

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
4 November 2015
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:39 President Mark Schnepfer. Greg Younkin Announcement: Nominations are closing tonight. After the nominations close, candidates may make a statement.

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES. Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Looked at the club budget at board meeting. We are in a deficit, and the board wanted to raise dues to \$50 but finance wanted to raise dues to \$40. The club Micromatic discount on orders that Mark Garthwaite was handling is open for someone else to handle. Let Mark Schnepfer or Garthwaite know if you want to take this over. It mainly involves taking and submitting orders.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – *absent*

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – 2016 GT booked at Olin Park

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. Some minor things coming in to be paid. There was a medical bill for the brewer that was beaten up at the GT and we paid that bill for him. Gave some donations based on recommendations from the giving committee.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

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

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark Alfred – No report

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off is this Saturday Nov 7 at the Eastside Club. Will need judges and stewards. We may do a session on Friday, so if you can judge then, let Peter know. We will use the 2015 style guidelines for the competition.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – An email was sent out about the education dates that are coming up. On Nov 18 we will have the wort transformation mini contest. Dec 16 will be a presentation by Charles McGonegal from Aeppeltreow Winery. Jan 20 we will be conducting an off flavor tasting with samples from Siebel. We are looking at a lager talk in Feb and possibly doing some home brewing tours and some other tours like we have in the past, possibly March or April. On May 18 Unity Vibration will be presenting on kombucha. We also have some food and beer tasting in the works.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Met tonight and finished the budget which will now go to the board for approval. Received the budgets from committees. Our bottom line will be over by 40k, which means we will need to take money out of our reserves, so we will need to adjust this for the future.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – The board approved the recommendations from the giving committee at the last board meeting, and they are listed in the board minutes. We have \$3,000 left in the budget for giving this year. If you would like to write a request form, please do, we would like to use up the budget.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – Met Sunday. Discussion revolved about dealing with increased costs. Brewer expenses are about half of the total budget, with police and tents etc. as some other major expenses. Talked about dealing with this growth and expenses, and about ways to possibly increase revenue, such as selling advertising and sponsorships or having brewers share tables so we could still have as many brewers. Would like to sell more tickets, but will have to check with city to see if this is even an option. We will have a more formal brewer survey going out soon to get feedback from them. This year will be the 30th GT, so we would like to do nice glassware. We will be working on a calendar with some timelines and dates, so that we can have some things like art and glassware orders happening sooner, even in the fall, so that planners can enjoy their summers, having completed some duties over the winter. We will be dipping into reserves, but we will need to find other ways of increasing revenue.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Working on the membership manual improvements. Nominations will be closing tonight. Final nomination call from the floor. MOTION THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED by Mark Morrison, second by Kate Stalker. MOTION APPROVED. Election closes at the end of the business meeting in December. Candidates made statements.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer –Looking to streamline things to a web based format. Will be looking at improving the appearance.

Dixie Patro, a club member, stated she has terminal cancer. We are so sorry and wish her well. She would like to donate her equipment to the club. Please see Mark Schnepfer.

5) Standing Reports

CLUB TRIP: Western half of Michigan this year. Discussed the breweries we are visiting.

6) Beer Break

7) New Business – none

8) Unfinished Business – none

9) Special Orders – 2015 Budget

A \$28,000 dip into reserves was required this year. We are not cutting anything, but would like to adjust this for the future because it is not sustainable. The board has the authority to set the membership dues price and this is in discussion. Fred Swanson talked about our need to have some “skin in the game” as far as what we give back to the club. He said he hoped people remember everything they get from the club, including being able to walk away from the meetings often with armloads of beer. Fred said he is endorsing an increase to \$50.

10) Adjournment

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted 11-12-15 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

11/7	BADGER BREW-OFF Eastside Club
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 Alchemy 8 pm

12/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
12/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12/16	Education Charles McGonegal from Aeppeltreow
12/23	Fourth Wed Social Next Door (?)
12/30	Fifth Wed Social Downtown Pub Crawl
1/6/15	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
1/9	HOLIDAY PARTY Capital Brewery
1/13	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
1/20	Education
1/27	Fourth Wed social