

Call to Order: 5/15/20/2020 @ 11am MST

### Introduction (Alec Mull, John Mallett)

- Rules of the Road
- **A reminder from April:** Our HQG Executive Team has reaffirmed that the best path forward is to push ahead with the business of HQG. We ask existing members to contribute as much as possible, where possible in the coming year. Our goal is to keep the existing HQG membership together and continue with all the hop quality efforts our organization brings to the hop industry.

### Introduction of new HQG Members (Zach Baitinger) – Welcome 2020 members! Please introduce yourself and your brewery:

- Von Ebert Brewing – Sam Pecoraro.
  - Sam (Head Brewer), 2 Portland, OR locations focused on IPA and lager beers, 2,000 bbls
- Again, welcome to Stoup, Societe and Industrial Arts.
- Initial on-boarding of four new member breweries is complete. Zach is willing to set up an appt with each new member if needed to give more detailed updates, answers, etc. – what ever is needed.

### Executive Committee (John Mallett)

- Committee members – John Mallett, Alec Mull, Vinnie Cilurzo, Alex Nowell & Jamie Floyd
- Topics:
  - Committee met this week, planning to meet Wednesdays before each month's HQG meeting for alignment.
  - Plan ask HQG members to sign and NDA for HQG; we are being asked by vendors to sign NDA for pellet mill visits. **Reminder: Please keep HQG reports (pellet, farm) confidential**
  - Video meetings in the future?
  - Revised 2020 Budget (attached to email)
  - Working on Coordinator backfill with two qualified candidates. Anyone else interested?

### HQG Coordinator (Zach Baitinger):

- Currently, not taking on new projects for HQG.
- Focused on keeping up monthly meetings and circulating communication
- New members – if you see a committee you are interested in, please reach out to the chair.
- Any question for me?

### Financial/Governance (Vinnie Cilurzo):

- HQG dues in 2020 will be 50% of the dues paid in 2019, again based on yearly barrelage. This year, we plan to give a grace period for dues as brewery members navigate the new business landscape. As such, HQG plans on holding off on sending invoices until 8/1/20. Any new members invited into HQG will follow the same process for 2020 dues.
- If you are a member who may struggle financially to meet HQG financial obligations, please contact Vinnie.
- Lots of budget work going on with membership fee reductions, modifying other budget lines as needed.

- Invoices headed out early, not due until August as previously noted.
- Revised budget out, attached.
- NDA coming out soon

### Membership Committee (Zach/Tim):

- Committee members – Tim Sciascia, Zach Baitinger, Alex Tweet, Chris Shields
- Offer still out to Deep Ellum; likely will extend to Jan 2021
- Need to communicate with the other interested breweries that 2020 membership is closed
- Pool of candidates for 2021 HQG membership (Smith & Lentz, Ghost town, Trustworthy, Evergrain, Varietal Beer, Tired Hands, Troegs, Bearded Iris)

### 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)
- Committee/leads - thinking ahead to how COVID will affect farm visits. They might be cancelled but we are still planning as we are going.
- **Please join trips if interested. All trip need more members.**
- Idaho:
  - I have not yet re-confirmed with Nate Jackson or John Weilmunster but will do that shortly. I am still planning on going as I have tickets already booked. Reminder August 19-21. There will be no party this year, but still want to check these 2 off the list and offer to visit any other farms that have made improvements. This will probably also be a trip with limited attendees. Does anyone want to volunteer right now?
- Washington:
  - 5/12 Update - Reached out to vendors re: pre-harvest visits week of 8/10. Everyone welcomes us if we can come barring state of COVID. Will check back with them next month
  - Pre-emptively cancelled BBQ (Roy Farms good to do next year instead)
- Oregon:
  - Updates from OR and Daniel – OR Field Day might be cancelled (waiting on an upcoming Hop Commission meeting). Some farms might institute a no visitor policy in 2020.

### Technical (Tom Nielsen):

- Could we get Technical updates together and posted on the HQG website (member request)?
- Technical meeting was cancelled before the HQG meeting.

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

- John Henning - A quick summary of accomplishments for Plant Breeding:
  - The 2017 nursery was planted out into the field this past week. It consists of around 275 females that show great promise for disease resistance.

- All the 2015 Nursery and the Advanced Lines (multiple hills) were strung and trained two weeks ago.
- Having a severe downy mildew year across Willamette valley so started a spraying program to limit spread of disease.
- Scoring of all nurseries for Plant disease has been initiated.
- Working on purchasing a bar-coding system with scanner and printers to keep accurate and up to date data entry into tablets.
- 2018 Nursery are all in small 4-in pots. Will undergo more selection for disease resistant lines over the next few weeks.
- **Val updates:**
  - Angela in the fields – program in place but lots of restrictions from the university.
  - Some hops will definitely be harvested in 2020 (20 plants per variety, thus 20-40 lbs each)

### Website (Zach Baitinger):

- Updates made to the website by Amy who designed the website (notes, new members, new member access). Amy is will to keep making updates to the website as needed for a fee.
- Request from membership for more information on the website. Need to lean on committees/membership to add updates to the website.
- Anyone want to be the webmaster for HQG? – **Andrew Schwartz @ Modern Times had some interest in helping with the website.**

### Marketing (Matt Gallagher, matt@halfacrebeer.com)

- Committee members – Matt Gallagher, Alex Tweet, Steve Luke
- Likely don't need more swag for 2020 due to limited 2020 visits.
- Some swag in storage.

### Pellet mill team (Alec Mull, 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
- Pellet Mill visits are scheduled for June 11. BSG and Roy farms are in and we will see at least those 3 plants. We have agreed to visit with limiting attendees to 4. Alec and Jamie Floyd are confirmed so we will take 2 more. **Who's in?**
- Good discussion about extra considerations during pellet mill visits

### pHh (need a committee lead)

- Committee Members: Jeremy Moynier, John Mallett
- Jeremy - Update on conversations I've had with HRC and BA (continuing Tweedy's work)

### Old Business:

- HQG forging ahead, some budget changes in process.

### New Business:

- NDA in place for all members

- Video calls in the future?
- Int'l hop visit (Matt @ Half Acre). Who went to Aus and NZ? Any reports come back?
  - Looking for reports, feedback from Jamie Floyd, Creature Comfort team, Alex

**Membership:**

Allagash
Alvarado Street
Avery
Bell's
Boston Beer
Boulevard
Breakside
BrewDog
Brooklyn
Cellarmaker
Cigar City
Cloudburst
Creature Comforts
Deschutes
DogFishHead
Ecliptic Brewing
Fieldwork
FirestoneWalker
Founders
Gigantic Brewing
Half Acre
Highland Park
Industrial Arts
Karl Strauss
Maine Beer Company
Modern Times
Monkish
New Belgium
New Glarus
Ninkasi
Odell
Other Half
Oskar Blues
Pint House
Rhinegeist
Russian River
Sierra Nevada
Societe
Stone

Stoup Brewing
3 Floyds
Trillium
Three Weavers
Von Ebert
Wayfinder