runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to the Christmas Party in December 2018 (End date will be announced when closer to December).
  - The prize for winning Brewer of the Year is a \$100 gift card to MoreBeer along with complimentary membership for you and your spouse for 2019.
  - You can see the full rules on our website at [inlandempirebrewers.com/boty.html](http://inlandempirebrewers.com/boty.html)
- Barrel Project Update
  - The club purchased a freshly dumped 53-gallon bourbon barrel
  - The first 10 members to sign up were reserved a spot to contribute 5 gallons to the barrel.
  - Jason thanked everyone for signing up and commented on how fast the spots filled up.
- Pub Crawl was announced.
  - The club rents a bus for a day and visits 4 to 5 different breweries and one food stop along the way for lunch.
  - The club voted if March 24<sup>th</sup> or April 14<sup>th</sup> would work out better for everyone. It was decided that April 14<sup>th</sup> would work out better. A request was made to change the date to April 21<sup>st</sup> instead because of the buy time for tax season.
  - Marianne was going to check with the bus company if April 14<sup>th</sup> or April 21<sup>st</sup> were available and would get back to the club about it.
- Southern California Homebrewers Festival (aka Fest) Announcement
  - Fest is a gathering of homebrewers and homebrew clubs from all over California and beyond where we share our homebrewed beer, experiences and recipes. It is held this year on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Vial Lake located in Temecula.
  - The club has a total of 9 camp sites reserved for the event.
  - All RV spots are spoken for but there is room for tents.
  - If you have not already expressed interest in camping with the club, please reach out to the secretary.

- It will cost approx. \$35 for a “tent” to reserve your spot. (cost will be determined based on number of paying going)
- Bar Redesign Announcement
  - The club is going to renovate the current bar to make it look more presentable to the public.
  - We are going to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> bar that is to be placed behind the first bar.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> bar is going to be designed to house 12 taps with room to expand out when needed
- Competition Updates
  - Jason collected entries for Romancing the Beer and America’s Finest Homebrew Competition from club members and was going to deliver the entries to a drop off spot for the competitions.
  - Jason made announcements about the upcoming competitions and encouraged everyone to enter and also help by either stewarding or judging the competition.
  - The competitions were:
    - California State Fair
    - BeerMeBeer Cup
    - Nation Homebrew Competition
    - World Cup of Beer
- Homebrew Demos / Group brews
  - Jason said he wanted to have group brews or homebrew demos every other month if not monthly. That way brewers can see how others brews and hopefully improve on their brewing skills and or help others improve theirs.
  - Jason polled the crowd to see if anyone was interested in hosting one in February. Matt Rivera offered his and Janet’s house. A date will be disclosed at the next meeting.
- Q & A with Jason from Sanctum
  - Jason shared Too Big To Fail Ale which is a Bourbon Barrel Aged Barley Wine
- February Meeting Announcement
  - February 9<sup>th</sup> at Euryale Brewing Company located in Riverside
  - Style of the month are Meads and Ciders
- We had over 30 homebrewers show up for the meeting. 11 beers for the style of the month and over 12 other non-styles of the month were enjoyed by everyone.