

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
2 March 2016
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:40 President Mark Schnepfer.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Mike Derezynski, second by Dave Pegelow. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board met last week.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 456 members.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Met last Friday with the City of Madison, Police Dept., Traffic, and the parks community events coordinator (new person). The goal was to ask to sell more tickets, and the meeting started with the recap of last year. The one adverse incident was mentioned. Parks said everything was good. Police talked about the level of drinking, which they seemed to understand is part of the situation. They met Ralph Kuehn, who is our new City Liaison. They did bring up the ticket number, and said in order to do this, we need a plan that will go to the parks commission in the form of a proposal. We asked about shutting down the boat launch, and the feedback seemed to be reasonable, and less of a problem regarding traffic. The traffic engineering person had mentioned the idea of closing John Nolan Drive during the event. This is up in the air because of the events occurring at Alliant. It was largely a positive meeting. The USA “rate the beerfest” article where we are among the top helps establish that we are not a fly by night and that we all live and work right here. Organizers, think about how what you do would be affected by the boat launch being shut or by having more tickets being sold. They would like us to have more police officers, and we said we could add more police if needed, but this costs us more money, and we have a revenue cap with the ticket numbers. It could cut into our charitable giving we do in the communities.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. Slow month. Got cab bill from party and it was just over \$900. Paid for some small items. Made a donation.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Cider and Mead Tasting Rita and Lee Jones house was a great success. Will be organizing the fall pressings later in the year.

CLUB SPACE – Jason Walters – Mark Alfred – A few going over there next week and will assess and set up a meeting with the rest of the committee. We are looking into cooler space.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Tex Tubbs competition is this weekend. We could use a couple stewards. 9-11-16 judging. See Bob Paolino. Grumpy Troll is 5-19-16. Wine and Hop competition coming up in a couple weeks. 6 pm at Dexter's next Wed before the Malthouse social for the next meeting.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Everything is on the calendar that is coming up. Distillation-how to is this month. 3-6-16 we will have a brew in at the club space doing one beer four different ways. Will taste the results 4-20-16. Will be all grain, partial, brew in a bag and extract, to compare each way. 5-18-16 will be kombucha. 6-15-16 is food and beer with Lucy Saunders. 7-20-16 homebrew festival. Had a nice tasting before the meeting. Mark Schnepfer will put this in the agenda. Committee meeting is 4-6-16 at 7 pm in the basement of Wil Mar prior to the business meeting upstairs. If you have ideas see Brian Phillips.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush - Met tonight. Looked into the meeting with the city regarding finances. The city will be looking for our presentation on why we need more tickets, possibly a public meeting. Jim is working with the accountant on our taxes.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher – Giving mostly takes place after the GT tickets are sold. Had a request from a brewing museum foundation and Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation, also West Madison Special Olympics. All of these will go to the board. Last year we received some standing requests very late in the year, and the board was not meeting after they came in, so they were not able to be approved before the end of the year. If you have standing donations you ask for every year, please get them in by October if possible so that they can get through the giving meeting and the board meeting and be processed by year's end.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – Meeting soon. Was waiting until after the city meeting was held.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Met. Talked about the membership manual. Lee Jones has been doing a great job in it. Thank you! Talked about GT chair qualifications. Sam Jackson will take on the task of gathering the info for criteria and will bring it to the committee. It could be that they will either: remain the same, be dropped to no criteria, or changed to new criteria - which would require a change in the by-laws. Will be meeting on an upcoming Tuesday at the Malthouse. 10-1-16 is the deadline to change any by-laws. An email went out to the committee asking for a response if you want to continue to be on the committee.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Hasn't met. Will be moved over to 5NINES soon. Going over the options for a third party to monitor our site, and it seems like a reasonable option. There has been some issues with the forums and the changes was causing them to go to everyone, but that has been resolved, and the beauty of the forums method is that the conversations and thread will be searchable down the road so the conversations don't have to be duplicated over and over. There will be a survey asking members some questions about the committee lists and forums etc. Will be meeting here in a couple weeks before the beer school. Can have presentations uploaded as files as well as threads.

5) Standing Reports

CLUB BREW SYSTEM: New keggles are up and working. If you have issues see Nick Balazs. Please clean up after yourselves. We are looking at a system of coded entry.

Garage Sale is Sunday, 4-10-16. We will be finding homes for a lot of the strategic reserve, and will be looking for vols.

If you need a new name badge, send your name and complete address to Mark Alfred.

Note: Mark Schnepfer states reservation function seems to be working and will be expanded.

6) New Business – none

7) Unfinished Business – none

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Dan Bush. Second by Michael Kuenzi. MEETING
ADJOURNED 9:36

Respectfully Submitted 03 -16 -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

3-6 MHTG BREW IN
3-9 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
3-16 Education: Distillation, Wil-Mar 8:15
3-23 FIELD TRIP: WOLLERSHEIM WINERY
3-30 Fifth Wed Social: One Barrel 8 pm. Board 7 pm.
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
4-27 Fourth Wed Social Mason 8 pm Board *tbd*
5-4 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
5-11 Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
5-14 GRUMPY TROLL COMPETITION
5-18 Education: Kombucha
5-25 Third Wed Social *tbd*
6-1 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
6-8 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
6-15 Education: Food Pairing w Lucy Saunders
6-22 Fourth Wed Social *tbd*
6-29 Fifth Wed Social *tbd* 8 pm. Board 7 pm *tbd*

LOOKING AHEAD:

OTHER EVENTS: