

## **Zymurgists of the Ozarks (ZOO) Homebrewing Society Bylaws**

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### **ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1. Duration**

The Homebrew ZOO Club and Membership calendar starts yearly in January. Membership in the organization lasts until the start of a new calendar year.

#### **Section 2. Dues**

Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership, in accordance with the ZOO Constitution. Members shall receive a membership card, the Society's newsletter, when published, and may enjoy any other benefits that come along with membership in this Society.

Dues for membership in the organization are due every January, when a new calendar year begins. When the calendar year is already in progress, membership dues shall be prorated for the remaining time in the organization's calendar year.

Returning members who do not renew shall be placed on an inactive list. If a returning member has not renewed for a period of five years, his/her name shall be dropped from the list.

#### **Section 3. Couples Membership**

A Member's spouse or significant other shall be considered a non-voting member for the purposes of all Zymurgists of The Ozarks activities. If they wish to be a voting member, they may pay dues equivalent to that of any other voting member.

#### **Section 4. Honorary Membership**

The Board of Directors may elect to designate any person an Honorary Member of the Society for a time period determined by the Board at the time of dispensing such Honorary Membership. Honorary Membership entitles such person to a copy of the Society newsletter and any other benefits as determined by the Board of Directors at the time of election of that title.

#### **Section 5. Membership Cards**

The club shall provide to each member a card designating them as a member of the Zymurgists of The Ozarks. Each card shall be minimally provided with name and a method to determine the member's expiration date and current status. The card shall be required for all discounts and voting privileges except where waived by the Board of Directors or vendor.

#### **Section 6. Membership Agreement**

The Board of Directors shall codify a membership agreement that is required for all members. The agreement shall outline acceptable behavior and risks assumed by members.

#### **Section 7. Discipline of Society Members**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to implement disciplinary action against any member of the Society. The disciplinary process will occur in the following manner:

- a. A motion must be made to the Board of Directors outlining the specific nature of the accusations and charges made against the member,
- b. In a closed meeting, the Board of Directors will meet with the person to discuss the charges and accusations. The person whom charges have been leveled against has the right to appear in the close meeting with the Board of Directors, however, that person is not required to,
- c. The Board of Directors then will discuss the charges and will decide on necessary and appropriate action, if any action is to be taken at all,
- d. If the Board of Directors considers removal of the member from the Society, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors must approve the removal. If the Board of Directors recommends removal of the person from the membership, the general membership must also approve the removal by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

## **ARTICLE II – NEWSLETTER**

### **Section 1. Title**

The title of the Zymurgists of the Ozarks (ZOO) Homebrewing Society's newsletter shall be "Homebrewed News."

### **Section 2. Responsibility**

The Media Director shall be responsible for producing and distributing the newsletter.

### **Section 3. Contents**

The newsletter shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Minutes of Board of Directors meetings and membership meetings. Summaries of these meetings will be acceptable.
- b. Articles submitted by members of appropriate length and subject matter, as determined by the Newsletter Editor.
- c. A calendar of upcoming events.
- d. Information about upcoming competitions.
- e. Shop news.
- f. Cartoons, if available.
- g. Any other beer or brewing related information as deemed appropriate by the newsletter editor.

Cut-off date for submissions to the newsletter shall be determined by the Newsletter Editor.

### **Section 4. Frequency of Publication**

Barring unpredictable circumstances, the Newsletter Editor will make every effort to publish the newsletter no later than five (5) days before the monthly membership meeting.

## **ARTICLE III – FESTIVALS**

### **Section 1. Public Festivals**

There shall be three festivals per year. The Board of Directors and the Festivals Committee shall decide naming, time, place, and manner of all festivals.

## **ARTICLE IV - COMPETITIONS**

### **Section 1. Number**

There will be at least two (2) ZOO-sponsored competitions per year. These competitions may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Competitions Committee, be open to other Homebrewing clubs and may/not be sanctioned by the BJCP/AHA. Sanctioning of these two competitions shall not be a requirement for holding them.

### **Section 2. Other Competitions**

The Board of Directors and the Competitions Committee reserves the right to involve this Society in organizing competitions other than the two mentioned above, an example of which would be a home brew competition at a county fair. If the Board of Directors chooses to organize such a competition, every effort shall be made to have it sanctioned by the BJCP/AHA.

### **Section 3. Rules and Awards**

The rules and awards for competitions shall be determined on a per competition basis and will be published in the newsletter at least three (3) months prior to the competition.

## **ARTICLE V: ENACTMENT OF BYLAWS**

### **Section 1. Effective Date**

This Constitution and By-Laws shall be considered in effect when approved by at least two thirds of the membership present at the membership meeting where this document is put to a vote.

## **ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT PROCEDURE**

### **Section 1 - Resolutions**

From time to time it may be necessary to modify this Constitution. The procedure shall be as follows:

- a. Any individual, or committee, or the Board of Directors may write a resolution to modify this Constitution. It shall include the reason for the change, the article, the section, the paragraph, etc., where the change will occur, and what the change will be.
- b. If an individual member has drafted a resolution, he/she may present it to the Board of Directors for presentation to the membership or bring it to a membership meeting for presentation to the membership. The purpose of presenting it to the membership is to inform them about it.
- c. After presentation the membership shall vote on whether or not to accept the resolution for consideration.
- d. The resolution shall be posted in the newsletter after the initial membership approval.

- e. At the next membership meeting, the resolution will be voted on by the paid membership. A 2/3 majority is required for the resolution to be adopted.