



# WHAT'S ON TAP



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## WELCOME BACK!

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: AUGUST 2020 MEETING RECAP

August was the club's first time back at Prairie Street Brewhouse for our regularly scheduled meeting since the state had opened back up during the Covid-19 debacle. Thank you to Pig Mind's for letting us host a socially distanced meeting in July. It was really nice to how the new renovations were coming together.

President, Todd Henert, started off the August meeting by giving a shout out to Gary and Janelle Kiely for hosting a great summer picnic at their home.

Treasurer, Jerry Machula, gave a quick rundown on the club's finances. We carried over some money from the 2019 50/50 SMASH and we bumped that up a little in the first couple of months of 2020. As of the August meeting, we have 120 paid members. Along with that and the lack of activity due to the Covid-19 shutdown, the FCB bank account is looking pretty good. If you would like to hear the exact figures, please check out the podcast of the August meeting.

Todd continued the meeting with an update on the stout that was brewed at Hairy Cow on Big Brew Day. This beer will be canned using the canning machine gifted to the club by Hairy Cow. Ideas were thrown around on what additions member would like to see in the stout. Suggestions were different kinds of wood chips, vanilla, cocoa nibs, etc. Oak chips seemed to be the popular idea. Originally, Shooters Tap Room was going to help with the canning of the beer but covid-19 put a pin in that for now. They will, however, be helping us in labeling the cans. This first ever FCB branded beer will be distributed for free around the area to coincide with the At Home Screw City Beer Fest. More details to come. We'll be looking for some volunteers soon to help with the canning!

The meeting moved onto the discussion of all the FCB equipment that is currently sitting in an officer's garage. This includes tables, tents, jockey boxes, bars, etc. Todd had mentioned the idea of the club purchasing an enclosed trailer to use as storage for these items. This would also make loading and unloading for events much faster and easier. This idea is still in the works but if you know anyone selling a trailer, let us know!

Vice President, Scott Walker, talked about the FCB raft float trip. This is inspired by the city's annual Anything That Floats Race that has been unfortunately been canceled this year. No date has been set yet and upgrades are still being made to the raft. If you would like to help or participate in the raft race, please email the officers.

The beer competitions will start back up next month at the September meeting. The style for September is American Pale Ale. The way the beers will be set up and served will be new. Brewers who brought their beer for the competition will be taking turns pouring the beers instead of having pitchers set out on tables. Hand sanitizer will be available to use throughout the night as well. Sorry, no pretzel bowls for a while. We are looking into providing individual bags of pretzels but no guarantees.

Hope to see a good turnout at September's meeting! Cheers!



### The Forest City Beer Stewards need volunteers!!

Duties include checking in table submissions before the meeting, pouring beers and refilling pitchers, and getting first dibs at the tasting tables! Two to three volunteers a meeting is preferable. To volunteer, please email Deb Machula at [fcbbeersteward@gmail.com](mailto:fcbbeersteward@gmail.com) and more information will be provided.

### UPCOMING COMPETITION STYLES

September – American Pale Ale

October - Oktoberfest

*\*Please remember to preregister your beers to earn points for the Brewer of the Year contest by emailing*

*[fcbbeersteward@gmail.com](mailto:fcbbeersteward@gmail.com)\**

### UPCOMING TASTERS GUILDS

September 16<sup>th</sup>

Urban Forest Brewing

*\*this will be a members only event as the brewery is opening especially for the club on this day.*

# What have we been up to?

## JULY MEETING AT PIG MIND'S



## BIG BREW AT HAIRY COW



## 2020 SUMMER PICNIC



## TASTERS GUILD AT HAIRY COW



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