# Executive Committee Meeting 2023-02-08

Attendees: Andrew Cox, Andrew Tipler, Caysey Welton, Pierre Margraff, Paul Hayslett

## In-house competition (Caysey)

To be held during the regular June meeting, at a member’s house.

If possible, collect entry info in advance. Perhaps collect, sort, and label entries in advance. Use more teams if there are a lot of entries. Possibly use abbreviated criteria rather than full BJCP style.

Prizes will be gift certificates for ingredients. Perhaps a sack of grain for BOS.

3 categories: ale, lager, mead/cider. Max 1 entry per member per category.

Restrict allowable styles. Run time-limited poll on Facebook to select styles per category.

## Executive committee elections (All)

May-June timeframe. Only dues-paying members may serve or vote.

Eliminate current role definitions. Elections are for Chairperson and 4 (5?) members-at-large.

Consider transitional states (member-elect, member-emeritus) to ease transitions and ensure continuity.

Caysey very busy right now and looking to step back temporarily.

Make sure new club members feel welcome to step up.

## BJCP tasting exam (Caysey)

No apparent interest at this time. At least, not enough to merit scheduling exam.

Doug Gladue is ready and willing to run the exam. But we need sufficient commitment, plus a waiting list, most of which should be first-timers (not re-takers).

Idea to drum up interest: Start a study group meeting outside of regular club meetings. Use flawed SNERHC leftovers for training. Teach mechanics of judging as well as tasting. Advertise on the CT Homebrewers Facebook page.

Put on back burner for now, to re-visit later in year.

## Club insurance (Andy C)

Open enrollment period is in July. Sign up using club funds. Use list of dues-paying members as official membership list.

## Events (Andy C, Caysey, Pierre)

Go back to having our own holiday party. Co-hosting with Brew Haven is fun but dilutes our experience. Based on recent attendance, we should be able to have a quorum.

Schedule more weekend events: meetups at breweries, co-brewing sessions, other casual get-togethers hosted by regular members. Not everything needs official club support. Just post an announcement in the Facebook group.

Should have another ingredient buy in May-June timeframe.

Possible group purchase from Spirited Shipper to save on shipping and get bulk discounts. Check if other local clubs want to join in. Perhaps get extra inserts to give to members when they pay their dues.

(Other possible swag for paid members: glassware, club shirts, SNERHC discounts.)

## Swap meet (Pierre)

Should be as big as possible. Invite other local clubs.

Best to have it indoors, perhaps at a brewery. Each person gets a table.

Stress that everything should be cheap. Emphasis on bargains.

Pierre will organize.

## Brew Tech Day (Andy T)

At Andy T's house on May 6. Open-air exhibition. (Do we need a rain date?)

Focus on gadgets, techniques, hacks. Any kind of brewing tech. Does not have to be homemade.

Exhibitors each get a table. Must sign up in advance. Can do demos, use posters or videos, do a show-and-tell, have giveaways, etc.

Invite other local clubs. Advertise? Maybe create a website? Run a people’s-choice competition?

## SNERHC (Paul)

Booked the upstairs room at Armada Brewing for Oct 22.

Need catering. Probably pizza. Paul will book that. Will settle the 2 largest budget items.

For first-place prizes, thinking pizza servers (or possibly rocker-style pizza cutters) engraved with SNERHC logo. Andy C getting quotes on the engraving.

BOS prizes will be engraved pizza peels.

Paul will work with existing contractors for 2nd and 3rd place medals.

Armada and Reverie have both offered to brew winning entries. May not be BOS due to restrictions on ingredients and process. Perhaps call them “brewer’s choice” winners. Both brewers should be offered spots on BOS panel.

Next major stop is to line up sponsors and drop-off points. Will ask for help on UBC and SNERHC Volunteers facebook pages.

## Outreach (Pierre)

Can do more fundraisers and competitions. Perhaps have a table at the Brewers’ Ball. Reach out on the CT Homebrewers FB page more.

## Shirts (Andy C)

Firm that did the last batch of shirts now wants a minimum order of 48. But we can buy the shirts direct from Dickies and have them embroidered locally in small quantities.

## 50th birthday (All)

Coming up in spring of 2025. Need a big party in spring/summer. Commemorative hoodies? Glassware? Can we get sponsorship from equipment vendors? Start brainstorming.