

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

22 Feb 2017

Club Space

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Jason Walters, Peter Steinberg, Lee Jones, Paul McGuire, Mark Garthwaite, Mark Alfred.

1) Call to Order – 19:08

Last meeting's minutes APPROVED via e-mail in order to expedite distribution to membership.

2) Comments from Members – none

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer said he joined the Giving Committee. Brad Zulick is still on the committee from St. Louis and is compiling a list of the history of our giving.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 443 members. Will talk more in Membership.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Handed out budget sheets and went over the numbers. Membership item is high this month due to first of year, people paying dues. Roughly \$1,100 spent in cab fees for the holiday party.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Some examples of glassware are in, preliminary artwork is being looked at. Some movement on tickets, will be confirming ticket vendors.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Rita and Lee Jones are hosting the cider tasting at their Northside home in the afternoon on March 19th. We are looking into what fall cider pressing events might happen.

CLUB SPACE – Paul McGuire – Met and began putting together guidelines for usage of the club space. The committee will be drafting up some guidelines to bring forward to the board.

Usage will include things such as storage and maintenance of equipment, brewing and related activities, and club meetings/events. Rules include keeping the space clean, removing trash, and changing settings on heat etc., and closing up properly.

The committee elected Paul McGuire as the chair.

They decided not to pursue a repeater or any sort of internet booster, saying that everyone present had a good signal.

Fan installation coming.

Will be putting up shelving for awards and library items.

Installing 220 outlet for the apple press and for an additional brew system.

One barrel system is being built and will be plumbed for natural gas.

Refurbishing jockey boxes.

The water softener is working again.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Mid Winter Homebrew contest was sparsely attended by MHTG judges. The next Education meeting will be the March Mashness. April will be the Kolsch contest and presentation.

Lee Jones talked to Mark Nobel from the Grumpy Troll and discussed the issues with the contest. Nobel suggested moving the competition to September, and making it smaller. The committee didn't like this idea because this is closer to the Badger Brew-off, which may present a problem lining up judges and stewards.

The brewery likes the idea of having a homebrew contest, but it may not be feasible to continue. We could spread the word to members for them if they want to hold a contest.

Regarding National Homebrew Conference, some people have said they would like to brew, and there are couple members that are members of AHA that would like to attend.

EDUCATION – Lee Jones – Looking to set the social meetings for the next couple months.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Met and discussed the budget. Taxes are filed with the accountant. Going to start changing our layout of the quick books to coincide with the new budget format. Ticket sales coming up.

GIVING – Jason Walters – \$3,000 to Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION OF 3K by JASON WALTERS and SECOND by LEE JONES. APPROVED.

\$300 to Oregon Cub Scout pack to help fund a summer camp trip. MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF \$300 TO OREGON CUB SCOUTS BY JASON WALTERS and SECOND BY PAUL MCGUIRE. APPROVED.

One more proposal coming up next month for \$600 for Mikayla's Grace which is an organization providing support for the loss of prenatal and newborn babies.

Also looking to give to Multiple Myeloma Foundation in honor of a club member.

The committee can take ideas from the club members or also can come up with their own suggestions for giving. Elected Carl DuRocher as chair and Greg

Younkin as a secretary for notes and details, and Steve Krieger will be bringing forth some guidelines for the website on how to go about submitting giving proposals.

GREAT TASTE STEERING Mark Garthwaite – Will be meeting and moving on things soon. Madison Parks Dept. held some visioning sessions and took in public input of the desired direction of the parks. Mark Garthwaite went to the third one and reports the following: one of the topics that came up was that eventually the Aliant Energy Center grounds will be annexed by the city from the county. The county will maintain the buildings but the city will likely be annexing and developing it. Someone mentioned that there needs to be better pedestrian access to Olin Park and there was some discussion and agreement. We are looking at what we want to do with the back of the tickets. We don't want to sell it out to someone, but would maybe promote Great Taste eve, and provide a link to the website of ours that would list events. We could sell advertising on the website. A couple GT organizer openings coming up that Mark will be bringing up in the near future. We will be looking into the proper licensing for the ciders and meads. Brewers Association will be flying some representatives to the Great Taste this year. We usually have a meeting of Brewers Guild anyway because there is a contingent here anyway.

MEMBERSHIP - Mark Alfred – Discussing what constitutes a quorum for a general meeting. We will table until we can get more info. The new names are up on the memorial plaque. Do we want to do something for Jamie Cowles at the GT? Indeed we do.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer –There is a sub-committee looking at our social media presence although they haven't been coming forth with ideas. The website is running smoothly.

5) Standing Reports

HOLIDAY PARTY: Food donation for the food pantry will be a regular part of the event, as will the suggested donation to enter. We will keep the guest cap of one guest in place. The wristbands were a bottle neck so we will do something differently there.

6) Unfinished Business

Calendar - Education will be planning the social events along with their education events.

7) New Business –

Club Cab Policy – Jim Mayhew discussed the cab policy and said that occasionally there are abuses. The cab policy is designed to get club

members home safely from club events. There are guidelines in the membership manual.

Group Buy – Peter is looking to get a group together for purchasing cleaner types. He will post details on-line looking to see who wants to order.

Schnepper said we could set up a Paypal account if needed.

The collaboration group brewed at Potosi. The collaboration was a tropical pale with a coconut infusion. We will get a taste of it and hear about it at the April meeting.

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Paul McGuire. SECOND by Jim Mayhew.
ADJOURNED 20:48

Respectfully submitted 2-23-2017 by Cheri Carr Secretary

Board meetings are open to the membership. E-mail the president in order to get a topic on the agenda. The board strives to provide open communication and transparency, and encourages an active and involved membership.

CALENDAR

3/1	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
3/8	Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
3/15	Education: March Mashness
3/18	GARAGE SALE Club Space
3/19	CIDER TASTING Jones manor, Madison
3/22	Fourth Wed Social: Restoration Cider
3/29	Fifth Wed Social: Lucky's 1313. Board meeting 7 pm (<i>tbd</i>)
4/5	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
4/12	Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
4/19	Education: Kolsch Board Meeting 7 pm Wil-Mar
4/26	Fourth Wed Social: Trip to Raised Grain Brewery
5/6	BREW-IN Club Space (in association with AHA)
5/7	GT TICKET SALES

OTHER EVENTS:

First week in May: Craft Beer Week

5/6/2017 Big Brew, AHA

6/15-17/2017 AHA Conference, Minneapolis