

Call to Order: 2/21/20/2020 @ 11:02 am MST

### Introduction (Alec Mull)

- Rules of the Road

### Executive Committee (Alec Mull)

- Committee members – John Mallett, Alec Mull, Vinnie Cilurzo, Alex Nowell & Jamie Floyd
- On-going topics of discussion & actions items for Executive Committees from HGA in Portland:
  - 2020 HQG Membership growth?
  - Dues Structure?
  - Direction of the breeding program?

### HQG Coordinator (Zach Baitinger):

- Anyone want to join a committee, move from a committee? See agenda for names/committees.

### Financial/Governance (Vinnie Cilurzo):

- Committee members – Vinnie & Natalie Cilurzo, Van Havig, Alex Nowell, JC Hill, Jamie Floyd
- Other Updates from Vinnie?
- January 2020 Action items:
  - Add at-large member to the HQG bylaws (motion made, carried)
  - Vinnie to create a working group for discussion of HQG membership dues (for HQG members with the same ownership)
    - *Motion made to preserve membership dues structure and commit to further discussions.*

### Membership Committee (Zach/Tim):

- Committee members – Tim Sciascia, Zach Baitinger, Alex Tweet
- Do we have a current definition of membership? **Yes, ties to breweries having a TTB license (refer to currently bylaws). Other elements we want to call out?**
- Several breweries that have interest in HQG membership. Actively working with Executive team to identify growth pattern for 2020.
- **Moving forward, we don't plan to actively solicit new breweries for membership in 2020, leaning on breweries coming to us to seek membership.**
- January 2020 Action Items:
  - Build out New Member Committee, create a new member orientation to welcome new members.
  - Identify who/how we bring in new members in 2020 (Committee work)

### Grower Relations (Jeremy Moynier):

- Committee members – Jeremy Moynier, Matt Brynildson, Alec Mull, Alex Nowell, Jamie Floyd, Chris Shields, JC Hill, Steve Luke, Daniel Sharp, Jason Pond & Chris Boggess (rolled in Int'l Grower Relations)
- Jeremy - Planning a committee meeting ahead of March 2020 HQG meeting

- Concern raised about HQG's interaction with an OR grower during a 2019 visit. More to info come back once we learn more from YCH.
- **Note:** HAPI 2020 hop symposium in New Zealand April 1-4.
  - Breweries visiting NZ in 2020 (Cellarmaker, Oskar Blues and Firestone Walker)
  - Breweries visiting Australia in 2020 (Oskar Blues, Ninkasi)
  - If visiting hop farms, please also visit pellet mills (**fill out visit forms for HQG**)
- 2020 Farm Visits:
  - Need volunteer. Jeremy is planning to open visits to all members in March.
- **Idaho:**
  - Dates are set for ID farm visits. August 19-21, 2020
  - Arrive to mid-day Wednesday August 19 and stay in Caldwell. No farm visits, but stay and watch the greatest show on Earth, The Caldwell Rodeo.
  - Shake off a hangover and two farm visits: Nate Jackson's place, and hopefully John Weilmunsters second picker.
  - I will reach out to all the farms we've already visited to see if they want an official follow up visit, so we may add one or two on Thursday.
  - ID Hop Farmer Celebration likely at Gooding's again.
  - Hotel and travel on your own, but the Best Western Plus Caldwell Inn & Suites for sure August 19 – 20.
  - Depart Friday morning August 21.
- **Washington:** Proposal of the Week of Aug 10 - 14 for WA to match what we did last year (seems like the sweet spot before harvest). BBQ at Roy Farms on 8/13
- **Oregon:** Looking at partnering with the OHC's Field Day – July 17<sup>th</sup>?

**Technical (Tom Nielsen): 2020 Goals include increasing involvement, a focus on sustainability and support/fund projects supporting the HQG breeding program.**

- **Committee members** – Tom Nielsen, Ryan Dunnivant, Scott Dorsch, Val Peacock, Daniel Sharp, Cole Corbin, Jason Perkins, Cole Hackbarth
- **No new Feb 2020 updates, Tech committee will meet next week, updates to come in March.**
- 2019 Breeding Activities
  - a. Breeding goal: Create high yielding, disease resistant public hops with dominant tropical, citrus aroma characteristics
  - b. Analysis strategy
    - i. NyseOS analysis on advanced experimental hops
      1. Identified 2 lines out of 13 with elevated 3-S4MP and 4-MMP concentrations
        - a. 024-024 (3S4MP)
        - b. 029-011 (4-MMP)
    - ii. Yield estimate
      1. Henning
    - iii. Disease screening
      1. Henning
- Project Prioritization Effort
  - c. Structured format for member input on project direction
  - d. Seven projects selected
  - e. Individual quick reports:

## Breeding Program updates from the fields (John Henning, [john.henning@oregonstate.edu](mailto:john.henning@oregonstate.edu)):

- **John Henning updates:**
  - Selections from 2019 are in the greenhouse, ready for upcoming transport to ID, WA
  - Selections from the summer of 2019 are in greenhouse, ready for soft wood cutting for additional lines
  - Working with Val on plans for a new hop drier
  - Selections from BA aroma tests – getting a genetic fingerprint, to ensure evidence of hops.
- Val Peacock: I have only one item. Angela tells me she has 1-2 pounds remaining of all the selections we are expanding. These are sealed in foil bags and held at cold temp. They should be in good shape.  
**If anyone wants to do small brews with any or all of these, speak up.**

## Website (Zach Baitinger):

- Committee members: Zach Baitinger, Adam Beauchamp & Brannen Morris
- **January 2020 Action items:**
  - Post checklist for hop farm visits on website.
  - Adding meeting notes from HQG sessions.

## Marketing (Matt Gallagher, [matt@halfacrebeer.com](mailto:matt@halfacrebeer.com))

- Committee members – Matt Gallagher, Alex Tweet, Steve Luke
- Should we organize a HQG meet-up at the CBC as we have in years past? Could also be a good way to talk with prospective new members or any other brewers who are interested in what the group does.
- Big thanks to committee for getting out swag at HGA Convention.

## Pellet mill team (Alec Mull, [alec@foundersbrewing.com](mailto:alec@foundersbrewing.com)):

- Committee Members: Alec Mull, Val Peacock, Chris Boggess, Daniel Sharp, Jamie Floyd, Ben Edmunds, Van Havig, John Gaugler, Tom Tweedy, Steve Luke
- If going overseas to NZ, Australia – please bring back pellet info if visiting pellet mills.
- **Dates are set for visits in WA. June 10-12, 2020.**
  - Arrive to Yakima mid-day Wednesday June 10 and see one mill late afternoon.
  - Three mills on Thursday June 11.
  - One mill on Friday June 12, lunch together, then depart.
  - YCH has agreed to let us in, but specific itinerary to follow.
  - Hotels and travel will be on your own. Alec will send suggestions.

## pHpH (Tom Tweedy)

- Committee Members: Tom Tweedy, Jeremy Moynier, John Mallett
- New Committee?

## Old Business:

- Action Item: Review HQG Committees, build out as needed (New Member, pHpH, etc)
- Election & approval of new 2020 HQG officers – **completed.**

- Action Items: Topics for the future:
  - Succession planning?
  - Do we move positions on a yearly basis?
  - Do we need to update governance?
- HQG Board Action Item: define membership and role and responsibilities.

New Business:

- Chris Swersey (BA) wants to join HQG during Farm Sanitation Visits. Zach, Jeremy to follow up with Chris and perhaps vote by HQG.
- Join committees as possible.

