

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
1 Feb 2017
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:39.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall, SECOND by Peter Steinberg. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board met last week. Assigned liaisons for the year. We will talk about committees later. Looking at the rules and by-laws and we want to be sure that we are obtaining quorum properly since our meeting attendance is so low compared to the membership. We are talking to Dan Bush and also the membership committee about it and will make sure we are handling everything correctly.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Moment of silence for a dear friend that was lost since we met last. Jamie Cowles.
We will have information for his memorial service when it is available. The board approved the amount of \$500 to the Deer Park Buddhist Center.
We have 447 members.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – *absent*

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Budget to Actual will be posted to the website soon. Reviewed the numbers.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman
Cider tasting will be at Lee and Rita Jones home on Sunday afternoon, Mar 19th.
More details to follow.

CLUB SPACE – Paul McGuire – *TBD*
Two boxes of Michael Ball's cider are at the back for sharing. The next Club Space meeting will be Wed the 8th, 7 pm at the space. Garage sale on April 9.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones

Met this eve.

From Lee Jones:

Brew-ins

Kölsch brew in on January 29th went well. 8 members brewed and another 10 members stopped by to socialize. Kölsch challenge judging is April 19th.

AHA National Homebrew Day May 6th at club space. AHA has not published recipe yet.

“Iron Brewer” brew in September 23rd or October 7th (no home Badger games those days).

Upcoming local homebrew competitions

AHA National Homebrew Competition. Competition is only open to AHA members. Application window is open until February 5th. Judge/Steward volunteer registration for first round judging is February 8th. First round judging in Milwaukee is on April 7-9.

Tex Tubb’s ReinheitsRevolt. Entry Deadline is February 28. Competition is Saturday, March 4.

<http://textubbstacos.com/reinheitsrevolt/>

National Homebrewers Conference, Minneapolis June 15-17 2017 at Minneapolis Convention Center.

Online registration for Homebrew Con opens March 7, 2017 @ 10:00 am MT (11:00 am CST). Registrations are offered first-come, first-served. Full conference registration fee is \$255 until April 20th, then \$275. You must be a member of AHA to attend the conference.

EDUCATION – Lee Jones– Brian Phillips

Sent out a survey for what people want to see at meetings and where we want to go for socials. We will be using the details of the survey to plan the rest of the year.

Feb 15 we will have a hop shift experiment for Education, observing hops added at different times and how they test for IBUs.

March 15 we will hold March Mashness which will be a bracket system competition and everyone will vote and the finalists will move forward. The brewers will talk about their recipe and system. This used to take place at the business meeting in March but we decided to give it its own evening.

April 19 for education we will have the Kölsch competition.

April 26 we are planning a bus trip to Raised Grain in Waukesha.

The committee will meet again in April, Brian will send out the info.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush

Dan explained the details of the committee and that is in not an open volunteer committee because of the fiduciary element. Mark Morrison retired from the committee and we have added Brandi Hedtke, CPA.

We met and Dan was re-elected chair. Went over the budget for last year. Discussed budget and the planning. We turned out better this past year than then anticipated. Dan discussed the numbers. The Great Taste expenses were higher but we are still in a good place. We are hoping to hold the ticket prices at \$60 for a while.

For committee chairs, you will have a line item amount and you are able to spend it as you see fit and the committee will keep you updated on your budget.

GIVING – Jason Walters – Carl DuRocher

The giving committee is tasked with distributing our charitable contributions, and there are forms that members can use to submit requests. If you are interested in being on the committee contact one of us. Haven't met this year yet but will soon.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite
absent

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin

Discussing the question regarding quorum. Looking at the membership manual.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer

Has not met yet. The technical aspect of the website is functioning well. If you have an aptitude with web stuff and want to get involved, let us know. We are looking at improving the look of the site. We have a GT site too, that looks good. We did use a little contract work. There is a sub-committee that is looking at the social aspect of the club, where our presence is, and what we should be doing with those sites. Some questions are about our FB page and what its intent is, whether for members or public, etc.

We can also use some help doing some updates on pages regularly to keep them updated. The web-side committee volunteers are kept busy and we can use people that would like to do some updating tasks.

Chairs should be sending out emails soon calling people to join the committees.

5) Standing Reports

Holiday Party: Collected for second harvest. 275 pounds of food! We will continue this idea. The party went well.

6) Special Orders

2016 Judge of the year

This is the first time we have recognized a judge of the year. We have about 15 members that are judges. The judged all over the nation.

3rd Peter Steinberg
2nd Dave Pegelow
1st Bob Paolino
Thank you and great job!!!

2016 Homebrewer of the year

Each year we tally up the number of wins in competitions a member has. 26 people competed. Some highlights: Duane Busher won the Isthmus Beer and Cheese. Steve Van Dalen won the Grumpy Troll. Steve Klafka won the Hairless Mouse at the Badger Brew-off.

Honorable mentions go out to Steve Van Dalen who has many wins, and to Steve Klafka who has many wins as well.

3rd Peter Schroder
2nd Nicholas Madaffer
1st Gary Lockwell

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

7) New Business

2017 Committee Descriptions

CIDER and MEAD: People that make the alternative beverages! We have a major Cider Pressing in the fall of each year. We have a cider and mead tasting each late winter. We have a hydraulic press that can press about 100 bushes a day.

CLUB SPACE: Tasked with maintaining the club space, equipment and holding club space events like garage sale.

COMPETITION: Sponsoring and holding competitions, formal and informal, and we also assist members in entering other competitions.

EDUCATION: We arrange to hold the third Wed beer education events through suggestions from a list gathered from member ideas. We are always looking for people to give ideas and be involved. You don't have to be an expert, because you can organize the people that will present the topic. We help coordinate the social meetings on the third Wed and also plan the local bus trips to breweries and things in the area. Members can be involved in planning one night presentation or be a regular member of the committee.

GIVING: Meet and review the requests for approval and send on to the board for the club's charitable giving.

MEMBERSHIP: Looks after the by-laws, membership manual, elections, oversee the club for the running within the rules. Over see that for the benefit of the members.

WEB: discussed earlier.

Mike Sproul, our GT volunteer is dealing with a form of cancer. He has a site on Caring bridge where he is keeping a journal we can keep up with him there.

8) Unfinished Business – none

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Dan Bush, SECOND by Randy Nelson. APPROVED.
Adjourned 21:47

Respectfully Submitted 2-3-17 Cheri Carr, Secretary

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

1/29	BREW-IN Club Space (Kolsch)
2/1	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
2/8	Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
2/15	EDU: Hop Shift experiment 8 pm Wil-Mar
2/22	Fourth Wed Social <i>tbd</i> . Board Meeting 7 pm <i>tbd</i>
3/1	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
3/8	Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
3/15	Education
3/18	GARAGE SALE Club Space
3/19	CIDER TASTING Jones manor, North Madison
3/22	Fourth Wed Social <i>tbd</i> . 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
4/26	Fourth Wed Social <i>tbd</i> . Board Meeting 7 pm <i>tbd</i>

LOOKING AHEAD:

5/6/2017 BREW-IN Club Space (in association with AHA)
5/7/2017 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