

Zymurgy Cub membership meeting.
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Attendance: 44 members, 2 guests (quorum)

Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Welcoming remarks: Ronnie Castenada said it was good to see everyone back. Please mute phones. Meeting was started with a moment of silence in honor of Chris Ody.

Welcome of new members.

Board meeting was held last week. If anyone has any new ideas, they can be submitted to the board.

Two of last year's nominating committee members are in attendance. The nominating chair, Cecilia Castenada announced that nominations are open. All members of the board announced that they will run another year. Nominations close October 10th. If members are interested in running, contact the nominating committee.

Board minutes were approved and posted today.

Annual meeting will be at the meeting when the new slate is elected. There was a recommendation by Sharon Weinblatt to the operating procedures and it was approved. The new treasurer's box was installed to prevent additional pilferage and that was a reference that needed to be changed in the procedures.

There has been another policy approval put in place by the rec center General Manager, Mike Whiting, must sign the statement regarding prohibition of spirits in order to remain a member in good standing. We were admonished by the rec center because someone used the facilities here and taking it home and distilling it, which meant that the club was culpable for any sort of damages, as the club is part of the rec centers, which meant the rec center building was at risk of confiscation. One cannot distill without a license, inspection, taxes, etc. Then the state of Arizona can be petitioned for a license. The form will be added to the back of the application for membership. If it is not signed, the member will not be allowed in.

Kenny the Krusher: Kenny and Maxine Jordahl donated to cover the expense of the wine press and the crusher. Saturday we crushed 700 pounds of grapes, which will yield 50 gallons of wine. About 16 members assisted and others came by and observed. Walt will be responsible to test and show people how to use the equipment. It was a massive task and could not have been done without all the help. There will be a grape stomping event at 11:00 on Saturday, with a side-by-side stomp off.

VP Report – Roland, on the topic of elections. Keep in mind the board is willing to do one more year, so, if there are crafters, especially who want to get more involved, consider putting your name in.

Budget items and Treasurer Report – Glen reported that September was a quiet month and revenues were just under \$600; expenses were a bit more than that because of the crusher. The checking account balances is about \$6,000 and savings is just over \$18,300, well within spitting distance to pay off the obligation by the end of the month.

Ronnie said the loan will wait until October, after a formal invitation from the Governing Board. After going over the minutes, we proved that paying off the lease has always been the intention of the club.

We would like to retire the lease this year. When the obligation was first formulated, we had additional restrictions that other clubs do not have. There is a capital fund for taking care of club equipment, an emergency repair fund, etc. When we get out of this obligation, we can look at some of the other things we may want.

Jody Yeomans made a statement from Jody and Margaret, the Live TuZday series, including that Live TuZday was created to pay off the debt. The fact that the Z club has accumulated the money to pay the debt, they completely support the repayment of the debt as soon as possible. The words "it's for the building fund" should be retired, to never be heard again.

Wes Channell held a successful sausage making event. For tomorrow's Winery 101, the h'or dourves will include that sausage. There are 32 people going, so there is still room for some more.

Committee Chair Reports

- Membership - Bee Be Schwarm – We have 409 members, no new members and no renewals. October 1st is the start for 2018 membership renewal and new members, so we expect a lot more then.
- Education and Programs - Anne Muggli sent a report. The next event is September 23rd for Italian wine tasting and class. The Muggli's have had great success in the interest in the events. Later we will go back into the spirit classes.
- Coffee Roasting lesson – Terri Hurst has stepped up to head this and when he gets back to town, he will set up the training.
- Wine Making - Walter Jefferson reported that the activity is progressing; it has been a busy summer with people always making wine. We are getting a lot of new wine makers. The glass could be dangerous if broken, so we are replacing the glass with plastic carboys. All members that are novices must start with plastic. Only if they are proficient can they bring glass carboys.
- Storage rental: Susan Polizzi reported that there are only 15 spaces left until the end of the year. Susan, Walt and Kenny are going to explore reconfiguring the storage locker to see if we can get more usable space out of it.
- Sharon Weinblatt announced that the Winemasters DVD was left with Sharon from Katherine for the summer and is available to the club members and is helpful for learning to make wine.
- Monitoring – Sharon announced the needs for upcoming events that need a monitor and explained the Fermenting Friendships event. Ronnie Castenada talked about members' willingness to share their experience to make wine, etc.
- Web Master - Bob Murray announced that there is a new video on the web page, with a new look and asked members to check it out.

Margaret asked that Kenny and Maxine stand and be recognized for their donation for Kenny the Krusher.

Sharon asked what the meeting schedule would be now that the summer is over. Ronnie said it has been posted and we will meet monthly. The holiday party will cost \$25 per person, Vinyl Nova will be playing, Sue Polizzi announced the cookie sale. We need Christmas platters and cookie bakers for 4 to 5 dozen.

Bob Murray asked for pictures for the website from the membership.

Sheri Houck announced that she would like a chili cook-off replacement host for the February event, or it will be skipped this year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm