

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
1 April 2015
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:35 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES. Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board meeting was last week. Went over committee reports

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – *absent* President reports we have 447 members. New members welcome!

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – *absent*

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Bill Rogers sold some of the anniversary books. House of Brews challenge went well and the BJCP class. Gave a 3k donation to Breast Cancer Recovery fund. Coming up on ticket sales. This is when we take in our income for the GT.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – We sent some entries to the Great Lakes cider competition this year, which is a major competition in Michigan.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark Alfred – There is no longer a club space. April Fools. Yes there is.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – HOB challenge went very well. Brian Phillips won with a hickory smoked Vienna lager. It will be brewed for the GABF pro-am. We will try to get a couple kegs for the membership to share. May 9 is Grumpy Troll Challenge. We need judges and stewards, and also entries! Sign up on-line or with Peter. You can drop off at Grumpy Troll and MAYBE at Wine and Hop Shop.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Went to Breiss Malting, which was a great tour. We got in behind the scenes, and they went to some lengths be able to show us every aspect of the process. On April 15 there will be a Sierra Nevada regional rep here, and we will also have Sierra Nevada trivia and prizes. We will taste the old vintages and modern beers. On May 20 Chris Cummings will be discussing wood aged spirits, so bring some brew to wood age with his samples. We can try different quantities and flavors. We also may watch a dvd about adding flavors. June 17 will be homebrew food pairing by Kevin Appelon who is a member and a culinary person from Madison College. July is TBD, and in Aug will we go to Wollershiem Winery and Roxbury Tavern. In Sept we will go to a hop garden in Belleville and will taste the beer with those hops later on.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight. Last week at the board meeting we presented our recommendations for ticket trades, which was to bring them onto paper and accounted for. This would result in our bottom line remaining the same, but the value of the tickets traded for goods and services would then be accounted for. We have a software system that can add these in and do the tax info for that. Ticket sales are happening May 3.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – The club has budgeted money for the purpose of giving back to the community. Fred Swanson requested money in addition to what he raises for Breast Cancer Recovery Fund, and we give to this cause each year, 3K this year. Dan Gustafson helps a recovery group in Milwaukee so we recommended \$500 to that one and the board approved both of these. If anyone has causes that they are involved in and you are a member of the club, you can put in a request to give to these causes. See Steve K or Carl.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – Met for the first time last month. Looking into using the soccer field for the larger breweries and talking about how to work with the city to feasibly look into this. We have added a lot of breweries, and are looking at the long term picture of the event.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Met and looked into how to recognize senior members. New members introduced. Welcome!

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Haven't met, creating a committee of folks that are knowledgeable and interested.

5) Beer Break

6) Standing Reports

GRAIN PROGRAM - Club buys grain for you, grain@mhtg.org. We also buy hops and yeast for members to try. We have a good stock and send out a list of what we have. We like to encourage you to brew, if you brew a lot maybe just get your specialty grains from our stock. The qualifier is that you bring growler or six pack to share with the club at the meeting and talk about the grain you have used.

There is also a grain buy that takes place where we all go in and get a large quantity of grain.

BREW SYSTEM - We no longer have a brewing system in the club space. April fools. Of course we do.

TAPPING EQUIPMENT - We have jockey boxes for members to use, we have the lines, regulator, etc. we have a one tap, a three tap and a six tap. Steve Krieger can help you with this equipment, and members can borrow it for personal picnics or parties. The Friday before the Great Taste we have a potluck dinner for the brewers and serve them lots of homebrew. Start thinking about what you would like to brew for the brewers! Use our programs to get your grain and hops and bring beer for this dinner.

7) New Business –

Ticket sales will be May 3. The locations and number of tickets are all the same. The Designated Driver tickets are \$10 this year, up from \$5. Watch your email for details if you are a ticket sales volunteer.

Mike Sproul sent out the reminder email for volunteers for GT. If you did not get it and are a previous volunteer, check your spam folder. If you are member and want to volunteer, send an email to vols@mhtg. The current vols get priority, but we can put members on a list for vol spots.

8) Unfinished Business – none

MARCH MASHNESS COMPETITION COMMENCES!!! Results next month.

9) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 21:09

Respectfully Submitted 4-5-15 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.

CALENDAR

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 too!)
 4/29 Fifth Wed Social: Karben 4 8 pm. Board Club Space 7 pm
 5/3 TICKET SALES and Barley WineTasting
 5/6 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
 5/9 GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE (need Judges and Stewards)
 5/13 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
 5/20 Education: Wood Aged Spirits 8:15 Wil-Mar (bring brew to dose)
 Board Meeting (WEEK EARLY) 7
 5/27 Fourth Wed Social: Bus to Grumpy Troll. *Early Departure*
 6/3 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
 6/10 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
 6/17 Education: Food Pairing Wil-Mar 8:15
 6/20 GLENDALE BEERFEST (need judges and stewards)
 6/24 Fourth Wed Social: Ale Asylum 8 pm. Board Meeting Club Space 7
 pm
 7/1 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
 7/8 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
 7/15 Education *TBD*
 7/22 Fourth Wed Social *TBD*
 7/29 Fifth Wed Social *TBD*
 8/5 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
 8/8 GREAT TASTE OF THE MIDWEST
 8/12 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
 8/19 Education Bus trip to Wollershiem Winery. *Early Departure*
 8/26 Fourth Wed Social *TBD*

LOOKING AHEAD:

9/25-27 APFELFEST Cider Pressing and Camp out, Stone Fences Farm.
 11/7 BADGER BREW-OFF

OTHER EVENTS:

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)