

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

6 July 2016

Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:45 President Mark Schnepfer.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall, SECOND by Michael Kuenzi. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board met last week. Discussed the donation to WORT brought forward for 6k, board approved 8k. Finance did pull some of the historic data regarding the annual donation to WORT. It has been 8k since 2008. We are currently giving more to charity than previously. There is a history with WORT and their involvement with the GT. The board was divided 3-3 and Mark Schnepfer said he broke the tie by voting in favor of 8k. Some members have strong feelings about this donation, both in favor of it and wanting to reduce it. Some of the newer members might not be aware of the history, check out the book in the GT history. The board minutes went out today. Our entertainment is provided for GT largely because of our connection to WORT. Ted Gisske said that we would be paying probably 15k for entertainment at GT.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 447 members. If you have issues on the website for renewals, email Mark Alfred. Sometimes you just may need to reset their passwords. You can also contact Mark Schnepfer about website issues. Try resetting your password and see if that works. We can reset your password to a generic password and you can go back in and reset it to your preference. It wants you to have a strong password.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – We will very likely have the boat launch for the day, at considerable expense. The extra ticket sales might help to cover more expense. Will meet downtown tomorrow to discuss police numbers and other things.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Slow month in general. We released 400 more tickets for a total of 24k. Went over the numbers. Some contest costs and other minor items. Filed taxes. Donations of \$11,750 total, \$3,500 to Wil-mar, 8k to WORT and \$250 to Madison summer choir.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Apfel Fest Cider Pressing will be Oct 1 in Deerfield this year.

CLUB SPACE – Jason Walters – Paul McGuire – Moving last of beer out of Capital Brewery. Fencing will be stored elsewhere after the GT so that we have more space in the club space. Landlord would like to see us use a wireless realtor lock if we want to limit keys out there. The board approved the purchase of a reach-in cooler for short term storage at the club space. Installing a pump for the RO system.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones

REPORTED BY LEE JONES:

Verona Hometown Brewdown contest:

One beer selected from the final round will be commercially brewed by the Hop Garden Taproom. The entry fee of \$10 is paid by the club, so enter if you have beer brewed and sitting on a shelf.

See www.hometownbrewdown.com for details. Event is July 16.

The do not have many entries so they may judge everything on the following date.

Friday, July 15 at 7 pm

If interested in judging (need not be BJCP certified) contact Lee Jones
leejones@gmail.com

Isthmus on Tap Next Homebrew contest

Qualifying contests:

June 30th – ESB (occurred)

July 23rd - Kolsch

Aug 25th – Scotch Ale

September 15th – Oktoberfest

October 20th – Stout

Qualifying contest winners will brew a 1 bbl. pilot batch at Wisconsin Brewing.

Final contest is at Isthmus Beer and Cheese Fest, Jan 2017.

Winner of final contest will brew limited 150 bbl. batch at Wisconsin Brewing for release during Madison Craft Beer Week 2017. Paddle and Portage after party is where it will be released, July 30. They will also have it at the GT.

If interested contact Mark Alfred markieman26@gmail.com

Badger Brew-off is Nov and you should start brewing!

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Met tonight and planned the fall and part of winter. Much will depend on the presenters' availability. July 20 summer break, we will be at House of Brews with Page with a possible GABF Pro Am competition Smoked Lager. July 23 is Brewpalooza. Info on website under beer school under members. Can brew or bring something to taste. There will be some fun rules for brewing, you will have to use a given ingredient in your recipe. Aug still on summer break. Possibly coming up will be a style talk with the Vintage brewer, and another wort transformation with Oktoberfest from Capital, probably Sept or Nov. Possibly one or two presentations by a new member about equipment and processes for testing, and having some of our homebrews tested. Also possibly something with Central Waters. History of brewing laws possibly, and possibly another sensory panel with some master judges from Milwaukee. The committee may start doing the planning for the social meeting locations, so bring your ideas to the committee. Always looking for presenters and guest speakers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush – Mark Morrison retiring from committee. Thank you for your service! Went over the numbers. Money set for the festival. Budgeting for coming year for committees, you will need to get our budgets in. Historically the board has been doing a line by line budget approval, but the committee is looking at changing the line item system to a more general committee reporting. Committee chairs will develop budget for finance, but what will be forwarded on will be a more general committee/events/amount of money system. The accounting will remain the same.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – Has lots of acknowledgements from organizations we give to, Including Potosi. Board approved 8K to WORT and \$250 to Madison Choir, where the members fund most of their budget. There are a number of requests we give to each year, and if you would like to propose a giving idea there is a procedure to request. We still have over 11 k in the budget, so if you are involved in an organization and would like to give, see Carl. Ted Gisske said that he was the one who requested 8K for WORT and the board approved it. He wanted to state that WORT is in dire need of donations at this time, and the station is struggling. He wants to thank the board and the club for stepping to help the station.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – We will be discussing trades soon.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Not met. Will meet after GT.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Haven't met, but will probably meet next Wed, there are some people that would like to meet and work on the social media end of the club presence. Mark will get emails out to the people that have expressed interest and we can meet. If you would like to help with our on-line identity, email Mark Schnepfer.

5) Special orders

Bill Rogers had the shirts for the czars here to try on.

6) Standing Reports

HOPS We have hops. Order through Bob Drousth.

7) New Business

Great Taste Open Aug 7th Sunday

Jeff Wala said tee time starting at 10 am. Scramble style. There will be fun prizes from breweries. We have some beer to drink too.

Jason Walters said we wanted to have it the weekend before because we are now so busy on Fri, that so many people can't go. Please come golf with us. We have a great time and you don't have to be a good golfer, because it is a scramble style.

8) Unfinished Business

Mark said that the emails are coming back in to have the Paoli Bike outing July 16 or 23.

GT PLANNING - Mark Garthwaite GT 30!

Meeting tomorrow meeting with City Parks Commission. We want them to explain to us what they are looking for police wise, and why. They would like to have a huge increase in police, and we are not sure why our event would need this, so will be asking about it. Closing off the boat launch will mean that we can use the lot for parking. We will now be able to get about half the vehicles there and staying so that we will not have as much traffic in and out which will help a lot. The city is always concerned about traffic management. Vendors can be down in the lower lot so there will be no need for them to be in and out. We can pack people in to that lot as we see fit during the day sat.

There will be two load in places now. We will still have people wait to come in after 6:30 that are not in the lot. Brewers that have booths down by the boat launch area will be the first ones to park there. They already load in there, and now their vehicle will be there.

We do now have a requirement to use the soccer field, since we are being allowed to sell more tickets, even though the actual volume of people will be close to the same as is it currently. Not sure how we will use it, but we will work something out. Thinking about Presentation and real ale down there. Do we think people would go there? They are destination tents, so people would go down there most likely, and it would be quieter there. Even if we do move something

there, we may not need the extra space, but we need to do this this for them this year and can reevaluate if needed. We will need to have it fenced off. It could be club tent, golf carts, or many options. We do need to use it. It could be used for larger breweries with large display areas. We would like to have a brewers lounge for the brewers and staff. We might do something like have sponsorships of the brewers lounge if the club is ok with that. Would probably hop or malt makers, that sort of thing, brewer supply groups. Vendors that are marketing to brewers could want to have a presence in a brewer hospitality tent. This and the club tent could go down there. Golf cart corral could possibly.

Vote revealed that most people present tonight wanted hospitality/club space down at the soccer field, followed by large brewers/show and/or golf carts.

Exit and entrance locations will remain the same as last year.

How will police presence increases affect the private security needs? The police increase may mean that we decrease this and police handle more if it.

Let Doug Randall know if you have changed golf cart needs. They may move down to the lower area.

If you need a certificate of insurance for various vendors or anything else, talk to Jim Mayhew.

The pdf that Mike Sproul sends out is the official roster of volunteers. As a czar you need to let him know if your vols were present so he can update for next year. After the pdf goes out, if there are additional needs, club members have first priority, and you as a czar will get a list of those at the top of the waiting list. If you are filling a temporary vol slot, be sure they understand that this does not mean that they are permanent. The permanent list comes from the vol coordinator.

Brewer check-in will have one location again. Will need to have the brewer check in down there so that they can cover both upper and lower check-ins.

If you have changes of locations PLEASE let Nick Balazs know so that he can update the map for the city.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Ted Gisske SECOND by Doug Randall. APPROVED.
Adjourned 22:43

Respectfully Submitted 6-07-16 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

7-13 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
7-20 *EDU summer break* Social *Possibly HOB with Page Buchanan*
7-23 BREWPALOOZA
7-27 Fourth Wed Social 8 pm. Board 7 pm *possibly Lone Girl*
8-3 Business Meeting GT Planning Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
8-10 Meeting in the Park 6:30 pm
8-13 GREAT TASTE OF THE MIDWEST
8-17 *EDU summer break* Social *TBD*
8-24 Fourth Wed Social 7 pm. Board 7 (6?) Capital Brewery NOTE EARLY TIME

LOOKING AHEAD:

9-25 OKTOBERFEST
10-1 APFELFEST CIDER PRESSING
11-5 BADGER BREW-OFF

OTHER EVENTS:

7-16 HOMETOWN BREWDOWN, Verona