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BIER PROGRAM

(Brewing Innovation & Experimentation Reward Program)

1. Background

Helderberg Homebrew Club (HHC) wants to promote innovation and experimentation in homebrewing. It has therefore established the **Brewing Innovation & Experimentation Reward (BIER) program** to subsidise experimental and innovative projects by HHC members. The goal of the program is to motivate and support our members to try new things, take some risks, and share the results with other club members to allow everyone to learn from the experience.

Brewing ingredients, process, and equipment-related applications are welcome. Examples include using novel ingredients, e.g. indigenous adjuncts, herbs, and yeasts, methods for getting the best results from South African hop varieties, and developing innovative, locally adapted homebrew equipment or processes.

2. BIER Program Terms & Conditions

- 2.1 Only active HHC members may apply for a BIER award.
- 2.2 Any brewing-related investigations may be submitted for consideration.
- 2.3 BIER applications must be submitted on the official Application Form and can be submitted at any time.
- 2.4 The HHC EC will evaluate all applications, based on all the considerations listed in this document, and allocate BIER awards at their sole discretion.
- 2.5 BIER awards will be limited to one per month (12/year) and are conditional on the availability of funds.
- 2.6 If multiple deserving applications are received in a single month, approved BIER awards will be staggered over subsequent months.
- 2.7 A BIER award will be a fixed, cash amount of R200.
- 2.8 Proposed BIER projects should –
 - 2.8.1 Be novel and potentially offer clear value to other HHC brewers.
 - 2.8.2 Clearly describe the goal of the investigation/experiment.
 - 2.8.3 Be designed and executed to allow accurate, clear conclusions and reproducibility, e.g. ensure accurate measurements, clear directions, include controls, if necessary, etc.
- 2.9 The applicant must –
 - 2.9.1 Brew a ~20L batch.
 - 2.9.2 Share ~20x 330ml bottles (or ~7L) of the beer with the rest of the club at a monthly meeting.
 - 2.9.3 Agree to share the results, including a short, written report with all relevant data, and the recipe (if relevant) for publication on the HHC website.
- 2.10 Brewers are allowed multiple BIER awards; however, fair distribution will be prioritised.