Annual General Meeting
of the
South Australian Brewing Club

16 July 2028
The Wheatsheaf Hotel at 7 pm

Agenda

1. Welcome/Apologies*
2. Special general meeting - constitution changes
3. Acceptance AGM 2024 minutes (here)
4. Presidents Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers - nominate by email to info@sabrew.com
7. Any other business

Invitations

All financial members of the South Australian Brewing Club

Attending

Committee as attending

Name	Initials	Role
Lachlan Johnson	LJ	President
Leon van der Lindon	LV	Treasurer
Gerard Flynn	GF	Competitions
Sam Beard	SB	Vice President
Christopher Kerr	CK	General

Minutes

1. Apologies

Angus Kingston (Secretary)
Julien Gibson (Public Officer)
Nick McAuley (outgoing committee member)

2. Acceptance of the previous meeting minutes from 19 July 2023

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FoYlHb3tP11HLtb0kEoKgG9V4ICNSGwk/edit

Sam accepted the minutes.

3. Constitution changes

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jrzplEqE8dUlpFZKj5HysJPCkd6wY7Q5/view

Due to the relatively low turnout, the group discussed whether they had sufficient quorum to put the proposed changes to a vote.
Although the constitution does not stipulate a minimum number required, Lachlan decided the vote would be postponed until a later date.

Action: new committee to arrange a Special General Meeting in the near future to vote on the changes.

4. Presidents reports

Lachlan provided a report of the last 12 months. It can be viewed here

5. Treasurer's report

Leon provided a report on the club's books and confirmed the club is solvent. The account balances can be viewed here

Closing balance CBA	4,778.56
Closing Balance SABSOSA	4,331.51
Closing Balance Paypal	03

Closing Balance Stripe	0
Closing Balance total	**9,110.071**

Leon noted that whilst the bank balance is around $1670 higher on last year, it does not include recent expenses such as the BeerBQ which was just before EOFY.

6. Election of club officers

A final call for nominations was made to fill the following positions

5 Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Officer
and a maximum of 4 additional committee members

The final Committee Nominations Received were

Position	**Nominees**
President	Lachlan Johnson
Secretary	Gus Kingston
Treasurer	Leon van der Linden
Vice President	Chris Kerr
Competition Director	Gerrard Flynn
General Officer (IT)	Julien Gibson (Public Officer/Life Member)
General Officer	Mark Lehmann
General Officer	Glen Phillis
General Officer	Neil Chappell

As there was only a single nomination for each position, each position was seconded without requiring a vote.

Committee for 2025

Position	Name	2nd by
President	Lachlan Johnson	Leon V
Vice President	Chris Kerr	Sam B
Treasurer	Leon van der Linden	Luke B
Secretary	Gus Kingston	Lachlan J
Competition Director	Gerrard Flynn	Sam B
General Officer (IT)	Julien Gibson	Gerrard F
General Officer	Mark Lehmann	Chris K
General Officer	Glen Phillis	Luke B
General Officer	Neil Chappell	Lachlan J

7. Any Other Business

Lachlan put out a broad call for any ideas from members on potential meeting topics and events.

Several meeting topics were discussed, which LJ will compile into a list and publish

- Paul suggested looking into ingredient bulk buys that can be split into smaller quantities for members (eg liquid hops)
- Gary suggested a Winter case swap that aligned with winter comp
- Several members requested more group challenges and another Barrel project
- Gary suggested the ABCSA winning beer recipe could be turned into a recipe pack

Action - LJ to collate these ideas for discussion by the committee.

8. Close of formal proceedings.

Lachlan thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting complete.

I declare these minutes true and correct.

Julien Gibson
(Public Officer)

President’s Report, 2026

When thinking about how to report on the last 12 months of SABC, I thought it would be meaningful to consider why we have a brew club, what the benefits are in being a member and why we should strive to keep this local homebrew community alive.

Homebrewing as a hobby is far more accessible now than it ever has been. The equipment and technology we have available is far more advanced than it was a decade ago. The quality and variety of ingredients is exceptional, and everything is easy to order online.

The internet provides a huge resource pool of brewing knowledge available on forums, blogs, YouTube channels and social media groups. It really is easier than ever for someone to take up the hobby of brewing beer at home. So what does a brew club offer that the internet does not?

In the first meeting of the new committee, I flagged my desire to put a strong focus on our monthly meeting topics. The monthly meetings held at the Wheaty are the club's bread and butter. It’s the social gathering on the calendar that happens at the same time and place every month. We want to it to be interesting, meaningful and worth turning up to. Each committee member was tasked with coordinating one monthly meeting each, they were to choose a topic, arrange a speaker, and organise tastings.

We've had a really great spread of interesting topics over the last 12 months. In the homebrew show and tell meeting members brought along brewing gear and gadgets to not only discuss what works well, but also items they wouldn’t recommend others invest in. This meeting was great because you knew whatever gear your fellow members brought was something you would be able to get here in SA. You were able to receive real-world feedback from another homebrewer who used the item in their brewing process, and whose beer you have probably tried at some point. You were able to pick it up, play with it, and ask further questions.

You can't do that on the internet.

I ran a topic on RO water filters. Having just purchased an RO filter for myself, I was really curious to do a side-by-side comparison and see exactly how using an RO filter would change my brewing process and beer. We went over the general benefits of RO filters, but you were also able to see exactly how they work with our local water source, the same water many of you use at home. We blind tested 2 versions of the same beer to taste firsthand exactly how using an RO filter impacts/improves homebrew.

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Responsible consumption of alcohol is at the core of the Club's ethos – it’s in our mission statement – so it was fantastic to have Darren present on how to brew low/no alcohol beers. He provided his own experiences, shared multiple internet resources we can refer too, but best of all, he had two versions we were able to taste and appreciate just how good a low alcohol beer can be.

You can't do that on the internet.

Last month, our resident water expert Leon gave us a science lesson on pH meters, discussing how to use them and, perhaps more importantly, how to look after them. Best of all, though, members were able to bring their own meters along and calibrate them using Leon's guidance and PH solutions. Now those members know that when they take a reading on their brew day, they can be confident their measurements are closely aligned to what other club members are seeing and reporting, something that really helps when sharing recipes and techniques with each other.

You can't do that on the internet.

I won’t talk to every single meeting as there were many more, but I thank everyone who coordinated a meeting topic, presented a beer and to everyone who attended a monthly meeting.

Events

The brew club strives to run several events throughout the year and this one gone was no different. In December, we had the XMAS case swap hosted at our friends' SA Brewing supplies. For me the XMAS case swap has quickly become one of the most exciting events run by the club. It goes beyond the day of the actual swap and continues for weeks and months after as brewers sample their selection of beers and report back tasting notes to the group. When I think of the XMAS/New Year holiday period, I now picture myself sitting on the patio, watching the test cricket and tasting a selection of case swap beers. If you haven’t participated in a case swap before, I highly recommend you do it this year.

This year we ran another brewery bus tour heading down to McLaren Vale to visit a number of new openings since our last visit several years ago. The absolute highlight was sitting in the actual brewing space at Kickback, nestled between the fermenters, enjoying lunch and sampling some amazing beer - even fresh pilsner straight from the bright tank!

You absolutely can't do that on the internet!

The case swap and brewery bus tour were both organised by Nick M. Nick put a significant amount of time and effort into organising both these events and we cannot be more grateful. He's indicated he won't be renominating for the committee again this time around and it certainly leaves a big void to fill. I would like to extend my thanks to Nick for his gracious service to the club over the last 5 years.

Last month we had our annual BeerBQ event. For me this is the highlight on the calendar. The night we all come together, many with a keg in one arm and a CO2 bottle under the other, to share our great beer, share amazing food, and really appreciate what being in a

brew club is all about. Thank you to everyone who contributed to BeerBQ in some way shape or form. This year, for the first time ever, we actually ran out of beer. For me, there is no greater compliment than seeing every last drop consumed.

Competitions.

Competitions are an important part of the brew club, not just for the challenge they provide, but also the opportunity to receive meaningful, unbiased feedback by highly skilled judges. Competition judging goes beyond simply passing your beer around at a family event. Having beer judged in this manner may point to issues you didn't know you had and highlight areas for improvement so you can continue to improve the beer your brew. As always, we had a summer comp that is done and dusted, and winter comp is just a few weeks away. In parallel, the ABCSA sub-committee has been busy preparing for this years state competition, which includes a new set of style guidelines and a new trophy. Be sure to check out the ABCSA socials and website for all the information you need to enter.

I can’t talk about competitions without mentioning another outgoing committee member. Gary has been instrumental in SABC for a number of years, overseeing club, state and national competitions during his tenure and serving as president in the previous two committees. He continues to serve the community, running BJCP classes and helping to run ABCSA. I extend my thanks to Gary for all the time he has spent on the committee and I hope we will still see him at the judging tables for many years to come.

Lastly, BOTY. This year we have given the clubs Brewer of the Year competition an overhaul, introducing more ways to earn points and publishing the standings to a live leaderboard. We wanted to go beyond just awarding points for competition winners and reward everyone who participates in club activities. Points for presenting beer and meetings, points for brewing beer to events, points just for entering comps and of course points for the competition place getters. As it’s the first year we may not have gotten everything right, so expect changes and improvements in the next iteration. Keep an eye on the leaderboard as the year draws to a close!

So why do we have a brew club, and what are the benefits of being a member?

All of the above.

It’s a social club that brings us together to share knowledge, share experiences, and share homebrew. It makes us better brewers, and it keeps us informed on brewing innovation and new brewing techniques. As an added bonus we often make some great friends along the way.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their time and contributions to running of the club. More importantly,I'd like to thank you - the club members. When you turn up to a meeting, event or competition, that’s what sets us apart from the internet. Thank you.

Lachlan Johson
President
SA Brewing Club