

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

1) Call to Order

20:40 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES. Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Moving toward having a beer festival! Homebrews announced. Thanks for sharing! Read a letter thanking us for our help with Glendale.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 468 Members. There was a problem paying on line but it is resolved.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Will report at the end of meeting

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Vender fees and membership are items in income, some GT expenses. Glendale Beer Fest costs this month. Gave over 10K to charitable donations.

4) Committee Reports – *Board Liaison - Chair*

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Sat Sept the 26th will be our last pressing at Stone Fences, and the wedding of Brian Bingham! Join us! It is a great event that will not be happening there any longer.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark Alfred – Inventory has been completed. It you are earmarking something for GT, please get in touch with Mark A to organize.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Glendale went well. Thanks for the help. The winners from Grumpy Troll will be contacted. They are on the website. Brian Phillips announced that he will be brewing with Page for the House of Brews challenge this Fri. Yay!

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Successful food pairing last month. Thanks to Kevin Appleton for putting it together. July will be a DVD night if the weather is not too warm. Aug 19 we will go to Wollersheim. Sept will be a hop garden in Bellville night. Oct is open. Would like to have a meeting in the next month to plan for the rest of the year. Contact Brian if you have ideas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mostly reported above. There is a tee shirt order out there for last year's shirt

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – \$1,000 to the Beer Museum of Potosi, \$1,250 to West Madison Special Olympics. \$250 to a choir through UW School of Music. \$8,000 to WORT as we have for many years. July meeting will be the second Tuesday of the month. Bring requests.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – Met and will talk about this at the end of meeting

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Will meet after GT is over.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Met last month and looking at spending more at Drupal, looking at improving site appearance. Will meet again in about a week.

5) Beer Break

6) Standing Reports

GRAIN – Mike Sproul is looking for someone to be the grain czar. You would need to have storage, dry, dehumidifier. Please contact Mike Sproul if you would like to take on this role. Mike has grain that needs to be moved, so now is a good time to brew! On a personal Note: Mike has a ten gallon brew system he is looking to loan and store for six months. Also has some kegs for sale.

HOPS – emailed today. Publishes the hop report every couple of months.

OKTOBERFEST - will be October 4. Sunday at Garner Park.

7) New Business –

Great Taste Open golf tournament will take place again this year. We are looking at other dates for possibilities like possibly the Sunday before the event. There will be an email going out. It will be a best ball scramble. We are losing some folks because Friday is becoming a day for checking in. Hope you attend!

Be sure to brew for the Friday night brewer potluck dinner. Steve K will send out an email. The brewers love to taste our homebrews. There is lots of hops and grain available so BREW!!

8) Unfinished Business – none

9) Special Orders

GT Report

190 brewers but includes lots of tiny breweries.

Map handed out, tentative concept map put together by Nick B., after hearing the ideas of the committee.

Committee laid out the map, and moving away from the idea of moving part of the event down to the soccer field, so we won't be doing that this year. Parks dept asked if we ever considered using the area that we call the loop. Would we want to actually use this area? It would mean that the drive and everything would all be part of the grounds.

What about the Pavilion, could be the headquarters rather than a tent. It seems to be underutilized.

With this potential layout a lot of perimeter issues would no longer exist.

Brewer check-in could be moved to the bottom of the hill, which might be better to be removed from courtesy gate. Also may have a brewer check-in on Friday.

Front gate would be better, don't need the chute, because the gate moved up, and everyone is lined already.

There would be no parking in the loop, everything would be moved down below. We would have a fenced in area for the golf carts.

Brewers dinner would need to be thinking about the caterer would get up to the pavilion.

Emergency vehicle would remain the same, the emergency vehicles would still be staged where there were no pedestrians. They can stage where they want.

Large brewers can be reined and placed down below to some extent. To be outside a tent in a free standing exhibit, there may be restrictions.

Real Ale might work well at the 700 (lower) tent. It would work for Education (in the other half).

This doesn't need to be finalized until later.

Load-in areas could remain largely the same. Load-out would be the same, Must wait until the patrons clear out to come back in to load out. Must be set up by 11 am that day.

Penske will be down by boat launch, and hand trucks will need to be secured if the loop is open to patrons.

Ticket numbers are remaining the same for now, even though the city expenses are going up.

Our event helped little breweries be discovered. Should we stick to our roots with these little brewers? Some brewers come every year because they don't want to lose their spot, so we could start to create some rotations for them.

The committee is working on long term goals very well.

Committee is made up of president, brewer liaison, treasurer, past presidents and at large members with a history, and new members.

Give feedback to Mark Schnepfer, Bryan Bingham, Mark Garthwaite Jim Mayhew, Bob Droust, Fred Swanson, Stefan Berggen, or Nick Balazs.

Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 22:05

Respectfully Submitted 7-16-15 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

7/8	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
7/15	Education <i>TBD</i>
7/22	Fourth Wed Social Union Terrace 8 pm Board 7 pm
7/29	Fifth Wed Social GT Planning Meeting Wil-Mar
8/5	Business Meeting OLIN PARK 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. <i>Early Departure!</i>
8/26	Fourth Wed Social Capital Brewery 6 pm <i>Early Start!</i> Board meeting <i>Time TBD.</i>
9/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
9/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
9/16	Education <i>TBD</i>
9/23	Fourth Wed Social Parched Eagle
9/30	Fifth Wed Social Board Meeting <i>TBD</i>

LOOKING AHEAD:

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