

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

30 March 2016

Wil-Mar Center

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Jim Mayhew, Peter Steinberg, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Jason Walters, Mark Alfred, Brian Phillips, Steve Krieger. Member present, Sam Jackson.

1) Call to Order – 19:11

Last month's minutes APPROVED via e-mail in order to expedite distribution to membership.

2) Comments from Members – Later in the meeting Sam Jackson will discuss some items.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – No report

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 455 members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. There is a non-profit income item that comes from the person who assaulted the brewer at GT. We paid his medical expenses and the suspect returned the funds. A little dues coming in and contest expenses going out. We paid the cab bill for the holiday party. Paid some checks that we old and we had to reissue.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Sent out the proposal for the parks commission for next year's event. They will meet on it in April.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Press has gone off for repairs.

CLUB SPACE – Jason Walters –has had two meetings since the board met. Pre garage sale screening and a full committee meeting after that. Pulled out the former stainless sink area and it is gone, and will be having garage sale April 10. Moving some beer Landlord is moving the office to another complex across the

road. Will be moving some beer from Capital to the club space. Paul McGuire is the new Chair.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones will be the chair of the committee. May 14 is Grumpy Troll. Starting April 15 entries can be dropped off at grumpy troll and likely the Wine and Hop Shop. Everything is on the website. Lee Jones had some other good ideas for the committee and will be moving forward with some stuff. WI Brewers Guild has reached out to see if we want to participate in the Glendale Beer Fest. They can provide a bus. Mark Schnepfer and Lee were talking about what we would like the focus be for our contest, and how can we get it improved and get judges there etc. Nov 5 will be the competition (Badger Brew-off), and we may need to find a different venue. The shortfall is judges. We might move to more, smaller competitions. One a side note, there is a canning machine that is portable that would be a fun thing to have for homebrewers to can their beer.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – On April 20, the beers that were made in the three way will be served. On May 4, we will now have Unity Vibrations instead of a business meeting. We will likely not have a business meeting in May, because it is craft beer week. Nothing else has changed on the calendar. Peter Steinburg has scheduled a BJCP tasting exam Nov 2017 sometime. Peter will keep everyone posted. We might have a presentation on how this works and about judging in general. Next meeting is Wed 4-6 at 7 pm in the Wil-Mar center before the business meeting.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Has started looking into the GT ticket sales.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Met last night. Have a couple of thank you letters (Center for Families and Breast Cancer Recovery).

Proposals:

Breast Cancer Recovery Fund \$3000. We have donated in the past and we have had members stricken with breast cancer. MOTION TO APPROVE by Mark Garthwaite and Second by Mark Alfred. MOTION APPROVED

West Side Area Special Olympics \$1250: Club Member has vested interest in the organization. MOTION TO APPROVE by Jim Mayhew Second by Peter Steinberg.

ABA Museum Foundation in Potosi at the brewery \$1000: MOTION TO APPROVE by Mark Alfred second by Jim Mayhew. MOTION APPROVED.

Mikayla's Grace, Inc. \$300: For support for families who have suffered a miscarriage and keeping the baby's spirit alive. Provides support for grieving. We have member involvement in this cause. MOTION TO DONATE \$500 by Jim Mayhew, SECOND by Peter Steinburg. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION by Mark Garthwaite second by Jim Mayhew. MOTION TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION by Peter Steinburg second by Jim Mayhew

GREAT TASTE STEERING COMMITTEE – Mark Garthwaite – No report

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Sam Jackson presented the committee's discussion on the requirements for the Great Taste Chair. He shared the current by-law wording regarding requirements. Current requirements are that the candidate must have been a previous GT chair or assistant chair as appointed by chair, or previously served as president of the guild. They recommend adding or to have served on the board of directors for two years. Because it is in the by-laws, changes must be voted on by the membership. MOTION TO PASS ON TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR A VOTE by Steve Krieger and second by Brian Phillips. MOTION PASSES. Committee is also working on recognition for senior members, and on how to get more interaction from new members.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Met last week. With 5NINES now. List management has been farmed out to Simple Lists. Site seems to be working well and no longer crashing like it was. Membership committee can set up some instructions for members regarding the lists and forums. Sent out a survey and there was not much opinion, but the usership is significantly down since switching to the forum structure.

5) Standing Reports – none

6) Special Orders – none

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

4-6 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
4-10 MHTG GARAGE SALE
4-13 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
4-20 Education: Brew-in Beers tasting evening 8:15 Wil-Mar
4-23 HOMEBREW TOUR
4-27 Fourth Wed Social Mason 8 pm Board *tbd*
5-4 *Meeting cancelled* (Craft Beer Week) Kombucha Education Wil-Mar 8:30
5-11 Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
5-14 GRUMPY TROLL COMPETITION
5-18 *tbd*
5-25 Fourth Wed Social Rockhound 8 pm. Board 7 pm *tbd*
6-1 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
6-8 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

OTHER EVENTS:
6-18-16 GLENDALE BEERFEST

B) Strategic Beer Reserve/storage options

Mark Alfred presented proposals for beer storage and cold space. He also presented proposals for a programmable lock system for the club space to allow authorized members and board access via code. Also had proposal for installing our RO system at the club. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR TEMPORARILY HOUSING AT A STORAGE UNIT NEAR THE CLUB SPACE by Jim Mayhew. Second by Peter Steinburg. MOTION PASSES. MOTION TO HAVE JIM ARRANGE TO GET A WATER SOFTENER PUCHASED AND GET ALL THE PLUMBING DONE FOR UP TO \$1500 by Jim Mayhew. Second by Mark Alfred. MOTION PASSES. MOTION TO STORE THE FENCE AT A+ STORAGE AFTER THE GT AND RENT THE STORAGE AS OF AUG 1 for \$95 / MONTH by Steve Krieger Jim Mayhew Second. MOTION PASSES. The water tanks might be able to go there too. They also take up lots of space. We will look further into the keyless code entry and whether it needs internet to be there.

8) New Business

REAP asked if we would like to partner with their Burgers and Brews event this year. We could be involved to the extent that we could let them request volunteers through the club.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Peter Steinburg. SECOND by Steve Krieger.
ADJOURNED 20:30

Respectfully submitted 4-2-2016 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.