

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
3 February 2016
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:35 President Mark Schnepfer.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Sam Jackson, second by Les Hoffman. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board met last week. Welcomed Jason Walters.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – no report

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – glassware selected, logo developed.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. Slow month. Holiday party expense and lots of year end donations. Dues coming in.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Cider and Mead Tasting Feb 28 at 2 pm at Rita and Lee Jones house. Details went out in an email.

CLUB SPACE – Jason Walters – Mark Alfred – Recently assigned Jason as liaison. Haven't met yet, Jason is learning the ropes.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Tex Tubbs/Next Door competition is March 5. Deadline for national competition is this week. Grumpy Troll competition is May14 and we will be looking for judges and stewards. We will cover your entry fee for these competitions.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Feb17 will be a discussion on lagers. On March16, Chris Cummings and Mark Bitney will present on distilling. On a weekend in March we will be doing "one beer three ways", an all grain, partial, and extract. Might be at the club space. Let Brian know if you are

interested in helping. April 20 will be the presentation of these beers we make. The committee came up with the idea of members that want to, coming at 8 am on meeting nights to share and discuss homebrews. We could provide feedback.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Met tonight. The new chair is Dan Bush. Posted the budget to actual on the website. Went over the numbers. Trades for tickets are now being entered as a line item for received and paid out, to maintain transparency. Great Taste and Holiday party are increasing in cost. Budget is very close to even this year. 2015 and 2016 projected are on the website.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – Gave WYOU \$2,000. They do good work for the club with beer shows and broadcasting at the GT. \$500 to UW Fermentation Sciences. \$600 to the Family Respite Center.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – Met last week. Focused on discussions with city and discussing ticket amounts. City liaison is now Ralph Kuehn who will be taking over the role. He has experience in neighborhood events. Looking to discuss the future of the GT with the city and the economic benefit this is bringing to the city. Looking at sponsorship opportunities that are not obvious advertising. Ideas included a brewer lounge sponsorship or a brewer dinner sponsorship. Mark Garthwaite is looking for feedback on this, as we are usually self-sponsored. Committee was new last year, and will remain the same this year as they move forward. Includes past presidents, board members, brewer liaison, and other key players that are important to the steering of the event into the future.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – haven't met. Postponed due to "blizzard".

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Hasn't met, no chair yet. Signed a contract with Five Nines for hosting the website. Cost will be the same or less. Looking at forums and format. Moving off chat lists to forum so that we can look up past content. Will likely move all lists to forum format. There will be a way to get email notifications when people are posting. Currently hosted by a Lenox service and will be changing to a local service. They could do the headache monitoring of the list for sponsoring the site with their small logo presence on our website. This will help prevent our volunteer board from having to deal with server issues. Committee and membership lists and emails will remain the same.

5) Standing Reports

HOLIDAY PARTY we will be looking for another location for our beer storage and holiday part locations. Any feedback or ideas please give to Mark Alfred or Fred Swanson. Capital where we store our beer will need their cooler space back. Can

we find a cooler space or build one? Capital would like to have us remain there for the party, but we need a place to store our beer.

6) New Business – Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Holiday party: People that like to organize the party. Check in with Fred Swanson or Mark Alfred.

Goodwill Trip: Aug or sept we look at where we will go for the trip and we need help planning the trip. There are all kinds of creative parts to this committee. See Free Swanson.

Oktoberfest: Meets right before the event. Party is in the fall at Garner Park and includes good German beer and food. Committee organizes the event and ramps up as it gets closer. See Steve Krieger or Brian Phillips.

Brew System: We have a system for brewing at the club space and Nick Balazs is currently the person that over sees it. We are making updates the system.

System can be used by members and will be tracked via website soon.

Equipment: We have jockey box tapping systems for use by the club members including parts for both sanke and corny. Each box has a kit of parts for the box including lines, ball joints, etc. if you need help, send a message to members and someone will help you learn how to use the equipment. Steve Krieger.

Grain program: We have a program where you can get grains for a recipe of 5 to 10 gallons, includes yeast pack. Pick up the grain at Harry Harris who is the current person overseeing the grain program. Start by completing the form on line.

Hop program: Similar to the grain program. Bob Drousth.

Club Mills: We have mills for grain. These items can be found on the check-out section of the website.

Occasionally a member will organize a bulk grain buy through the Wine and Hop Shop. A good deal per pound.

REGULAR COMMITTEES:

Cider/mead: Supports the love, sharing, and making of cider and meads. Uses the club press and holds apple pressings in the fall. Generally holds an Apfelfest event in the fall, and a cider and mead tasting in late winter (once the fall ciders are ready). Sign up on the website to join the mailing list. Committee is most active in the fall.

Club Space: We have a club space and a committee that keeps the space in order, for storage of equipment and brewing on our club system. We also have an office there for documents. We work with the other committees that need the club space for various reasons. We have a small group that works hard to keep the area in order and work with the other groups. If you are interested contact Jason Walters or Mark Alfred. Garage sale is on the calendar.

Competition: Organizes competitions the club puts on and helps with other competitions in the area. We hold a big brew-in and have a home brewer of the year award. Can always use help running the events and helping with the entries for the competitions. We help each year with the Glendale Beer Lovers festival judging. We have a BJCP training provided by the club, and we need those that take advantage of this training to pitch in and step up and participate by judging. We train a lot of people and need people to give back by judging.

Education: Meets every three months and all membership is invited. Any members that would like to put on an education event please bring your ideas. The main goal is to provide home brewing education. Watch your emails and attend any education planning meeting you would like, and also sign up to volunteer for helping at education events which take place the third wed of each month. Contact Brian Phillips.

Finance: This is a closed committee with set members including past presidents, board, and treasurer. Responsible for monitoring the club finances and providing financial reports for the membership. Jim Mayhew.

Giving: The club has a designated amount of money set aside for charitable giving, and this committee reviews giving requests by members. There is an on-line form to request giving, and the committee votes on them and forwards them on to the board. Committee is going to expand the scope from only money to volunteer and other philanthropic giving of time and energy. Carl DuRocher or Steve Krieger.

Membership: Oversees elections and handles by laws issues and general club functioning. Current agenda includes looking at member benefits and member contributions. Membership manuals and information is a function of the membership committee. Keep your email addresses up to date. (Question: Regarding the website, it will chose a pass word for you but you can change that to what you want.)

Web committee: We are on Word Press, if you have knowledge on Word Press we could use your help. If you are interested in the website and our on line presence, contact Mark Schnepfer.

OTHER ITEMS:

Tex Tubbs Taco Palace is having a competition. Go to Tex Tubbs website and look at the ingredients list, and choose two ingredients to brew with. We can cover the cost of enter fees. **WE NEED YOU TO START TO STEP UP TO JUDGE IF YOU ARE BJCP THROUGH THE CLUB.** Plus you will get breakfast and lunch. First Saturday in March.

7) Unfinished Business –

8) Special Orders –

HOME BREWER OF THE YEAR

FIRST PLACE: TED GISSKE

SECOND PLACE: MIKE FRISCHMAN

THIRD PLACE: BRIAN PHILLIPS

FOURTH PLACE: GARY LOCKWOOD

OTHER

Everyone should come to the Breast Cancer Recovery Fund event on Valentine's Day at Dexter's. This year's food competition is salsa! Everyone come. Silent auction, brewers/distillers/cider and mead makers. And of course salsa competition.

10) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Peter Steinburg. Second by Doug Randall. MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted 02-16 -16 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

2-3 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm

2-10 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm

2-17 Education: Lagers, Wil-Mar 8:15

2-24 Fourth Wed Social: Octopi 8 pm. Board 7 pm

2-28 CIDER MEAD TASTING

3-2 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm

3-6 MHTG BREW IN

3-9 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm

3-16 Education: Distillation, Wil-Mar 8:15

3-23 FIELD TRIP: WOLLERSHEIM WINERY

3-30 Fifth Wed Social: One Barrel 8 pm. Board 7 pm.

4-6 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm

4-10 MHTG GARAGE SALE

4-13 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm

LOOKING AHEAD: none

OTHER EVENTS:

2-14 BEER AND SALSA: Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation Event.
Dexter's Pub, Noon-4 pm.
3-5 TEX TUBBS COMPETITION
5-14 GRUMPY TROLL COMPETITION