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## Next Meeting

Will be at 8pm on Wednesday, June 9th, at the [Brown Derby](#) in Poughkeepsie, NY.

# WANTED

~ Newsletter Editor ~

~ Assistant Editor ~

## Message from the President

Hi! I hope everyone will be taking advantage of the great picnic this month at Wilcox Park. The date is June 5<sup>th</sup> and the place is pavilion B. We have the site from 9:00 AM until 6:30 PM and also reserved 2 campsites near there in case anyone wishes to stay overnight. Please bring some homebrew, a dish to share, and your family. We will also have a raffle if everyone remembers to bring something to raffle off. Should be fun!

Our new Sergeant At Arms, Craig Day, is arranging style of the month, so please let him know if you want to bring some home brew to the next meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Derby-8 PM. Please look over the proposed bylaw changes(emailed to you last month) so we can discuss them at the meeting. Our presentation is going to be given by Arpit and you can bet it will be informative.

Hope to see you all soon!

Cheryl



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## Meeting Minutes – May 2010

Record of May 12, 2010 Meeting of the Hudson Valley Homebrewers at the [Brown Derby](#) in Poughkeepsie, NY.

**Meeting Date:** May 12, 2010

**Meeting Location:** Brown Derby Restaurant, 96 Main St, Poughkeepsie, NY

President Cheryl McFee called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Member Craig Day announced that he has volunteered for the Sergeant-of-Arms position. Craig suggested that the club follow a "Style of the Month" for each meeting. An experienced member of the club will present the style, while other club members bring their homebrewed examples. Members will be led through a tasting of the example, noting what to look for in the style. Craig suggested that the club could also hold mini-competitions each month for the style and compete in the AHA Club-Only Competitions.

Tom Folster presented the treasurer's report.

Vice-president Mary Rowe updated the club on its incorporated status. He noted that he is still waiting to hear on the tax exempt status. Marty announced that the results from the member survey passed out during the March meeting have been posted on the club board. Marty also noted that the changes to the club bylaws are also available. Marty Rowe announced that Hudson Valley Homebrewers T-Shirts were

available for purchase, at the cost of \$15 each. The money collected from t-shirts will go to the club.

The club is still looking for a newsletter editor, as well as volunteers for the following committees: Education, Meeting Location, History Archive, Activities, Nominating Committee (to be formed in November), 2011 Homebrew Competition.

Newly appointed Sergeant-of-Arms Craig Day reported on the club Big Brew Day on May 1, 2010. 35 gallons of beer was brewed on 6 different stations. Tommy Keegan, who hosted the event at Keegan's Ales, was very helpful. There was a beer toast at 2:00 PM, with beer provided by Tommy Keegan. It was announced that pictures will be posted on the club website shortly.

Member Steve Thomas reported on the status on the upcoming club picnic on June 5, 2010. All members are encouraged to attend, as well as bring a side dish and beer to share. Club member Mark Waldron will help provide food for the club, while Steve Thomas will cook.

Member Ray Sykes proposed his idea for a club-only competition "Homebrew at 32." Club members can enter any beer, mead, or cider, but the only rule is that the starting gravity must be 1.032 or less. Ray encouraged members to experiment. He also encouraged the brewing of 1 gallon small batch brews, which gives the brewer room to try new things without worrying about the loss of ingredients.

Ray Sykes then made an excellent, thorough presentation on cleaning and sanitation. Ray discussed the importance of sanitation to the quality of beer. He went through common cleansers for brewery equipment, emphasizing that you cannot sanitize what is not clean. Then Ray went through methods of sanitation, such as heat and chemical sanitizers. Ray discussed the major chemical sanitizers used by homebrewers, going through the advantages and disadvantages of each.

The meeting was adjourned at   ?   pm.

## Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 04/14/2010 \$2,484.77

### Income

Dues	\$40.00
Competition	\$776.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$816.00</b>

### Expenses

Competition	\$406.01
Gifts	\$315.97

**Total** **\$721.98**

Balance as of 04/14/2010 \$2,578.79

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Respectfully Submitted by  
Tom Folster  
Treasurer  
05/12/10

## Director's Meeting – May 2010

Record of May 22, 2010 Director's Meeting of the Hudson Valley Homebrewers at C.J.'s Italian Restaurant, Rhinebeck, NY

**Meeting Date:** May 22, 2010

**Meeting Location:** C.J.'s Italian Restaurant, Rhinebeck, NY

Attendance: Marty Rowe  
Cheryl McFee

The meeting was started at 11:00 AM. The agenda for each officer was discussed.

Treasurer:

1. Conversion to calendar year-all members, current and expired need to be called and the following items need to be discussed with everyone: membership standing and if they are expired, do they want to renew; is there more than one member in household; contact information on other HVHB household members; verify all addresses and phone numbers. Renewal forms need to be filled out with all the information. Possible deadline by June or July meeting.
2. Need to work with John Rudy so link of newsletter will be sent to all members by the first of each month.
3. A new corporate seal needs to be ordered
4. Federal form 990-N for federal tax exempt status needs to be done-asap

Corresponding Secretary:

1. Tri-fold brochures need to be made-asap
2. Press kit needs to be assembled for our main events
3. A media contact list needs to be formed
4. Our club's contact information with other websites needs to be updated
5. New business cards need to be ordered with our new address: PO Box 880 Hyde Park, NY- should we wait until we have a logo agreed upon?

Recording Secretary:

1. Contact with sergeant at arms to get the number of members and number of guest present at each of the meetings so that information may be entered in the minutes
2. Reach out to membership and get entries for the logo contest. Deadline should be the August meeting so a vote by the membership can take place. We plan on ordering hats and t-shirts at that time.
3. May want to help corresponding secretary with tri-fold brochures

Sergeant At Arms:

1. Need to work with education committee to coordinate style of the month with that month's education talk. A list of 12 styles(one for each monthly meeting) should be formulated.
2. Give attendance records to recording secretary and president-include members and guests

Vice President:

1. Order a banner-before next meeting if possible
2. Document from tax and finance-NYS tax exempt

President:

1. Continue to research other homebrew club's insurance matters-deadline by July meeting
2. Email the check information to treasurer-asap
3. Formulate "message from president" for newsletter by end of each month

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36AM

## **Newsletter**

The newsletter will be posted to the club website on the first day of every month. The treasurer will send out the newsletter to club member emails. Check out the club website to find the latest [newsletter!](#)

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