

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
6 April 2016
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:35 President Mark Schnepfer.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Sam Jackson, SECOND by Randy Nelson. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board met last week. Talked about some club space issues (later in meeting). Moving beer from Capital Brewery. Talking about some potential changes to the by-laws to expand the eligible pool for the GT chair, and this is governed by the by-laws.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 456 members. New members introduced. Welcome!

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Sent a proposal to the parks commission about increasing the ticket numbers and closing the boat launch for the day. Not sure if this meeting will be an open meeting with the public welcome or not, but possibly. The proposal is in the hands of the committee as well as the board if you would like to see it. Google maps actually photographed the event in 2011 or 12, so you can see the event in full swing. There appears to be plenty of green space. The boat use is low during the event and we are focusing on the preservation of the sensitive areas of the park. We may want to offer up some committed assistance during other times of the year, to help them with keeping this area clean and cared for, which will help demonstrate our commitment to the park. GT ticket sales procedures are remaining the same this year, although Wine and Hop Shop has relocated and this may change the venue. There is a neighborhood in question now, so we may have to change that location. Issues with ticket sales at specific locations can be handled by the ticket sales person, Kate Stalker and keep Mark Garthwaite in the loop.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush delivered the report. We are at the lowest financial part of year, right before ticket sales. We were reimbursed by the person at GT that assaulted a brewer. We had paid for the brewer's expenses and now have been reimbursed. Jim Mayhew has reissued old checks that were out dated that people had not cashed. Please help our book keeping by cashing you reimbursement checks!

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – No report.

CLUB SPACE – Jason Walters – Paul McGuire – Garage sale Sunday April 10, 11 am – 3 pm. Come out and buy items, have brats and beer, and bring items for sale. 917 Walsh Rd. We will have beer on tap. No beer for sale, homebrew or otherwise. There will be charitable giving opportunities. CASH ONLY for the garage sale. Mark Alfred stated we are installing an RO system. We have to be out of Capital Brewery and we will have some of the beer at the club space. We are moving our beer into a cold storage space not too far from the club space. We will need volunteers to help and will send an email out. We will be moving the fencing out of the club space and to a storage location so that we can better utilize the space. We will be hoping to get some things done before the GT.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones

AS REPORTED BY LEE JONES:

Grumpy Troll Challenge

14 May 0900-1600 in Mt Horeb, WI

Register entries at mhtg.brewcompetition.com. Total entry limit this year is 100.

Entries can be dropped off at Wine and Hop Shop or the Grumpy Troll between **15 April and 8 May** or shipped to The Grumpy Troll at 105 S. Second St, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572.

Need 10-12 judges for each (AM and PM) session and 6-8 stewards for each session. Please register to judge or steward at mhtg.brewcompetition.com.

MHTG will provide lunch for judges/stewards and beer swag

Door County Homebrew Championship

Bailey's Harbor, WI Saturday May 21st.

Recruiting judges. Prefer BJCP judges but open to anyone who knows beer.

Breakfast/lunch will be provided as well as 1 free ticket to the Door County Beer Fest on **June 18th.**

Contact Justin Minikel, jminikel@uwmalumni.com, (262) 705-0326

Wisconsin Beer Lovers Fest

18 June 1300-1700 in Glendale, WI

Recruiting limited number of beer judges and stewards. You do not need to be a BJCP judge!

Free fest entry and bus transportation to/from Glendale courtesy of WI Brewers Guild

After judging the beers enjoy the fest; all beer and food at fest is free!

More details to follow in May

Info on the fest at wisconsinbeerloversfest.com

Verona Hometown Brewdown

16 July 1200-1700 in Verona, tickets \$40. Fundraiser for Verona Ice Arena.

Home brew competition in conjunction with the fest. One beer chosen from the Best of Show round will be brewed by The Hop Garden.

The winner's beer will be available for purchase at select locations in southern and western Wisconsin; the winner's name will be included on the bottle label and the winner will receive up to ten cases of the finished beer.

Beers eligible for submission are BJCP categories 11B Best Bitter, 14C Scottish Export, 16B

Oatmeal Stout and 20A American Porter.

Preliminary judging at The Hop Garden Taproom in Paoli, WI on July 9th 0900 -1200

Best of Show judging at the Hometown Brewdown festival (behind Verona City Hall, 111 Lincoln St) on July 16th 1100-1300.

Isthmus On Tap Next 2016

Qualifying contests July-October (?)

Last year there were 5 qualifying contests. Each contest was a different style, 2016 styles TBD.

Qualifying contest winners will brew 1 barrel pilot batch at Wisconsin Brewing.

Final contest is at Isthmus Beer and Cheese Fest in January.

Winner of final contest will brew limited 150 barrel batch at Wisconsin Brewing for release during Madison Craft Beer Week.

Mark Schnepfer stated we were thinking about our homebrew competition, Badger Brew-off, and where we want to go with the competition. Do we want to stop trying to get this to be such a big competition and maybe focus on more, smaller competitions? We can also continue involvement with outside competitions. If you have thoughts about this, bring them to the committee. What type of homebrew competitions are of interest to the members? Bring your ideas.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Met tonight. Talked about all events up until fall and will be getting them on to the calendar. April 20 will be a porter mini-competition tasting the beer we brewed four ways and will be judging the beers. Sat April 23 will be our Homebrewing Tour to visit peoples' set ups at their houses. May 5 (no business meeting) Kombucha. June 15 will be a food pairing/tasting. In July we would like to have a homebrew event where we showcase our beers in a "mini festival", maybe pair with Brewpalooza, once we set a date. May have style talks on one or two styles. Also may have a judging education seminar regarding what it takes to be a judge and how to become a judge. We would love to increase our judging pool for our competitions. Also talked about doing smash beers (single malt, single hop). If you have ideas or opinions send them to Brian Phillips. Also possibly another wort transformation event. We may try to get Wayne Krall, author of Wisconsin's Frontier Farm Breweries.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush - Met tonight. Ticket sales will be May 1, the first Sunday in May as usual. Committee is working on the GT items, regarding meeting with the city and other items that will affect the finances of the event.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – Met last week. Made recommendations that went to the board and they all passed (see board minutes). Donations included Breast Cancer Recovery Fund, American Breweriana Association (Potosi), West Madison Special Olympics and Makayla's Grace (providing support for families that lose pre-natal babies). Also the donation to Wil-Mar Neighborhood Association.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – reported earlier.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Met and approved the recommended change to the by-laws for the GT chair requirements. It went to board and was approved, and now has moved to members. Lee Jones updated the membership manual and passed to Drew Longmire for editing. Looking at senior member recognitions.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – working on updates. Moved to forums. Also talked about our social presence and technical overlap, and asked if we have ideas for people to do updates for our media presence on social media sites. This is not technical and interested members can work on content. If you would like to be involved let the committee know. We would like to have a list of members that would be able to update things rather than one person. We are possibly to the point where we can have a committee for our social presence, social forums content and media presence. We set up a page called judges@mhtg and it now had the BJCP info there as well as judging. It is a very new page, and Mark Schnepfer has put the BJCP list people on this, so you may have gotten an email saying you are on that page.

5) Special orders

Sam Jackson reporting from on potential By-laws change-

The pool for GT chairman is a limited pool and we would like to expand that pool. The current wording:

“There shall be eligibility requirements for the position of the Great Taste Chair. To be eligible for Great Taste Chair one must have previously served as Great Taste Chair, previously served as Assistant Great Taste Chair as appointed nu the Great Taste Chair, or previously served as President of the Guild.”

The proposed wording:

“There shall be eligibility requirements for the position of the Great Taste Chair. To be eligible for Great Taste Chair one must have previously served as Great Taste Chair, previously served as Assistant Great Taste Chair as appointed nu the Great Taste Chair, or previously served as President of the Guild **for at least one year or previously served on the board of the directors for at least two years.**”

The position is an elected position, so the membership must elect. The position must be a board member active on the board throughout the year, and handles issues associated with the event throughout the year. We need to have a viable pool from which to choose and these changes will allow for that larger pool. Discussion regarding the position and duties and eligibility. MOTION TO CLOSE DISCUSSION by Nick Balazs. SECOND by Greg Younkin. MOTION APPROVED. Any changes in the by-laws must be provided by notice to the members before presented for a vote. The notice went out in the agenda.

MOTION TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED BY LAW-CHANGE by Fred Swanson. SECOND by Harry Harris. APPROVED. MOTION TO CHANGE THE BY-LAWS AS PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE by Fred Swenson. SECOND by Dan Bush. Discussion. MOTION TO CLOSE DISCUSSION by Nick Balazs. SECOND by Randy Nelson. APPROVED. MOTION (TO CHANGE THE BY-LAWS AS PROPOSED) APPROVED. MOTION PASSES.

6) Standing Reports

Brew system: Nick will do a brew school.

7) New Business - none

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Nick Balazs SECOND by Dan Bush APPROVED.
Adjourned 22:10

Respectfully Submitted 4-7-16 by Cheri Carr

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

4-10 MHTG GARAGE SALE
4-13 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
4-20 Education: Brew-in beers tasting
4-23 HOMEBREWING TOUR
4-27 Fourth Wed Social Mason 8 pm Board *tbd*
5-04 Unity Vibrations Kombucha (craft beer week, no meeting)
5-11 Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
5-18 Education or Meeting *tbd*
5-25 Third Wed Social *tbd*
6-01 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
6-08 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
6-15 Education: Food Pairing w Lucy Saunders
6-22 Fourth Wed Social *tbd*
6-29 Fifth Wed Social *tbd* 8 pm. Board 7 pm *tbd*

LOOKING AHEAD:

8-13 GREAT TASTE of MIDWEST
10-1 CIDER PRESSING FEST
11-5 BADGER BREW-OFF

OTHER EVENTS:

5-14 GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE, Mt Horeb

5-21 DOOR COUNTY HOMEBREW CHAMPIONSHIP, Bailey's Harbor

6-18 WI BEER LOVERS FEST, Glendale

7-16 HOMETOWN BREWDOWN, Verona