

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
1 June 2016
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:38 President Mark Schnepfer.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall, SECOND by Randy Nelson. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board met last week. Looked at a proposal with the city about closing the boat ramp for the day of GT.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 451 members.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – *absent*

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – No meeting last month because of Craft Beer Week. Ticket sales occurred in May and went well. Took in \$887 at the garage sale. Paid for the glassware for GT. Paid for the RO system in the club space. Bought some sanke hook ups for the tapping systems. Made a donation to West Madison Special Olympics.

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 – meeting next Tues. Working on maintenance of the space. Looking into a contract for space to store the fencing. Testing a Wi-Fi hotspot for a potential keyless/coded entry.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones

REPORTED BY LEE JONES:

Grumpy Troll:

Thanks to all who volunteered.

Verona Hometown Brewdown contest:

One beer selected from the final round will be commercially brewed by the Hop Garden Taproom.

See www.hometownbrewdown.com for details.

Recruiting people to judge at the preliminary judging events at the Hop Garden Taproom in Paoli on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 12th at 7 pm - Stouts

Wednesday, July 13th at 7 pm – Scottish Ales

Thursday, July 14th at 7 pm – Brown Ales

Friday, July 15th at 7 pm – Porters

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 and 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.

If interested contact Mark Alfred markieman26@gmail.com

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Kombucha event in May was very well attended. Rachel offered to come back and do a Kombucha beer. June 15 Kevin Appleton food pairing which will be a four course tasting menu. There will be an on-line sign up. July we are looking to set up a Brewpalooza date and maybe a homebrew fest tasting area at that event. Possible date for Brewpalooza July 23 Saturday. For other education events, we may do a style talk. We will see what we can pull together. More fun things in the fall, wort transformation and some other things. Will be going to the sour caves in New Glarus TBD probably a Friday night event. Possibly will do some other tours and visits to places a little farther flung where we haven't been in a while, states Mark Schnepfer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush - Met tonight. Went over finances and ticket sales. Thanks so much to everyone who worked on ticket sales. Everything came out to the dollar. Excellent job!! Dan said that as far as procedure that day, some people got wrist bands but left, and wondered if this is a normal occurrence. Ticket sales people said they do sometimes not come back because they try to go to other places. There should be no waiting for people to come back if they are not there when sales start at noon. If you leave and don't come back in time, you are out of luck. Most places lines evaporate after wrist

bands are handed out, but they return in time to buy tickets. Why do we wait till noon to sell? If we hand out wrist bands at 8 am, could we sell earlier? Open for discussion, but noon seems to work traditionally. Could be discussed. Discussed the proposal from the city for our request to close the boat launch, and also increase ticket numbers. The board has directed the chair to continue to work with the city on the proposal. Talking about how to do the GT budget in the coming years.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – Committee met and recommended \$3,500 to Wil-Mar. Board has made a preliminary approval. Next meeting will be third Tues in June. If you would like to make a giving request, there is a procedure. See Carl DuRocher if you need help.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – *absent*. Jim Mayhew reported. Met with the city and worked on the proposal to close the boat launch and increase ticket numbers. City parks would like to see us use the soccer field as part of the fest, and to add more police. The attendance numbers would increase some, but not by as much as it sounds like because the reality is that we hope to be decreasing trades for tickets, and selling be the tickets instead. We're attempting to get everyone on the same page regarding the number of people in the park, volunteers, staff, brewers etc. The board has said to continue negotiations. We would like to work with the city regarding police numbers but feel the number they want is excessive. Will be looking at similar events and see what is standard. Traffic is a big issue for us that day, and the boat launch parking lot being closed to the public and available to us will help.

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

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Haven't met, but have been talking about making the website more visually appealing. Happy that it is doing what it is supposed to do as a website, and we are trying to increase our amount of people able to work on the web in order to lighten the load on the vols. We are getting close to where we want it technically and would now like to work on adding people that would like to work on the social, visual, and content end. This can be the fun part, and if you would like help with this, see Mark S. He will also send out an email.

5) Special orders - none

6) Standing Reports

GRAIN Lots of bulk grain that needs to be moved out to members for brewing. See Harry Harris.

7) New Business – none

Announcement: Tomorrow is New Belgian Clips of Faith event at Olin Park. Hoppy beers, sour beers, movies, still some volunteer slots available. Starts around 7 or so.

8) Unfinished Business - none

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Dan Bush SECOND by Bob Paolino. APPROVED.
Adjourned 21:30

Respectfully Submitted 6-27-16 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

6-29 Fifth Wed Social House of Brews 8 pm. Board 7 pm Club Space
7-6 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
7-13 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
7-20 EDU *tbd*
7-23 BREWPALOOZA
7-27 Fourth Wed Social 8 pm. Board 7 pm *tbd Possibly Rockhound.*
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 *tbd*
8-24 Fourth Wed Social 8 pm. Board 7 *tbd*

LOOKING AHEAD:

8-13 GREAT TASTE of MIDWEST
10-1 APFELFEST CIDER PRESSING
11-5 BADGER BREW-OFF

OTHER EVENTS:

6-18 WI BEER LOVERS FEST, Glendale
7-16 HOMETOWN BREWDOWN, Verona