

Hood River Supply reports record year

Hood River Supply held its 65th annual meeting on Feb. 3 at the Pine Grove Grange. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman John Wells. President/CEO Pat McAllister reported on the past years audited financial results for the fiscal year ending on Sept. 30, 2014.

McAllister reported record sales for the company, \$9.3 million, a 16 percent increase over the previous year, a direct result of the completion of first full year of operation in the new retail facility in Hood River.

He stated that HR Supply had a local profit of \$181,000 and a net profit after regional patronage and income taxes of \$401,000.

McAllister also reported continued growth in the overall financial condition of the balance sheet, even considering the large investment made in the previous two years.

HR Supply's ability to grow the business and improve its financial condition after making such a large investment is very positive considering the relative flat economic conditions.

Board Chairman John Wells gave a brief report on the actions and accomplishments of the cooperative

during the past fiscal year. He outlined the cooperatives continued support of community organizations and events especially 4H and the FFA.

The company also continued their support of FISH and The Next Door with the help of matching funds from the Land O' Lakes Foundation for a total of \$1,000 to each organization.

McAllister then gave his management report reviewing the past year's accomplishments. Focusing mainly on the company's past financial trends and their continued growth and financial strength of the company.

McAllister outlined what the major goals and challenges lying ahead for HR Supply. McAllister also reported on the amount of patronage and stock retirement HR Supply was distributing to their members at the meeting.

This year the cooperative will be returning over \$177,000 in patronage to their members with \$62K in cash and balance in stock. This represents 4.05 percent of member purchases or based on last years average petroleum price approximately 15 cents per gallon patronage.

HR Supply had previously

announced that the cooperative would suspend stock retirements for three years because of the large investment made in the new facility in HR.

However, after a two year absence HR Supply will resume their stock retirement program by retiring all outstanding stock issued 1994 and prior in the amount of \$75,000. This brings the total amount returned to members in cash and stock over the last five years to nearly \$1 million.

An election of directors was also held, resulting in the re-election of two directors, each to three year terms. Susan Wiebalk of Dee and Darin Molesworth of Mosier were re-elected.

Ace Gift Cards where given as door prizes. Two \$25 gift cards were won by Phil Howell and David Paasch, two \$50 gift cards were won by Mary Couch and May Klantchneck and the two \$100 gift cards were won by Alan Moore and John Logan.

In addition members and guests received a gift card for \$5 off their next purchase at either the Hood River or Odell store. Members and employees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cake prior and following the meeting. The



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

LOGSDON owner David Logsdon stands in the entry of the Logsdon Barrelhouse and Taproom, 505 Cascade, with his wife, Judith Bams, and his daughter, Tamara. The barrelhouse, located around the corner from Knead Bakery, will be open for Zwickelmanian weekend, Feb. 14-15.

The Ale List

Breweries host Zwickelmanian tour

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Plenty of beer news this week, what with pFriem Family Brewing starting its second expansion since opening five years ago, and the Zwickelmanian statewide brewery tour coming Feb. 14.

We'll have more on Zwickelmanian in the Feb. 11 edition, but for now let it be known that every brewery in the county will participate in the annual Presidents' Day weekend event. That's Big Horse, Double Mountain, Full Sail, Logsdon Farmhouse Ales, Solera, and Thunder Island.

Two things of note: Logsdon will present its beers not at the farmhouse south of Hood River but at their new downtown Hood River Barrelhouse and Taproom, 505 Cascade, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 14 and noon to 4 on Feb. 15.

Also, throughout Feb. 14, the Breweries in the Gorge (BIG) folks will be at the breweries with information about the new BIG alliance, featuring a map and website.

Zwickelmanian is the annual one-day event in Oregon when breweries open their doors to casual and hardcore beer fans from 11 a.m. to 4

p.m.

More than 100 breweries, both big and small, are participating with meet-the-brewer events and beer samples.

pFriem Family Brewing expands

pFriem is now expanding its brewery, adding new tanks and filters to enable doubling of output from the current 5,000 gallons to 11,000, with the groundwork laid to double again within about two years.

Port of Hood River approved a change of lease Tuesday for pFriem and also affecting neighboring Pocket Fuel, which will move.

The brewery is moving into the upstairs office space formerly used by PocketFuel owners Mark and Heidi Ribkoff, and pFriem has been leasing much-needed barrel storage space from the Ribkoffs for the past three months.

Next month pFriem will start its first bottling of Flanders Red and Oud Bruins, two sour beers savoring since Fall 2013.

Owner Josh pFriem calls 2015 "the year we realize what we envisioned when we first started" in 2009, but ad-

mits it is happening a couple of years sooner than he had expected.

Double Mountain hoists 'Yacht Rock'

Yacht Rock India Red Ale is now on tap and in bottles at Double Mountain. "Yacht Rock" the beer was created for the Feb. 5-8 Chefs' Week PDX (CWPD), with Chef Doug Adam, and was introduced Thursday at a CWPD dinner. Yacht Rock will be poured at all CWPD events.

"We wanted to brew something that would be perfect to pair with a menagerie of menus and keep things sailing easy. Hence, we bring you Yacht Rock," Matt Swihart said.

"Blood orange in color, this India Red Ale is clean and refreshing for the palate, with pine and citrus to accompany the bread and biscuit on the back end. This is the beer you want to invite to the dinner party. It's complimentary, polite, provides witty anecdotes, and will even help with the dishes."

Swihart said, "We had a blast working with Chef Doug Adams (Top Chef, Imperial, and Portland Penny Diner) on this collaborative beer project."

Solarize the Gorge hosts open houses

With support from Northwest Solar Communities, Gorge Owned (GO!) is working with local solar contractors to offer discounted, bulk rates on solar panel installations to Gorge homeowners in Klickitat, Skamania, Wasco and Hood River counties.

GO! Solar is a community "solarize" initiative aimed at helping Columbia River Gorge homeowners overcome the barriers associated with investing in solar power. Local contractors and suppliers are working together to offer a simplified

process and unbeatable prices. In addition to state, federal and local incentives, GO! Solar can reduce total project cost by up to 20%. The catch: Homeowners have to sign up for the program no later than March 30, 2015 to guarantee the bulk discounts.

"Going solar pays off in a number of ways," said Amanda Lawrence, Gorge Owned Membership and Program Director. "It reduces your monthly utility bills, increases your home value, reduces your dependence on fossil fuel and, if done

through GO! Solar, supports the local economy."

Attend a GO! Solar community open house to learn about financial incentives.

The scheduled for GO Solar Open Houses, all from 6-7 p.m.:

■ The Dalles: Tues., Feb. 10, , Clocktower Ales, 311 Union St.

■ White Salmon: Thurs., Feb. 12, , Columbia Bank Community Room, 390 NE Tohomish

■ Goldendale: Tues., Feb. 17, Klickitat PUD Community Room, 1313 South Columbus Ave.

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