

**MHTG Board Meeting Minutes**  
**28 January 2015**  
**Steve Krieger's house**

Present: Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Steve Andrusz, Steve Krieger, Peter Steinberg. *Absent: Mark Schnepfer, Brian Phillips.*

**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 – *absent*

**VICE-PRESIDENT** – Mark Alfred – *Running this meeting in president's absence.* Membership at a high of 470 active members. Will talk about membership later in meeting.

**TREASURER** – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. *The budget is distributed regularly to the membership via email.*

**SECRETARY** – Cheri Carr – No report

**GT CHAIR** – Mark Garthwaite – We have the glassware because of the situation last year where we ended up creating two years at once. Looking at the GT website and wants to improve the appearance, the web committee is working on this. Mark S can collaborate with Mark G regarding it. The board approved some funds for it.

**4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)**

**CIDER and MEAD** – Cheri Carr – Hoffman's cider pressing is Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. Cider committee meeting Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Bryan Bingham's.

**CLUB SPACE** – Steve Andrusz – Sink is there, we need to get the planning going to install. Brew system upgrades are in the works. Nick Balazs will be back and working on it. We have an account at Costco that we can use for things like

toilet paper. Mark A. has the card if anyone needs it. He will be announcing the committee to the membership soon.

**COMPETITION** – Mark Schnepfer – *absent*. Mark A. stated the Isthmus event that our members took part in went well. Mar 21<sup>st</sup> will be the House of Brews challenge which will be for members only. Peter S. reports the Grumpy Troll challenge is May 9<sup>th</sup> and the Badger Brew-off is Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. The Eastside Club says they will be increasing our fee for using the facility. They say they are willing to work with us, but it will increase somewhat. We will sponsor entries for the Tex Tubbs competition but we are not collaborators on it. The Glendale Beerfest is June 20<sup>th</sup> and we will be renting a bus to take judges and stewards. We need to plan dates for a brew-in and the club space and/or Brewpalooza.

**EDUCATION** – Brian Phillips – *absent*. Brian had sent an email about a trip to Briess Malting facility, as well as about Lucy Saunders presenting on pairings and her cookbooks. The committee has planned a training on the brew system, which is called Brewzilla and will take place during the Feb education evening on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>. Steve K. wants to do an overview of how to use the tapping equipment at that time. Lots of other things in are in the works.

**FINANCE** – Jim Mayhew – Met last week. Committee is working on hammering out monetary values and transparency for the GT ticket trade procedures. They will have a proposal coming up, based on the audit committee recommendations. Should have something by the March board meeting.

**GIVING** – *open committee liaison* - We will be looking for someone to continue with Brad and the committee's work formalizing the request process through forms and procedures.

**GREAT TASTE STEERING COMMITTEE** – *open committee liaison* – will be planning a meeting. Everyone asked to participate has agreed.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Mark Alfred – Chairman will be Greg Younkin. Already had a meeting. Items to discuss below.

**WEB** – Mark Schnepfer – *absent*

## 5) Standing Reports

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** The party was more expensive than ever before, there were more people than in the past, and members seem to be bringing high numbers of friends and family members, and taking lots of cabs (which is good). We may need to add a nominal ticket price or increase the dues to help cover these costs. Asking for attendees to purchase tickets of some sort to the event could help to alleviate the high cost to the club. We can discuss this further in the upcoming months.

TAPPING EQUIPMENT: Steve K. wants to take advantage of the brew-in to teach people about the tapping equipment.

## 6) Special Orders - none

## 7) Unfinished Business

### A) CALENDAR

2/4 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm  
2/11 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm  
2/15 CIDER TASTING at Hoffman House 1:30 pm  
2/18 Education: Club Brew System/tapping equ. Club Space  
2/25 Fourth Wed Social, Mason 8 pm. Board Big Ten Pub 7 pm  
(Mark A. checking on these)  
3/4 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm  
3/11 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm  
3/18 Education *TBD*  
3/21 HOUSE OF BREWS CHALLENGE  
3/25 Fourth Wed Social Brasserie V 8 pm, Board Barriques 7 pm  
(Peter checking on these)  
4/1 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm  
4/8 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm  
4/15 Education *TBD*  
4/22 Fourth Wed Social *TBD*  
4/29 Fifth Wed Social *TBD* 8 pm, Board *TBD* 7 pm

Looking ahead:

5/9 GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE  
6/20 GLENDALE BEERFEST  
8/8 We're havin' a beerfest!  
11/7 BADGER BREW-OFF

### OTHER EVENTS:

2/8/2015: SAVE SECOND BASE (breast cancer recovery benefit), Dexter's, Noon-4. Tasting event and chocolate competition, to benefit breast cancer recovery. Bring an entry for the chocolate competition and receive a reduced entry fee. \$25 or \$20 includes commemorative glass and beer, wine and spirits tastings.

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

### **B) Potosi Breweriana Event**

On Mar 21<sup>st</sup> there is a Potosi breweriana event, Gary Hess will be doing book signings. Do we want to do this as a bus trip? It is not at the museum but at a church or school in Potosi. Board decided we will pass the info to members and encourage them to attend the event.

## **8) New Business**

### **A) 2015 Liaisons**

Committees needing liaisons assigned:

GT Steering Committee: Mark Garthwaite

Giving Committee: Steve Krieger

Peter can take Competition or Mark can keep it along with Web.

### **B) Memorial/Recognition Policies**

Membership has been working on this and examining where we might want to go with it. They recently met and began defining what membership recognition and memorial might look like.

Some brainstorming ideas were: commemorative glass, gavel, Free membership to the club for past presidents, an annual dinner, or GT ticket for that year (mentioned for past organizers), possible lifetime membership for club founders, or if you accrue a specific number of years and involvement in activities. The committee looked at two tiered contribution recognition, with something like a pin or a patch or small plaque for given number of years. Talked about special recognition for highly involved members for lengths of time, and nominating the members for award. The GT is largely separate from the general club and Mark G stated that past organizers who have put in years and years of work can be entitled to enjoying the event with a pair of tickets.

Looking at memorials, they discussed possibly naming a tent as commemoration for the year, in addition to the monetary memorial contribution.

What does the board feel about the direction they should go? Are there any of these that we should pursue or not pursue? The board likes the ideas and stated they should continue to pursue and hammer out some more concrete terms for recognition. Some of these people we'd like to recognize may not want the public recognition. The committee will continue to work on it.

### **C) 2014 Budget YTD to Actual**

Jim handed out the budget and reviewed the numbers. Thank you to the treasurer!!!!

## **9) Adjournment**

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 20:51

Respectfully submitted 1-29-2015 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.*