



THE

Northern Brewer

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT NORTHERN BREWERS CLUB

Brewer's Log

By Mike Fisher

The holiday season is upon us! Though stores started carrying Christmas items a month or more ago, it finally feels like it's acceptable to start thinking about adding a little holiday spirit to our lives. We certainly can use it this year. This is also a great time to enjoy the fruits of our labor, in the form of libations brewed with our autumn harvest. The aptly named Autumn Harvest Brew Competition happens this month and should be a lot of fun, with a local cider challenge and a (not-so-local) passion fruit challenge.

We held our October meeting via Zoom again. While it's nowhere near as much fun to meet virtually, I really appreciate all of the members who have taken some time to log on and join us. We had an idea for a guest presenter that fell through, but we still had a great meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the discussion about future club activities.

We'll meet next on Tuesday, November 17, for our last regular monthly club meeting of the calendar year. We'll keep you posted, but we will likely need to meet via Zoom once again. We're working on an educational talk for the meeting and will also conduct voting (online if we're not in person).

It's election season! This is your last chance to nominate yourself or someone else to step up to lead our club next year. I am accepting nominations by e-mail for officer and board positions now through November 6. After that, save those last-minute nominations for our meeting on Tuesday, November 17, at which we will vote on next year's officers and board members. Three board seats (for 2021-2022) will be up for election this year, along with the roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Our website has more information about each of these roles at <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/about-us/>. I'm looking forward to seeing new leaders and visions emerge.

We will also vote at this month's meeting on proposed changes to our bylaws, which we presented to the membership at our October meeting. Please review the current bylaws on our About Us page and the proposed changes on the main page of the website.

We also need a new Membership Coordinator. Kat Karabelnikoff served in this role for many years and did a great job. Please contact me at president@greatnorthernbrewers.org if you would like to serve in this critical club role and we can coordinate a time for me to get the materials to you.

For this month's flame-out, I was back to the burner with a couple batches, large and small, including a passion fruit beer for the competition this month and some beers to have ready for the holidays. I'm looking forward to enjoying the finished beers. I also kegged my two Denali Wort Share beers, both of which I'm really happy with. I'm looking forward to when we're finally able to meet safely in person and share our creations.

In closing:

- Join our November meeting (location TBA; watch our website)

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NEXT MEETING:

November 17, 2020

*Location TBA; watch for an
announcement at
greatnorthernbrewers.org*

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- Get in your entries for the Autumn Harvest Brew Competition
- Renew your membership if you haven't already!
- Nominate yourself and others for club leadership roles
- Take a look at the bylaws revisions
- Get out and brew something

We will see each other again soon.

Secretary's Corner

By Jordan Couture

Happy Nov. Club Members,

Our regular club meeting will be Nov. 17th. We will be hosting it over Zoom and you can join using the information below. A link is on our website.

Topic: GNBC NOV Meeting

Time: Nov 17, 2020 07:00 PM Alaska

Meeting ID: 833 7449 9702

Passcode: GNBC2020

If you have not joined one of our virtual club meetings in the past, this would be a great meeting to attend as we will be holding our general election as well as voting on updates to our bylaws. Proposed changes to our bylaws can be found noted in red at the end of this article. Please take a moment to review them; feel free to contact a board member if you have any questions. Voting will be conducted electronically; you will receive an email with voting instructions. Early voting will begin Nov. 8th and will conclude during our regular meeting on Nov 17th. Paper ballots will be mailed upon request.

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership. Oct 1st marked the beginning of our 20-21 member year. You must have a current membership to vote.

GNBC is hosting the Autumn Harvest Homebrew Competition with bottle drop off accepted November 6-10 at Arctic Brewing. Here's your chance to enter a fun best-of-show style competition. This contest will be the last competition to earn points for Home Brewer of the Year. So make sure to get those entries in.

I hope you all are staying warm and safe,

Jordan M. Couture Secretary

Bylaws of

Great Northern Brewers Club, Inc.

Adopted January 17, 1995

Amended on October 17, 2000

Amended on September 21, 2004

Amended on February 15, 2011

Amended on October 16, 2012

Amended on November 17, 2020

ARTICLE I -- Name

The name of this corporation is Great Northern Brewers Club, Inc., also commonly referred to as the Great Northern Brewers.

ARTICLE II -- Purpose

The purposes of the Great Northern Brewers Club, Inc. are to

1. Educate people about beer, beer tasting, beer judging and brewing techniques, based upon shared knowledge and experience;
2. Engage in enjoyable social activities focused on homebrewing as a common foundation;
3. Promote the hobby and enjoyment of homebrewing; and
4. Promote the responsible use of alcoholic beverages.

ARTICLE III -- Membership

Section 1 -- Eligibility

All persons of legal age in the State of Alaska to consume alcoholic beverages are eligible for membership.

Section 2 -- Acceptance

The criteria for membership acceptance is to 1) make application to the club and; 2) agree to abide and accept the club's articles of incorporation and bylaws and 3) to pay dues as specified in these bylaws.

Section 3 -- Rights and Liability of Members

Each member of the club shall have the right to vote on club matters as set forth in these bylaws. The members of the club shall not be liable for the debts or obligations of the club. No member shall receive compensation for services rendered to the club except as otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. A club member may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred on behalf of the club, if approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 4 -- Membership Year

The membership year of the club will be between October 1 and September 30.

Section 5 -- Non-Discrimination

Club membership shall not be denied to any individual on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or sexual orientation.

Section 6 -- Membership Standing

A member in good standing is a status assigned to a member of the club when 1) his/her membership dues are current and 2) he/she has not committed any act that could be deemed as detrimental to the club. Failure to maintain good standing will result in revocation of membership. Members who meet all of these requirements are considered to be in good standing.

Section 6 7 -- Revocation of Membership Good Standing

Membership is subject to revocation for cause. Good Standing status is subject to revocation with cause. The board can vote to remove a members good standing status via a 2/3 majority vote.

ARTICLE IV -- Voting

Section 1 -- Eligibility

All paid members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Section 2 -- Items Put to Vote

The Board of Directors shall decide when and the kinds of issues and topics to be voted on by the membership. Any member may petition any Board member that a particular issue be brought to a vote.

Section 3 -- Election Dates

Elections are to be held yearly in November with the new officers taking office at the monthly club meeting held in January. Nominations shall be open at the September and October meetings.

Section 4 -- Required Majority

Except as noted, a simple majority (50% plus one) of members present constitutes a majority vote.

ARTICLE V -- OFFICERS

Section 1 -- Officers

The following positions make up the entirety of the Corporation's Officers:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership of the club in good standing is a requirement for eligibility for an Officer position.

Section 2 -- Officer Responsibilities

President -- This person will normally conduct the meetings. The President coordinates the agenda for the meeting in consultation with the other officers. The President may call special meetings and appoint committees and their chairs as may be needed. The President publishes the club's newsletter, sends e-mails through the mail system, and maintains the website, or delegates those duties to another member of the club.

Vice-President -- This person assists the President as required. The Vice-President will normally conduct the meetings in the President's absence. The Vice-President is responsible for maintaining club assets, including but not limited to merchandise for sale, items for meetings, competition materials, and brewing equipment and supplies, and for preparing and presenting an annual inventory report to the Board of Directors at the February board meeting.

Secretary -- This person maintains needed records of the corporation. The Secretary maintains a list of scheduled club activities and ensures those activities are announced to members via the club calendar, newsletter column, and social media.

Treasurer -- This person handles the club's finances, collects dues and sees that they are deposited into the club's accounts. The Treasurer maintains the financial records, and, unless delegated to a Membership Chair position, maintains the club's membership lists. The corporation's financial records are available for review by any member upon reasonable notice. The Treasurer presents a monthly financial report to the Board of Directors and a financial report to the membership at each October meeting.

Section 3 -- Removal

Any officer or director of the club may be removed by a majority vote of the members. Notification to the membership that a vote will be conducted on the removal of an officer or director must be included in the regular notice of the monthly meeting.

Section 4 -- Officer Resignation

On the resignation of an officer, the remaining portion of the Board of Directors shall select a member to take the responsibility of the officer that resigned and the member will serve out the remainder of the resigned officer's term. Vacant Director positions will be filled pursuant to Article VI, section 4 below.

ARTICLE VI -- Board of Directors

Section 1 -- Membership

The Board of Directors shall consist of the current President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) ~~d~~Directors elected by the membership. The five Directors shall serve for two (2) year terms, with two or three Directors elected each year. The first election after these bylaws take effect shall elect two (2) Directors that will serve until the October 1996 meeting. Thereafter, all Directors will be elected to two (2) year terms. Membership of the club in good standing is a requirement for eligibility for a Director position.

Section 2 -- Powers

The Board of Directors shall have general control of the affairs of the corporation. The Board shall have full charge of all funds and financial matters of the corporation. No corporation functions will be held nor any corporation money spent except with the approval of the Board.

Section 3 -- Meetings

Regular meetings of the Board will be called by the President. Special meetings may be called by any elected officer. Meetings shall be announced in advance and any member in good standing may attend. A quorum is a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 -- Requirements

Each Director will be responsible for organizing at least one club activity each year, including but not limited to club competitions or club social events.

Section ~~4~~5 -- Vacancies

A vacant Director position shall be filled by the President with ratification by the remaining Board. Vacant officer positions are filled pursuant to Article V, section 4 above.

ARTICLE VII -- Nonprofit Corporation

Section 1

This corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not

permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding section any future tax code).

Section 2

This status as a non-profit corporation does not make contributions to the corporation tax deductible under the rules of the United States Department of Internal Revenue unless applied for and received at a later date.

Section 3

Upon dissolution, any remaining net proceeds from gaming activity under AS 05.15 will be distributed to one or more existing permittees, other than a multiple-beneficiary permittee, in accordance with 15 AAC 160.020(a)(5).

ARTICLE VIII -- Dues

Annual dues are paid in September. The annual and lifetime membership dues are set by the Board of Directors. When current members pay their annual dues, they must pay dues for the full year. After May 1st of each year new members paying annual dues are given a membership expiration date of September 30 of the subsequent membership year.

ARTICLE IX-- Meetings

Section 1 -- Meetings of Members

Members shall meet monthly on the third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise instructed by the club President. The Treasurer shall verify that a quorum (ten (10) percent of the membership in good standing) is must be present before any club business requiring a vote may be conducted.

ARTICLE X -- Bylaws Acceptance or Changes

Section 1 -- Acceptance

These bylaws are accepted at the time of adoption by a majority vote of registered members.

Section 2 -- Procedures for Changes

Any member may petition for a change in the bylaws. When changes are suggested, the petition must be presented in writing and introduced at a regular meeting of the club. A vote may not be held until the next regular meeting of the membership. A majority vote of the club's members that are eligible to vote is required to must approve a bylaws change.

Autumn Harvest Brew Competition

By Christophe Venot

GNBC is hosting the Autumn Harvest Homebrew Competition with bottle drop off accepted November 6-10 at Arctic Brewing. Here's your chance to enter a fun best-of-show style competition. I provided 1 gallon of fresh-pressed cider and 8 oz passion fruit to 10 brewers.

The requirement of 5 bottles for entry is a little high, so we're trying to figure out socially-distanced judging to use the standard 3 bottle entry requirement. I'll make an announcement as we get closer.

Autumn Harvest Brew Competition – Nov. 10-15

GNBC is hosting a socially-distanced competition to provide an opportunity to share your quarantine brews and compete for GNBC HBOTY. The competition will follow a simplified format to allow for judging over Zoom without a social gathering. FOUR categories are open, encompassing all beer styles PLUS cider, and all categories are open for the **BREW WITH PASSION** challenge.



Competition Format and Rules:

1. The top beers or ciders with passion fruit from each category will move to the "BREW WITH PASSION" HBOTY special challenge round.
2. Entrants are allowed **one entry per competition category (cider, dark, light, other)**.
3. For each entry, please submit **FIVE 12-oz bottles for cider or beer**. Label beers with NAME, EMAIL, Competition category (cider, light, dark, other), BJCP BEER CATEGORY/SUB-CATEGORY. You can use the BJCP Bottle ID form: https://www.bjcp.org/docs/BJCP_BottleID.pdf. Recipe sheets are NOT NEEDED.
4. Beers brewed with Denali's Single Engine Red wort are not eligible for the competition.

Beer Drop-Off

Drop off your labeled cider or beer at Arctic Brewing between November 6-10. Please practice proper sanitation and wear a face mask in the shop.

JUDGING

1. Judges must be GNBC members or have previously judged in a GNBC competition
2. Each judge will pickup 3-4 beers to evaluate in one sitting between November 13 and 15 and will submit scoresheets electronically.
3. Sign-up for judging by emailing VP@greatnorthernbrewers.org. We will need approximately 10 judges.



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