



Hood River Watershed Group

*"...to sustain & improve the
Hood River Watershed through
education, cooperation, & stewardship"*

JUNE 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Watershed Group Members Present

Chuck Gehling	Farron Brougher	John Buckley	Sam Doak	Alexander Ross
Blayne Eineichner	Holly Cocolli	Bernard Yoo	Brian Nakamura	Andrew Spaeth
Cindy Thieman	Heather Hendrixson	Megan Saunders	Dan Bell	Collin Godkin

Welcome and Introductions

At 6:00pm, Chuck Gehling welcomed everyone to the June meeting held at Full Sail Brewing in Hood River. Brewery Production Manager Collin Godkin introduced himself and led the group on a tour of brewery operations. There were 15 people in attendance.

Monthly Informational Presentation

Full Sail Brewing Production Manager, Collin Godkin, provided a tour of the Brewery's production facilities and a description of the beer making process. The Brewery was founded in 1994 and was employee-owned until 2015. Full Sail has invested heavily in water conserving equipment and practices. They use 3 barrels of water for every barrel of beer produced. The industry standard is closer to 6 barrels of water used to produce one barrel of beer. Their efficient water usage is due to a Meura mash filter (which uses far less water than the traditional mash process), a hot water recovery system, smaller spray nozzle apertures on bottle and keg washers, a glycol chiller in tandem with a heat exchanger to reduce cooling water use, and a 4-day work week. They source their main ingredients from the Northwest, with barley coming from nearby states and hops from the Willamette and Yakima Valleys. Water comes from the City of Hood River's municipal source, and Collin noted its excellent quality for beer making. Chuck asked how the brewing process was impacted when the City began chlorinating their drinking water. Collin noted that they had to adjust the chemistry in the brewing process somewhat. Holly asked how much water they used per day. It depends on how many batches they are making. Collin stepped the group through the brewing process including milling of the malted barley, creating the mash, fermentation, and bottling.

Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Chuck asked if there were any corrections to the May minutes. No changes were noted and the group approved the minutes.

Old Business

Cindy reviewed the highlights of and edits to the Hood River Basin Partnership Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU provides a description of the Partnership, its role, and decision-making processes. It will also support implementation of the Strategic Action Plan. *The group provided second consensus approval to move forward with the Hood River Basin Partnership MOU.*

New Business

Columbia Insight requested a letter of support from HRWG to accompany grant applications to several foundations to help fund a series of articles on water. Cindy suggested that the HRWG provide a letter of support that indicates our support for the Columbia Insight articles. The letter could also include a brief description of how our mission relates to water, our willingness to provide information to support the articles' development, and that we appreciate having a local media organization that can provide in-depth coverage of local issues relating to

the watershed. The group concurred and provided first consensus approval to provide a letter of support to Columbia Insight.

Reports and Announcements

Coordinator Report: Cindy briefly overviewed the pending request to OWEB for development of a financial plan in conjunction with the FIP strategic action plan. OWEB has set aside money (up to \$15,000) for partnerships to hire contractors to help develop these financial plans. At the last strategic action plan meeting, the partnership reviewed this opportunity and decided it was worth pursuing, with the support of the HRWG. Cindy submitting the request earlier in the day.

Summary of Consensus Items and Establishment of Next Meeting

Items that Received First Consensus:

- HRWG approval to write letter of support for Columbia Insight grant applications to write articles on water.

Items that Received Second Consensus:

- HRWG approval to sign the Hood River Basin Partnership MOU.

The next Hood River Watershed Group meeting will be the annual BBQ Picnic on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2019 at Tollbridge Park.

Adjournment

Chuck thanked the group for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Reported by: Cindy Thieman