

Notes from December 2, 2013 SOL meeting.

- **Future club events**
 - Family Brew dates
 - Set up Brew topics for future club meetings
 - Need to set up Social committees
- **Teach a Friend to brew day**
 - November 2, 2013 at LSBC
 - About 35 gallons of beer made in 6 batches
- **SOL HBC Tree in Kellogg Park**
 - SOL and LSBC have sponsored a tree
 - Tree is in Plymouth's Kellogg Park
 - Harry Jachym is leading committee to decorate tree.
- **Rat Festival**
 - This year's theme is Sour Beers.
 - Each batch is 10 gallons
 - Rat Fest is January 25 from 2-5pm
 - \$30 per person
- **AHA Membership**
 - You can now join/renew your AHA membership thru SOL online.
 - Now when you join/renew your AHA membership SOL will get a percentage kicked back to the club.
 - Here's the link:
 - <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/grow-your-business/banner-ads/sons-of-liberty-homebrew-club>
 - See Leigh McBain for additional details
- **SOL Website**
 - Under construction. George Hotelling and Leigh McBain are working on the site.
 - GET website
- **Matt Courtright Memorial Brew Contest**
 - Joe Rhodes is heading up the committee
 - Joe is looking for additional SOL members to help with the contest.
- **January Meeting**
 - Glass Academy in Dearborn, near Michigan and outer drive.
 - Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday meeting.
 - Custom mugs are ~\$100
 - Let Jeff know if you want to have a mug made.
- **February Meeting**
 - At Jeff Booch's
- **Shirts**
 - See one of the one of Club officers to place your order.

- **Membership information**
 - Current membership is at 42 members
 - SOL club dues are \$15 for individual
 - There is a \$20 membership for couples, spouses, significant other, etc.
 - This membership only allows for one person to be a voting member.
 - Please see Alex to renew your memberships.
 - Proposal to pro-rate membership dues based on when you sign up initially.
 - October is renewal
 - Each quarter is pro-rated
- NHC in Grand Rapids
 - Fred Bonjour and Chris Frey
 - AHA Conference you need to be a member to get possible to the conference in June 12 - 16.
 - 44 seminars
 - Thursday night Pro brewers
 - Friday 4-5 seminars
 - Clubs to serve their beer at the Social Well
 - SOL need to come up with a Theme for Club Night
 - Focus on QUALITY
 - 12-14 kegs per club limit
 - This event is a marathon.....not a sprint. See the AHA site for tips to go the distance.
 - Friday night is Club night
 - ~80 of the local clubs
 - Friday Night is the Grand Banquet
 - The event is going to confirm tickets via lottery if there are more than 4000 people signing up.
 - Tickets will go on sale Mid January.
 - You must be a AHA member before you try to purchase a ticket.
 - Look at 3.0 to 3.5 session beers for the event try to make them good quality beers.