

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

25 February 2015

Jordan's Big Ten Pub

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Steve Andrusz, Steve Krieger, Peter Steinberg, Brian Phillips.
Member present, Bryan Bingham.

1) Call to Order – 19:05

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

2) Comments from Members – None

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Not much response for web committee members. Will be asking again.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred –Membership, 447 members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. Items include room rental for Badger Brew-off, holiday party expenses, and the cab bill just came in, glassware for GT. There are some outstanding items from various businesses. *The budget is distributed regularly to the membership via email.*

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – No report. Some glasses are here for the event.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Bryan Bingham talked about the Apfelfest. The board and the committee had both previously approved the idea of Beth and Bryan having their wedding at the event since it is the 25th event, and probably the last at Stone Fences. We usually spend about \$1,000 and we would like to see this increase to \$1,800 (not for the wedding but for the event – Bryan will be paying for the wedding – and there will be benefits to the club in the form of extra food items, bartenders, music possibly) since it will be a larger event due to being

the last one out there. We also want to honor the Meyers with a thank you gift, and also reward the handyman who works so hard for the party. Bryan will pay for all guests not associated with the club. With the large numbers in the club, we would like to see a cap of some sort if we need to, of about 450, with 150 being non mhtg guests, so 300 mhtg members, which would be about twice as many as usual. Bryan's food business will be largely catering the event, and it will be the usual potluck. MOTION TO INCREASE THE CIDER BUDGET BY THE ESTIMATED PROPOSED AMOUNT FOR THE EVENT TO COVER 25th ANNIVERSARY AND FINAL EVENT. APPROVED.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – No report.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Lots of events coming up, for the House of Brews event, Page wants to have a pot luck that day and we would like to provide a meal for the judges. Wine and Hop Shop has their competition in April and will need judges. Grumpy Troll is May 9th and will need judges and stewards for that. The Grumpy Troll will take the beers we judge and decide what they want to do with the winners. Will have a meeting next week.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – March 18th will likely be Breiss in Waterloo. April will be the barley wine tasting. Larry Schneiberg from Siarra Nevada to do sampling. May TBD. Other things in works, maybe a tour out to Hop Garden, and then possibly brewing. Possibly cider stuff in the fall. Possibly tours in local areas, like Minhas, Toppling Goliath and Potosi. June will possibly be a grilling with beer, maybe with Lucy Saunders. Brewpalooza might happen again this year.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Met last month. Working on the goods and services trades numbers and details. Will present something next month. Sent out the tax info for review. Looks good. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 990 TAX FORM. APPROVED.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Looking to have a meeting before the next board meeting. The breast cancer fund raiser occurred, and we give to that.

GREAT TASTE STEERING COMMITTEE – *open committee liaison* – Has not met, looking for days to meet.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin sent an email regarding methods of recognition for past presidents and GT chairs.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Hasn't met. Pushing the committee list to see who wants to be on the committee.

5) Standing Reports

HOLIDAY PARTY: Looking at the rising costs of the party and a growing membership. We would like to propose a co-pay for the event to offset the costs. Members are bring lots of friends and family. The tip jar was not utilized like we hoped. We would possibly have a capital employee taking entry fees at the door. What about raising dues? The membership costs in general are rising. These are all budget issues. For the party, the committee would like to see a co-pay of \$10 possibly. The board did not raise any objections, so the committee will continue to work on it.

6) Special Orders - none

7) Unfinished Business

Mark got the survey results and has some good info from the club. He will compile the information for us.

A) CALENDAR

3/4	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
3/7	TEX TUBBS/NEXT DOOR BREWING
3/11	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
3/18	Education <i>TBD</i>
3/21	HOUSE OF BREWS CHALLENGE and POTLUCK
3/25	Fourth Wed Social Brasserie V 8 pm, Board Barriques 7 pm (Peter S.checking on these)
4/1	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
4/8	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
4/15	Education <i>TBD</i>
4/22	Fourth Wed Social <i>TBD</i>
4/29	Fifth Wed Social <i>TBD</i> 8 pm, Board <i>TBD</i> 7 pm
5/9	GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE

Looking ahead:

6/20	GLENDALE BEERFEST
8/8	We're havin' a beerfest!
11/7	BADGER BREW-OFF

OTHER EVENTS:

3/21/2015 HOUSE OF BREWS PRO-AM BREWING CHALLENGE
Entries are due by March 20th. This is a MHTG members only competition, there is no entry fee. There will be a post-judging pot-luck / beer party at The House of Brews during / after judging on the 21st.

3/21/2015: POTOSI BREWERIANA SHOW, Includes a book signing of "Roll out the Barrels" by Gary Hess of Hess Cooperage. Potosi.

8) New Business

Wil-Mar asked about a fund raiser they are having a fund raiser, and have asked if we could donate something. Taking it to the Giving Committee.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 20:47

Respectfully submitted 3-1-2015 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.