

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
5 Apr 2017
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:36.

One question on last month's minutes regarding the number of attendance. Do we want this noted in the minutes?

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Fred Swanson, SECOND by Doug Randall. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board met. Rita and Lee Jones submitted a document on the club to apply for the Radagast award for beer clubs. It will be announced in June who wins. It was well written! Thank you. AHA provides an example of a club that won in the past, and we are comparable if not better. It will be awarded at the AHA Conference.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – We have 455 members. Mark Alfred will keep attendance and report. 42 members present tonight.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Ticket sales coming up. Tickets went to printer today.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Things are starting to pick up. Jim reviewed the numbers. Getting ready for ticket sales.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – *pending*

We had a cider committee meeting and a cider tasting at Rita and Lee Jones house last month. The tasting was well attended! Thank you for hosting. The meeting only had about 8 people so we began taking nominations for committee chair. Jim Lindemann, Rita Jones and Doug Randall all offered to run. We will elect one of them in the near future.

CLUB SPACE – Paul McGuire – Paul McGuire

Garage sale was a success. Got about \$300. Cut down the clutter. Some members sold stuff. Jockey boxes worked on. Brew in on May 6.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones

Kölsch challenge judging is April 19th. Enter you Kölsch with Lee tonight, or have it between 5 or 6 pm April 19, or talk to Peter Steinberg. 6 bottles please so that we have some to share. We will have Greg Younkin talk about Kölsch.

AHA National Homebrew Day May 6th at club space. AHA has not published recipe yet. Come on down to the club space and brew or hang out. 10 people have signed up to brew. Be there at 9 am. Come on down. Should be fun. Come by even if you are not brewing. There will be pizza and beer.

National Homebrewers Conference, Minneapolis June 15-17, 2017 at Minneapolis Convention Center. Registration TUESDAY. MHTG will have a booth on Friday. If you plan on attending, see Lee and we can set you up for helping if that works out. Registrations are offered first-come, first-served. Full conference registration fee is \$255 until April 20th, then \$275. You must be a member of AHA to attend the conference. We have about 19 people that are going. We are a contender in the Radagast.

EDUCATION – Lee Jones– Brian Phillips

Met tonight. April 19 for Education we will have the Kölsch competition. April 26 we are planning a bus trip to Raised Grain in Waukesha. Bus will be picking up at the Vintage and at the Malthouse. May 6 will be or big brew event at the club space. May 10 likely tour at Barrique's coffee roaster tour prior to Malthouse. Roaster is on Milwaukee St. at Fair Oaks. Fred Swanson bought a bunch of the roasted coffee to give to Kirby at Wisconsin Brewing. May 17 education night style talk, possibly coffee beers, saisons, hefeweisens, berlinerweis. May 24 Barley Pop Tap and Shop. May 31 bus trip to J Henry distillery. They have won gold medals on their bourbons with local Wisconsin grains. June 21 Education is "Electric Brewing" discussing elements inside the kettles. June 28 Capital Brewing. July 12 will be the meeting for Education at the Malthouse. July 19 possibly Parched Eagle. July 22 bus trip possibly. Aug 23 Freiberg, German focused beers. Aug 30 Vintage on the River at Sauk City. Other things lined up for fall. A brewing event, a cider event, a New Glarus sour cave tour, and others.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush

Finance met tonight. Committee chairs should be receiving their budgets. Getting ready for ticket sales.

GIVING – Jason Walters – Carl DuRocher

Board approved some donations. More giving takes place after the money is in the bank for ticket sales. Received a nice letter from a donation. Donated some money to sector 67 Lego League. They do competitions and sent us a nice letter.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite

Committee got together and executed the boat launch agreement for the second year. City is ok with us doing it again. Talked a little about sponsorships, which we want to be careful with because we do not want to sell out the event. For the public facing areas, we will continue to have only our own logos etc., but we might have some brewer area sponsors, they are used to seeing sponsors, and we might be using some. We may use the “pontoon porch” at the boat launch for the brewers, in the future, it is booked this year. We have used sponsors at the brewer dinner. We will be adding some brewer area toilets and break rooms, which we haven’t done before. We may have a sponsored brewer gift with our logo. We may renegotiate our refrigerator trucks deal and look at other cost saving deals. We are hoping to save money and not have to raise ticket prices. The back of the ticket might have a link to our great taste eve events, which in turn might have some sponsorships on the page. This could help recoup revenue that has been lost because we do not put ads in the program any longer.

FRED: Last year we had more brewers than usual that weren’t able to make it, so we were able to go deep into the wait list. They were in for one year, but they may not next year. Wait list is over 150.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin

We will be looking at the question of quorum. Going to be looking at the numbers that attend meetings on an average. Nothing more pressing.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer
Hasn’t met.

5) Standing Reports – none

6) New Business

Mark Alfred said that there has been some attempted breakings at the storage area, so far we haven’t had any attempts, but we are thinking we could eliminate that window, it is not needed, and could be an easy target. We will be asking the landlord about this. There is a deadbolt in the back, the back is where things seem to be occurring.

Mark Schenpper reports that Mike Sproul is battling multiple myeloma. He has undergone a bone marrow transplant and will be looking for another. Mark

Garthwaite said that Mike wants to continue in the capacity of volunteer coordinator.

7) Unfinished Business - none

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Doug Randall, SECOND by Fred Swanson.
APPROVED. Adjourned 21:30

Respectfully Submitted 04-05-17 Cheri Carr, Secretary

Members, remember this is your club! Take an active and constructive role in your club by regularly attending your board and business meetings, and participating in committees.

A) CALENDAR

4/5	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
4/12	Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
4/19	Education: Kölsch Board Meeting 7 pm Wil-Mar
4/26	Fourth Wed Social: Trip to Raised Grain Brewery
5/6	BREW-IN Club Space (in association with AHA)
5/7	GT TICKET SALES

OTHER EVENTS:

First week in May: Craft Beer Week
5/6/2017 Big Brew, AHA
6/15-17/2017 AHA Conference, Minneapolis