

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

1) Call to Order

20:43 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES. Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – At the board meeting a member Josh Peacock came and talked about the Radegast Club award through American Homebrewers Association and potentially nominating our club. The award is a philanthropic award for clubs that give back to the community. Handing out information. It is also in the board minutes. Talked about the possibility of increasing dues this year. Looking for reasons for and against.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – No report

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – A couple of fun tidbits: The guys who did the website talked about the downloads of the program, how many and from where. We had 36k downloads of the program and 75% were on a desktop, 18% on mobile device. Top download location was the USA, Second highest location of downloads was Sweden, with Croatia at distant third. Interesting! On Friday before the event, 154 breweries loaded in. This is a few more breweries than previously, and we had about same number kegs come in on Friday. Neither the city officials nor police have said anything negative about the event. One person has been charged with felony battery for punching a brewer who was attempting to intervene when the person was stealing thing from other brewers at the end of the event. Police were right there and took the person into custody. No other incidents occurred and it was a very successful event.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush reported for Jim that we have 245 K. We have paid out all brewers totalling 140k in beer for the event.

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! The

invite/RSVP will be going out soon. Apple sign up will be via pay pal and will be the same price. There will be lots of strategic beer reserve. Bring a tent! This will be the last Apfelfest at Stone Fences.

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

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off is Nov 7. Peter Steinburg will confirm a drop off place, possibly House of Brews. Cookbook author Lucy Saunders may do a presentation/pairing for us for the event. This will be the last time we have this event at the Eastside Club because they can rent the space for much more than we pay by having weddings, which we totally understand.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Have been meeting regularly to plan. Anyone welcome. Brian will send emails. Sept 9 (switch with Malthouse) we will go to Hop House garden at 6 pm and Paoli. We will get to see the combine work and then go to the tap room. Oct 21 Joe Waltz will present a topic, possibly hops. Nov 18 we will have a wort transformation and mini contest. We will get wort from Wisconsin Brewing and will give it out to ferment out various ways, and we will come back and taste in a month. Must sign up ahead of time to take part. Dec 16 (or possibly Jan 20) we are hoping for Charles McGonigle from AeppelTreow Winery to do a presentation. Next year we will do some back to basics with basic sparging techniques and some other things. We have also asked if Miller or Lauginitas - a big brewery - could present to us about their procedures and brewing.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Committee chairs have 13 days to present the budget for the committee for next year.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – The club donated to the Wil-Mar Center and to the Ice Age Trail alliance. Will meet this coming Tuesday here at 7:30 to go over new proposals. A member's father passed away this week, and we would like to do a memorial for this, but it usually goes through the board. The club gave \$1000 to a brewer's daughter who needs a kidney transplant. This was in addition to the \$1500 we raised. The girl found a match in her father so she will be getting her kidney! YAY!

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – Will be plotting out a planning calendar so that we can stay/get ahead next year.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Met last night. Looking at eliminating a by-laws clause regarding GT chairman which somewhat narrowly specifies who is eligible to be chair. We will likely have the same chair next year

so no urgent matter. Also talked about whether or not we want to raise the membership dues to \$50. Many years ago we decided we would have the dues match the GT ticket price and now we are at only half that. The committee felt \$50 was a reasonable amount for a year.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Haven't met. Looking into a booking calendar to reserve equipment.

5) Beer Break –Homebrew present was introduced. Thank you for sharing!

6) Standing Reports

CLUB TRIP: Were going to meet next wed but will reschedule because of the Hop House tour.

GRAIN: Harry Harris will be coordinating grain orders and can let you know what is there.

HOPS: Bob Drouths will send emails occasionally for orders.

YEAST: Wine and Hop

OKTOBERFEST: October 4, 12-6 at Garner Park. Brian Phillips had a planning meeting for the event, and emails will be coming out soon to sign up and RSVP. Will need people to help set up and clean up. Family friendly event. Bring firewood, families. There will be Hammerschlogen.

7) New Business – Dues

Dues haven't been raised in quite some time, even though the benefits are good and the events are getting more expensive. President Mark Schnepfer took an informal poll of the members present and found:

8 of 30 people present voted that they would not support an increase in dues based on the fact that event costs are rising.

9 of 30 people present voted that they would not support an increase in dues based on the fact that the benefits of being a member exceed the dues amount.

23 of the 30 people present voted that they would like to have more information to decide on increasing dues.

8) Unfinished Business –

GUESS THE BEERS CONTEST FROM GT

Actual count 1,387

Dave Pegalow Wins with 4 off the actual count

Mark Bitney 6 off

John Toban 7 off

Congrats!

9) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 21:58

Respectfully Submitted 9-14-15 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

9/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
9/9	Hop Garden Tour 6 pm
9/16	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm (<i>moved a week</i>)
9/23	Fourth Wed Social Hop House Verona 8 pm
9/25-27	APFELFEST Cider Pressing and Camp out, Stone Fences Farm.
9/30	Fifth Wed Social TBD, Board Meeting TBD
10/7	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
10/14	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
10/21	Education Joe Walts presentation 8 pm
10/28	Fourth Wed Social Viking? Board Meeting 7 (Viking?)
11/4	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
11/7	BADGER BREW-OFF
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 TBD
12/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
12/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12/16	Education TBD
12/23	Fourth Wed Social TBD
12/30	Fifth Wed Social TBD

LOOKING AHEAD:

HOLIDAY PARTY Jan 9, Capital Brewery