

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

29 April 2015

Club Space

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Steve Andrusz, Steve Krieger, Peter Steinberg, Brian Phillips.

1) Call to Order – 19:40

Last month's minutes APPROVED via e-mail in order to expedite distribution to membership.

2) Comments from Members – None

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – No report

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred –Membership is at 444 members. Name badges went out.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. First group ticket sales came in. All ticket sales revenue will go into the money market.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Tickets are here for the sales on Sunday. Hiring someone to work on the design of the Great Taste website. Will be talking with the city about the plans for this year. Spring meeting coming up with them. Discussed layout options for this year.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – No report

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Here it is! Need to get the sink and water tank installed.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Grumpy Troll Challenge is on May 9th, there are around 90 entries so far. Need Judges. Peter will send something out.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Nothing new. Everything is on the calendar. July is still open.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – First quarter budget to actual reviewed.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Will be creating a regular schedule for meetings and announcing them to the membership in advance so that they will know when to bring giving requests to the committee.

GREAT TASTE STEERING COMMITTEE – Mark Garthwaite – No report

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – On hold until after GT.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Has some people working on the committee and are looking at improving the appearance and organization.

5) Standing Reports –

Steve K will be buying a rack for the tapping equipment to be stored in the club space.

6) Special Orders - none

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

5/6	Business Meeting CANCELLED. Enjoy CRAFT BEER WEEK
5/9	GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE (need Judges and Stewards)
5/13	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
5/20	Education: Wood Aged Spirits 8:15 Wil-Mar (bring brew to dose) Board Meeting (A WEEK EARLY) 7 pm
5/27	Fourth Wed Social: Bus to Grumpy Troll. <i>Early Departure</i>
6/3	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
6/10	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
6/17	Education: Food Pairing Wil-Mar 8:15
6/24	Fourth Wed Social: Ale Asylum 8 pm. Board Meeting Club Space 7 pm
7/1	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
7/8	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
7/15	Education <i>TBD</i>
7/22	Fourth Wed Social Union Terrace 8 pm Board 7 pm
7/29	Fifth Wed Social GT Planning Meeting Wil-Mar
8/5	Business Meeting OLIN PARK 8:30 pm

8/8 GREAT TASTE OF THE MIDWEST
8/12 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
8/19 Education Bus trip to Wollershiem Winery. *Early Departure!*
8/26 Fourth Wed Social *TBD* Board meeting *TBD*
9/2 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
9/9 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
9/16 Education *TBD*
9/23 Fourth Wed Social Parched Eagle *TBD*
9/30 Fifth Wed Social Board Meeting *TBD*

LOOKING AHEAD:

9/25-27 APFELFEST Cider Pressing and Camp out, Stone Fences Farm.
11/7 BADGER BREW-OFF

OTHER EVENTS:

6/20 GLENDALE BEERFEST (need judges and stewards)

8) New Business

A) Glendale Beer Fest: Looking at getting judges and stewards to the event. The same people we charter buses from does have a small bus that we can use for this event. We have used Hophead previously but they aren't available. We can look into what it will cost to hire this.

B) A club member contacted the president about an article in the Capital Times about Craft Beer Week. The person interviewed in the article discusses the local breweries, and the concern is that there were some negative sounding comments about some breweries. The member's question was whether the board want to send a letter to the editor stating that we support all our local brewers. The article doesn't state whether or not the person interviewed is a member of the club, and he was not speaking as a member or representative of the club. The board felt that because of this, and because the article really has nothing to do with MHTG and doesn't mention the Great Taste/MHTG (other than saying that the ticket sales are Sunday of the week) MHTG does not need to be involved in the situation or need to reply to the article.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 20:45

Respectfully submitted 5-4-2015 by Cheri Carr, Secretary

Board meetings are open to the membership. E-mail the president in order to get a topic on the agenda. The board strives to provide open communication and transparency, and encourages an active and involved membership.