07/10/2017 – Overmountain Brewers Meeting

Members:	Steve Paulson	Caleb Hodges	**Guests:**
Brent Dingus	Joe Wentz	Ben Tolton	Jamie Dick
Donna Dingus	Crystal Davidson	Allen McKenna	
Justin Dick	Paul Davidson	Merry McKenna	

1. Financial Status – No changes
2. Upcoming Events and Business–
    - **a.** Club Brewing at Wolf Hills –Alex Werny (head brewer at Wolf Hills), and several members brewed this past Saturday.
        i. Beer will be fermented in totes on the peaches for a month or so
        ii. Date of release is TDB once aging has occurred, Alex will transfer and then after a month on the peaches he can let us know when we can come and taste the beer to determine if additional aging is needed.
    - **b.** Taste Camp – The goal is to have everyone attending purchase a beer and share around samples. Then with people drinking and discussing the same beer we will explore the vocabulary on how to describe and identify different things in the beer. We are going to shift and only have on per Month.
      Future Taste Camps planned are:
        i. Model City Tap House – Saturday – 7/15/2017 (TBD) Include Sleepy Owl
        ii. Damascus Brewery – Monday – 8/??/2017 – Need to talk to Adam about this dates
    - **c.** River house Event at Joe's August 5th – Joe needs help to setup. Parents must watch their kids – Lab dog that has been a past pest is not there anymore. Detail will be sent out prior to the event. For those that haven't attended in the past, this is a summer event where we bring food either cooked already, or able to be cooked on the available grills to eat and share. We will also bring beverages to drink and share. Tents are set up by the river and people hang out, swim, paddle a boat around in general have a great time by the river.
    - **d.** Shirt Order – For short sleeves and long sleeves the Cost including shipping would be roughly 16.00 - 18.00. Any XXL's would add 2.00 and XXXL's would add 3.00. Final cost is unknown due to quantity ordered and shipping cost that would impact the prices. If interested, the logo is planned for the original logo with a modification on font and arrangement to make it easier to read. If there is an interest in embroidery such that the polo style could be made, the cost would be 30.00 to digitize the logo and then the cost of the polo shirt itself. Email will be sent separately to gather interest and sizes.

3. Education Topic –
    - **a.** Paul Davidson with: How are the CO2 tanks tested? And other high pressure cylinder testing.

4. Meeting Highlights / Walk on Items

a. We had a location change due to Bonefire leasing out their side room. Meeting place was Joe Wentz riverhouse
b. Joe Wentz will be placing a Freight order and would like to pass along shipping savings. Orders will be due August 12,2017. Joe will send an email out
c. Brent will also offer Sugar Hill Brewing Company as a location to do a group brew. Date TBD but possibly looking at sometime in November
d. On June 24th Joe Wentz did a one hour tasting class as Catbirds in Abingdon VA. Check out their facebook page as there is interest in having another class and the date will be posted there once it was decided. For this meeting there were 17 people and the focus as on 14 different IPAs

    i. Bristol Station Brews and Taproom – This brewery has a brew off event where they compete against a homebrewer for best beer. The event is called Beat the Brewer Challenge and is open to any homebrewer that wants to compete.

Meeting Topics and Focus for 2017

Date	Presenter	Topic
August	Joe Wentz	August 5, 2017 – Riverhouse Gathering of the Brewers
September	Justin Dick	Hops/Hop farm visit
October	Ben Cowan	TBD
November	All Members	Officer Nominations
December	All Members	Elections and Specialty Bottle Share

Taste Camp visits and proposed ideas:

Venue	City, State	Day	Date	Time	Food at Location
Mellow Mushroom	Bristol, VA	Monday	4/24/2017	6:00 pm	Yes
Wolf Hills	Abingdon, VA	Monday	5/22/2017	6:00 pm	No
Sugar Hill Brewery	St. Paul, VA	Wednesday	6/21/2017	7:00 pm	Yes
JJ's Restaurant & Sports Bar	Abingdon, VA	Monday	6/26/2017	6:30 pm	Yes
Damascus Brewery	Damascus, VA	Monday	8/14/2017	TBD	No
Model City Tap House / Sleepy Owl	Kingsport, TN	Saturday	TBD	TBD	Yes
Studio Brew	Bristol, VA	TBD	TBD	TBD	Yes