

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

1 Mar 2017

Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:35.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall, SECOND by Sam Jackson. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board meeting last week. We are looking into what is required for a quorum when the meeting is attended by only a fraction of members are at the meeting. Welcome back Mike Sproul! Great to see you here!

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – *Absent*.
We have 443 members.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – *Absent*. Mark Schnepfer reported that the ticket venues will remain the same. Steering committee meeting next week.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush reported. Reviewed the numbers. Getting to our annual pre-ticket sales “low”. Feb historically slow.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman

Cider tasting will be at Lee and Rita Jones home on Sunday, Mar 19th at 2 pm. We will have a Cider Committee meeting at 1 pm at their house.

CLUB SPACE – Paul McGuire – Paul McGuire

Drafted new usage guidelines. On the website and will be on the wall. Water softener is fixed and working. Running a 220 by the garage door for the cider press. Jockey boxes being refurbished. Garage sale Mar 18th 11am-3pm. Members can bring items to sell or trade as long as there is not commercial beer for beverages for sale. We will have food, will grill if the weather is nice.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones

Tex Tubb's ReinheitsRevolt. Competition is Saturday, March 4. Still need judges, have a lot of stewards, but some might sit in as novice judges.

<http://textubbstacos.com/reinheitsrevolt/>

Kölsch challenge judging is April 19th. We will have Greg Younkin talk about Kölsch.

AHA National Homebrew Day May 6th at club space. AHA has not published recipe yet. Come on down to the club space and brew or hang out. Recipe is

Upcoming local homebrew competitions:

AHA National Homebrew Competition. Competition is only open to AHA members. Application window is open until February 5th. Judge/Steward volunteer registration for first round judging is February 8th. First round judging in Milwaukee is on April 7-9. A couple weeks later in Chicago.

National Homebrewers Conference, Minneapolis June 15-17 2017 at Minneapolis Convention Center. Registration TUESDAY. MHTG will have a booth on Friday. If you plan on attending, see Lee and we can set you up for helping if that works out. Online registration for Homebrew Con opens March 7, 2017 @ 10:00 am MT (11:00 am CST). Registrations are offered first-come, first-served. Full conference registration fee is \$255 until April 20th, then \$275. You must be a member of AHA to attend the conference.

EDUCATION – Lee Jones– Brian Phillips

March 15 we will hold March Mashness which will be a bracket system competition and everyone will vote and the finalists will move forward. The brewers will talk about their recipe and system. We are still taking entries. If you want to bring two that should be fine. That would insure that we have enough to have full rounds.

March we will visit Restoration Cider and Lucky's 1313

April 19 for education we will have the Kölsch competition.

April 26 we are planning a bus trip to Raised Grain in Waukesha. Picking up at the Vintage and at the Malthouse.

Hopefully Micromatic presentation in the future.

The committee will meet again in April, Brian will send out the info. Before the business meeting.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush

Finance committee met and talked about the ticket sales process.

GIVING – Jason Walters – Carl DuRocher

Met last week.

3k to Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation, added to the money raise

\$300 to Cub Scouts of Oregon

Working on better access to the information on the website for requesting giving.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite *absent*

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin

Discussing the question regarding quorum. The board is asking about this, we have decided to start taking a head count at the business meetings. According to State of WI if it is not in our by-laws, it is defined as 10%. For the board, we have 9, so we establish quorum of 5 board members, and then we are able to cast votes. We could set in our by-laws a percentage that was lower and more likely to achieve. It was suggested we could use 10% of most recent voter counts, which would be more like 100 required, rather than 400 plus. It was suggested that we could have a non-voting membership, so the voting membership would be less. Committee will discuss.

TODAY'S ATTENDANCE: 31 total members in attendance = less than 10% of our current membership of 443.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer

Has not met yet. No news to report

5) Standing Reports

Bulk buy for grain buy deadline is this Sat Mar 4th. Ben at the Wine and Hop Shop is nice enough to do this for us, so please patronize his shop if you can, he is saving us a lot of money on the grain.

Sanitizer and Star San are being ordered in a group buy and Peter Steinburg will be finalizing these number early next week.

There have been emails going around for the ordering of grain and cleaner.

6) New Business

Feb 10 was annual collaboration with Potosi. We brewed a pale citrus with coconut. Will set a place and time for the release, but next month at the business meeting we will get a sneak peek tasting.

7) Unfinished Business - none

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Doug Randall, SECOND by Lee Jones. APPROVED.
Adjourned 21:15

Respectfully Submitted 3-04-17 Cheri Carr, Secretary

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

3/8	Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
3/15	Education: March Mashness
3/18	GARAGE SALE Club Space
3/19	CIDER TASTING 2 pm. Jones manor, Madison
3/22	Fourth Wed Social: Restoration Cider
3/29	Fifth Wed Social: Lucky's 1313. 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: Kölsch Board Meeting 7 pm Wil-Mar
4/26	Fourth Wed Social: Trip to Raised Grain Brewery
5/6	BREW-IN Club Space (in association with AHA)
5/7	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