

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

25 Jan 2017

Club Space

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

Absent: Mark Garthwaite, Mark Alfred.

Member present: Joe Farnsworth.

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 – Welcome Lee and Paul to the board. We will assign liaisons this eve.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – *Absent* 422 members reported by Mark Schnepfer.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Handed out budget sheets and went over the numbers. Reviewed the profit and loss numbers from 2016. The overall outcome was a loss of about 4,500 which we expected. Will have the final budget to actual next time.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – *absent*. Mark Schnepfer said that the committee hasn't met but they are looking to create a structure where the chairman is doing more overseeing of a handful organizers that are taking lead roles.

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.

CLUB SPACE – Jason Walters – Haven't met but will be meeting to come up with some club space usage guidelines. Looking into how we could get phone and hotspot signal via a repeater or something so that people's phones would work more reliably. Paul McGuire said they are looking at fan ventilation ideas. Mark Schnepfer is looking into getting hot liquor tanks.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Brew-in this Sunday Jan 29. Kolsch competition is coming up so some will be brewing for that. Lee Jones said that we have about five people that will be here to use the ingredients he has, and some other folks are coming to brew other things. Peter Steinberg said they will get the 10 gal system up and running even if no member has signed up to use it. They will be starting at 9 or so that morning. Lee has been working with Wine and Hop and with Bob Droust on hops and Harry Harris on grains. Probably will order pizza for food.

Grumpy Troll challenge doesn't seem to have a lot of interest from the membership any more. We would prefer to cancel it this year because of the Homebrewers conference being in MN, and the planning we will be doing for our role in that. Lee Jones said the committee will arrange to make contact with the Grumpy Troll regarding this, and to discuss future years and whether or not we should continue with this event and if so, what changes could make it more user friendly for everyone. We will use the time this year to focus on the National Homebrewer's Conference which happens in June, and revisit the GT after. Competition will talk to the Grumpy Troll about future plans.

National Homebrew Conference is coming up and they would like to pay the conference fees for a handful of folks that would like to work a booth. We'd like to get a handful of members there. Mark Schnepfer states we can allocate a sum of money and if we end up with some people that we would like to represent our organization that are interested in volunteering we can reimburse a percentage of fees. They will send out an email to gauge interest.

EDUCATION – TBD – Mark Schnepfer reported that Brian Phillips and the committee did meet and worked on planning out the calendar. Looking into a bus trip Raised Grain in Waukesha (note: be sure the capacity is accurate for adult seating rather than children). We will get the calendar updated once we get the liaisons in place).

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Haven't met but Brandi Hedtke will be joining the team. She is a CPA and has already assisted with tax items.

GIVING – TBD – nothing to report.

GREAT TASTE STEERING Mark Garthwaite – *absent*

MEMBERSHIP - Mark Alfred – *absent*

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Contracting out the email list is going well. 5Nines is running our server and it is working well. People used the on-line ID system for the Holiday party. There is a sub-committee looking at our social media presence.

5) Standing Reports

Oktoberfest: formulating an SOP Binder for the event planning.

Holiday Party: the changes to the member-plus-one worked well. Gate keepers said things went well. Cheese room was in the dart room this year which was a little different. The attendance was more reasonable and getting the desserts outside and the cheese out of the main room improved the flow and the space. The smokers were smoking in the dessert area so maybe signs directing smokers to go outside. Some people didn't want to go to outside because the heaters weren't working well.

6) Unfinished Business

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

7) New Business –

A) Memorial for Jamie Cowles

Discussed ideas for memorial donation. Jamie was a member of the Buddhist temple and that might be a good choice. The family can confirm for us. For a member we have a guideline of up to \$500. MOTION FOR \$500 by Jim Mayhew SECOND by Peter Steinberg. APPROVED
The board also discussed other family memorials needed at this time.

B) 2017 Board liaisons set

Cider Mead: Cheri Carr
Club Space: Paul McGuire
Competition: Peter Steinberg
Education: Lee Jones
Finance: Jim Mayhew
Giving: Jason Walters
Great Taste: Mark Garthwaite
Membership: Mark Alfred
Web: Mark Schnepfer

C) 2017 Board Rules

We would like to confirm the rules for the year. Previously, we can vote on things via email as a board, and we like to give everyone 48 hours to respond and will make an attempt to notify if a board member hasn't responded. If it is not clear that something passes on a voice vote, we will

take a hand count. On voting procedures, quorum if not defined in by-laws is more than half. As far as a membership total and requirements for having a quorum for voting, we can consult with Dan Bush and the membership committee.

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Jim Mayhew. SECOND by Paul McGuire.
ADJOURNED 20:34

Respectfully submitted 1-27-2017 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

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
3/22	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