

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

26 August 2015

Capital Brewery

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

1) Call to Order – 18:43

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

2) Comments from Members – Josh Peacock will present during special orders.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – No report

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred –Membership is 472 will talk later about membership items.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. Sent an email of Year to Date budget for second quarter. Most of the GT items are on this with the exception of a few items.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Haven't heard of any problems associated with the event from the city or the emergency services which helps it feel successful. 154 breweries dropped off on Friday which is 1,137 kegs were loaded on Friday. Brewers seem to be showing up earlier on Friday. With this number, we will likely have a separate smaller truck next year for other beer and brewer dinner beer. We can be better prepared on Friday next year by having tables set up in time for these brewers to drop off their equipment. Lots of brewers were hanging around for Friday potluck which was great! Ice was a little late on Saturday, so we can schedule it for a little earlier. Traffic went well for the most part for the first time using the whole loop. There didn't seem to be any problems having the pavement and curbs as part of the fest. Feedback has been positive with this larger flow and more space. Post event seemed to be quite calm, and seemed streamlined and casual. Sunday seemed to go well. There was a small amount of detritus left behind by the tent people since they were after our cleaning crews.

Golf carts worked well. Earlier people need to be able to get to the keys and there is a system for cart access. Mark G makes sure key people know the procedure and location of keys.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Meeting will be before the business meeting next week at 7 or 7:30 at Wil-Mar to discuss Stone Fences.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Getting forklift to move fencing back. Pat Propsom will be helping to get water tanks moved.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Badger Brew-off is Saturday Nov 7. It will be registered with BJCP and will be on the AHA calendar. It will be at the Eastside Club again but may move in the future. Brian Phillips won the Isthmus Brew competition with a farmhouse ale. Congrats!!

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Still planning on Hop Garden sometime in Sept depending on harvest. For Oct Joe Walts will do a beer related presentation. Nov will be a wort transformation event with WI Brewing. Email will go out soon for a sign up period to get some wort to use to do what you want and compare the brews. Dec is TBD. We have some things lined up for the first of the year.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Budget time. Notices are out to the committees for budget. We will likely increase membership dues. Membership will be discussing this. We may need to move our strategic reserve to another place, and may need to find a cooler situation. Jim will be looking at costs for this.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Didn't meet this month because of GT but will meet next month. We have about \$11,500 left. There are a few proposals to review.

GREAT TASTE STEERING COMMITTEE – Mark Garthwaite – Committee will meet in Sept to map out a calendar for the GT organizing. Committee was very helpful to the chairman as far as making improvements to the event.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Will discuss in Special Orders.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Haven't met recently but paying for one of the booking functions for checking out equipment and reserving, and also for signing up for trips and events.

5) Standing Reports –

OKTOBERFEST October 4th at Garner Park.

HOLIDAY PARTY Will be requesting board approval to have an entry fee charge from now on to help defray the costs. They event has gotten quite large and expensive. Members would have to have a membership tag. Mark Alfred handles the distribution of the tags.

CLUB TRIP is meeting in two weeks at 5:30 at the Malthouse 9-9-15.

6) Special Orders -

GT Chair Appointees: The way the by-laws are written, the chair of the GT appoints the assistant GT chairs. Mark G said he is not comfortable having the GT chair be the one who appoints assistants, and would like the membership committee to appoint the recommended assistants. Past presidents are eligible. There is no formal process for appointing vice or assistant chairs. It is known that the GT chair could fire and reappoint organizers also, including the assistants. Being an assistant would make the person eligible for election as the chair. The membership committee did approve a motion for the chair, stating that Mark Alfred, Jason Walters and Mark Morrison are the appointed assistants for 2015. MOTION THAT WE ACCEPT THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

9/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
9/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
9/16	Education Hop Garden (possibly)
9/23	Fourth Wed Social Hop House Verona 8 pm
9/30	Fifth Wed Social TBD, Board Meeting TBD
10/7	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
10/14	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
10/21	Education Joe Walts presentation 8 pm
10/28	Fourth Wed Social Viking 16?). Board Meeting 7 (Viking?)
11/4	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
11/11	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
11/18	Education Wort project 8 pm Wil-Mar. Board 7 pm
11/25	Fourth Wed Social TBD
12/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
12/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12/16	Education TBD
12/23	Fourth Wed Social TBD
12/30	Fifth Wed Social TBD

LOOKING AHEAD:

9/25-27 APFELFEST Cider Pressing and Camp out, Stone Fences Farm.

11/7 BADGER BREW-OFF
1/9/16 HOLIDAY PARTY

OTHER EVENTS:

8) New Business

Josh Peacock presented materials to the board about the Radagast award for Club of the Year through the American Homebrewers Association. This award can be given to clubs that do good work for the community. Our club gives a huge amount to charity in our community. Would we like to be nominated for this award next year? More info on criteria for the award can be found on the AHA website. Our clubs charitable giving record is available to the public. Any members can nominate their club, and any of our members could nominate our club by obtaining info from our members as far as how we meet the criteria. The board agreed that Josh or any member that is interested could nominate our club for the award by compiling information from the committees and members on various activities we do for the community.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 20:19

Respectfully submitted 8-27-2015 by Cheri Carr

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.