

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

1) Call to Order

20:33 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Getting the survey for social meetings into a readable format to share with members. We have picked a couple places for the next couple social meetings. The cider pressing out at stone fences will be the last one there, the committee has asked for more money for the event this year since there will be more people, Bryan Bingham is getting married out there this year and they will be providing lots of things from which the club will benefit.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – have 447 members. New members welcome! If you need a name badge send Mark A an email.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – In the design phase on the tickets.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Money spent on glassware for the GT this year. Some expenses from the Holiday party. Posted the financial report for last year on the website.

4) Committee Reports – *Board Liaison - Chair*

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Had a Cider and Mead tasting at Les Hoffman's house with lots of good things to taste!

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark Alfred – Not met yet will meet in the next week or so.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Events coming up: Judging Tex Tubbs this Sat. The House of Brews Challenge is Mar 21, with a pot-luck party also. We need judges for it. Grumpy Troll Challenge is May 9.

Judges and stewards needed. Wine and Hop competition needs judges, they are full on entries.

David Wirth announced Brewpalooza will be a fun challenge where you get a box of ingredients assigned to your team, and you will brew using largely those ingredients in the box. You have to use stuff in the box and maybe other things if you want. May possibly, looking for a place to hold it. Will send out an email to judge interest and numbers of attendees.

Jason Walters discussed a collaborative brewing with the club and Potosi, to brew a special brewing at Potosi for craft beer week. It will be next Friday, March 13. If you are interested, please let Jason Walters know ASAP. (*past event*)

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Tony Jaques – met tonight. Breiss Malting tour on Mar 18. Get their on your own, car pool if you want. There is still room as of right now. RSCP to Brian. Can we coordinate a way to carpool? You can post to members or Shelby can help coordinate car pooling! April 15 will be a Sierra Nevada barley tasting and talk from the regional rep. He will have some prizes and Sierra Nevada trivia. May 20 will be a presentation with Chris Cummings on wood aged spirits, bring your homebrew to dose with the wood age spirits. June 17 possibly a food and beer paring, space will be limited. July TBD. Aug 19 we may possibly visit Wollersheim Winery and Roxbury tavern. Sept we are invited to hop garden in Belleville. This would include a follow up 6 weeks later with those hops. If you have ideas, please submit them. You do not have to be on the committee.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight, went over tax filing. Went over the ticket/goods trade and have some recommendations for the board.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – Steve just became the liaison for the committee, will meet next Wed prior to the social at the Malthouse. There have been some requests for giving. Our club has a fair amount of money to give to charitable giving, back to the community. We request proposals and submit to the board. If you have ideas or things you want to give to, bring them forward.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Mark Garthwaite – *TBD* – Has not met yet. Trying to be sure all members are able to be there, will meet in two weeks. Will start setting parameters etc.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Did not meet, but did put out a general email to the membership asking how they would like to see presidents and GT chairpersons recognised. Gavel is the obvious choice for past presidents, the idea of “the chair” kept coming up, so there might be a commemorative mounted chair or something. This is purely commemorative, lifetime admittance to the club or GT is obviously the gift that would hold value.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Haven't met, looking to see if the folks that we working in it in the past are still interested. The bones of the site seems to be working well.

5) Beer Break

6) Standing Reports

Holiday party – had such a great attendance, with the growth of the club stretching the budget of it. Next party will more than likely have a co-pay so that we can keep funding this party. It is getting quite large and costly. It is for club members and significant others or family members, and it seems to have grown beyond that. We are talking with the board on how we would like to proceed in the future to make it manageable and affordable. January 9, 2016 is the date.

7) New Business –

There is an order of the GT 2014 tee shirts coming up, a reorder for club members.

Bob Paolino reports that we like to do a March Madness style homebrew competition at the business meeting. We have people bring homebrew, assign random brackets, taste and decide which beers we like and want to advance, and keep going through rounds, until we get to a winner. Fun and informal. Bob will provide details on how much beer each entry needs to provide, depending on how many entries. Email Bob Paolino to enter.

We would like to organize a tour of members' homebrew systems again, it is still in the budget, Cheri/Schmied/Carey will coordinate.

How many people would be interested in a Seibel kit? We can team up. See Mark Garthwaite.

The night before the Great Taste we have a big potluck for the members and brewers and we need people to brew. Please brew. The club will supply the grain for you!

8) Unfinished Business – none

9) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 21:10

Respectfully Submitted 3-14-15 by Cheri Carr *happy Pi day!*

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.

CALENDAR

3/11	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
3/13	MHTG-POTOSI COLLABORATION BREW FOR CRAFT BEER WEEK
3/18	Education: Briess Malting tour, Waterloo WI. <i>RSVP required</i>
3/21	HOUSE OF BREWS MHTG CHALLENGE and POTLUCK*
3/25	Fourth Wed Social Brasserie V, 8 pm. Board <i>TBD</i> 7 pm
4/1	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
4/8	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
4/15	Education Sierra Nevada Bigfoot presentation 8:15 Wil-Mar
4/22	Fourth Wed Social BOS Meadery Tour and Tasting Room 7 pm (NOTE early time! Mead in bottles and tee-shirts for sale also)
4/29	Fifth Wed Social <i>TBD</i> 8 pm. Board <i>TBD</i> 7 pm
5/6	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
5/13	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
5/20	Education Wood Aged Spirits 8:15 Wil-Mar (bring brew to dose)
5/27	Fourth Wed Social (and board meeting) <i>TBD</i>
6/3	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
6/10	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
6/17	Education Food Pairing possibly
6/24	Fourth Wed Social (and board meeting) <i>TBD</i>

**HOUSE OF BREWS PRO-AM BREWING CHALLENGE*

Entries are due by March 20th. This is a MHTG members-only competition, there is no entry fee. There will be a pot-luck / beer party at The House of Brews during / after judging on the 21st.

LOOKING AHEAD:

8/8	We're havin' a beerfest!
9/25-27	APFELFEST Cider Pressing and Camp out, Stone Fences Farm.
11/7	BADGER BREW-OFF

OTHER EVENTS:

3/7	TEX TUBBS/NEXT DOOR BREWING CHALLENGE
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- 3/21 POTOSI BREWERIANA SHOW, Includes a book signing of "Roll out the Barrels" by Gary Hess of Hess Cooperage. Potosi.
- 4/10-12 GREAT LAKES CIDER/MEAD COMPETITION, Grand Rapids, MI (we can send entries for you)
- 4/11 WINE AND HOP SHOP COMPETITION Italian Workingmen's Club (entries are full but fees are covered for members by mhtg)
- 5/9 GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE (need judges and stewards)
- 6/20 GLENDALE BEERFEST (need judges and stewards)