

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
2 December 2015
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:37 President Mark Schnepfer. Greg Younkin Announcement: Elections close tonight

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Mike Dereszynski, second by Nick Balazs. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board approved the budget as presented by the Finance Committee. The club received a letter from Lily, the brewer's daughter that had the kidney transplant where we donated money. Mark Schnepfer read the letter from her to the members. We currently have 477 paid members.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – *absent*

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – We are going to have a Great Taste. ☺

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. Expenses included Badger Brew-off, and we received the bill for the police for the GT, which was 11k. Club trip was \$5,800. Donation of \$2,500, and \$150 for a one barrel system in the club space.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – We visited two cider makers in Michigan on the club trip. Michigan is going a great job with ciders. Wisconsin has some catching up to do!

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark Alfred – Steve Andrusz reports there was a leak in the space and the landlord took care of it.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off was in November and there were 198 beers judged. The event went well. Mike Frischman won best of show. If people are interested in helping with competition

let Peter Steinberg know. We will talk to Page Buchanan at the House of Brews to see if he wants to do his competition again.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips –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 Feb 17, and if you want to help, if you do lagers at home, let Brian Phillips know. March 16 Chris Cummings and Mark Bitney will present on distilling. On a weekend in March we will be doing “one beer three ways”, an all grain, partial, and extract. Might be at the club space. Let Brian know if you are interested in helping. April will be the presentation of the beers we make. On May 18 Unity Vibration will be presenting on kombucha. We also have some food and beer tasting in the works. June is dessert and beer with Lucy Saunders of cook book fame, Kevin Appleton, and a brewer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Met tonight, budget is done and we will vote on it tonight during special orders.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – The committee gave 27k this year, still have 3k left to give. Will be meeting next Tues at the Wil-mar to go over one proposal and request for WYOU community based broadcasting. Received some letters of appreciation from the Literacy Council for our donation. Mark Schnepfer said that Goodman Center partners to make meals, and if anyone is interested in helping with something like that by volunteering as a club, we could arrange to assist the food pantry or something. Let Mark Schnepfer know if you have ideas for volunteering as a club.

Bob Paolino announced that the land trust donation of \$2,500 we gave allowed them to get a 2:1 match of \$5,000. Thank you! The land trust owns the land a home purchased is on for homeowners, which makes home ownership affordable.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – no scheduled meeting as of now.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – election results will be in at 9 pm tonight.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer –talking to some web design people to improve the appearance.

5) Standing Reports

HOLIDAY PARTY Mark Alfred sent out an email looking for volunteers to help with Friday Jan 8 set up, and Sunday Jan 10 clean up. Reply to Mark Alfred.

CLUB GOODWILL TRIP Fred Swanson displayed a plaque that New Holland gave us as a thank you. It is a water color of our logo, and a thank you beautifully framed. There were a couple items left from lost and found from the trip. Gail Propsom has them, identify to claim.

6) New Business – none

Announcement: Fred Swanson states that behind House of Brews is a hop processing plant where we can go see the hops processed. They will arrange for us to see the pellet process. Buy a beer at House of Brews and walk back. It will be an after work thing, details to be determined.

7) Unfinished Business – Election results

178 people voted. 6 more than last year.

All unopposed were re-elected at 98% rate:

President: Mark Schnepfer

Vice President: Mark Alfred

Treasurer: Jim Mayhew

GT Chair: Mark Garthwaite

Cheri Carr was reelected as secretary

Two year at large positions elected:

Peter Steinberg and Jason Walters.

Returning Two year at large:

Steve Krieger and Brian Phillips.

Greg Younkin: MOTION THAT WE ACCEPT THE ELECTION AND NOT PUBLISH THE NUMBERS VOTED. Fred Swanson second. MOTION PASSES.

8) Special Orders – 2015 Budget – Jim Mayhew

Sent the budget out to the membership. Finance committee spent a lot of time crafting the budget with input from all the committees, and the board has approved, now needs to be approved by membership. In the past we have raised ticket prices for the GT which resulted in more money, and then we would need to raise ticket prices again as GT costs raised. We don't really want to keep raising ticket prices. Jim Mayhew went over the budget. Last year budget was 417k, this year 425k. expenses going up included GT costs, including brewer costs, police and city fees, carts, toilets, among other things. Also up are grain for home brewing programs, and insurance costs. Budget is based on calendar year Jan – Dec. 321k total for GT this year, next year budgeting 360k.

Dues are set by the board, who wanted to raise dues to \$50, Finance recommended \$40 and board went with their recommendation and set dues at \$40. There was much debate over dues and whether to raise them to \$40 or \$50. Dues are now rolling, they used to be due Jan 1, but the ability to pay on the website changed it to rolling. New members can join as they wish, and the vice president receives notification when new members join. Nick Balazs MOTION TO

CLOSE DISCUSSION. Second by Bob Paolino. MOTION PASSES. Fred Swanson MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2016 BUDGET. Second by Bob Paolino. MOTION PASSES. Budget approved.

10) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Carl DuRocher. Second by Nick Balazs. MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted 12-03-15 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

12/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12/16	Education: Charles McGonegal from Aeppeltreow
12/23	Fourth Wed Social Next Door 8 pm
12/30	Fifth Wed Social Downtown Pub Crawl
1/6/15	<i>No January meeting</i>
1/9	HOLIDAY PARTY Capital Brewery 6 pm
1/13	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
1/20	Education: Off Flavors with Seibel
1/27	Fourth Wed social TBD 8 pm, Board 7pm
2/3	Business meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
2/10	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
2/17	Education: possible lager talk
2/24	Fourth Wed Social TBD 8 pm, Board 7 pm
3/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
3/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7pm
3/16	Education: Distilling
3/23	Fourth Wed Social
3/30	Fifth Wed Social 8 pm, Board 7 pm