

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

2 Nov 2016

Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:30 President Mark Schnepfer.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall, SECOND by Nick Balazs. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Board met and went through the finance committee 2017 budget that was presented to board. No major changes from last year. The biggest change is the way we are reviewing and presenting budgets without so many line items. The budget itself will remain the same.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 438 members. Election coming up.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Got nothin' to report. ☺

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. GT expenses only have the city bill left to receive and pay.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Cider pressing was fun. 65 bushels of apples.

CLUB SPACE – Jason Walters – Paul McGuire – Will be beginning to paint, fence is moved out. Reach-in cooler coming. New fans, lights, electric outlets. Key pad entry for coded entry, so you can request an access code to brew for a specific time frame. We are testing it out.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones – Badger Brew-off this Saturday, helpers, stewards arrive at 8:30. Judges at 8:45. Starting at 9. 11 judges and 6 stewards so far. 150 total entry limit this year. Last month Peter Steinberg sent survey to the membership, and we are going over responses. 85% want to do more competitions like what we have been doing. BJCP, Isthmus on Tap Next, etc. are popular, along with some smaller ones. Thanks for the feedback. People want more notifications about competitions, and the Homebrewers Association

has an events tab on their website where they list TONS of competitions. Club will ship your entries and pay your fees up to \$14. Contact Lee Jones, Peter Steinberg, or Dave Pegelow.

COMING UP:

Jan 30- Feb 5: AHA competition. You have to be a member.

May 6: AHA Homebrewers Day. We won't be doing the Grumpy Troll in May so we can maybe support Homebrew day next year.

The AHA conference is in Minneapolis next year. We would like to have a presence.

As far as the Isthmus Next competition, this was limited to MHTG members, and the winner will have a chance to brew a large scale, that will be poured at Isthmus Beer and Cheese Fest. This is an excellent opportunity for a member! Club only Kolsch competition coming up for members only, probably early spring. Brew beer for the holiday party!!

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian Phillips – Met last month for quarterly meeting and lined up topics Through March. October calibration went well. This month Aaron Gary will speak on beer laws of WI and their history. Should be great. Nov 30 we will have a bonus social at the Club Space for the grand reopening. Dec 21 aged beer night at Wil-mar. Jan 18 will be a presentation on off favors, and the fourth Wed will be Mr. Brews East side, by High Crossing. Feb 15 we will do a hop-shift experiment with beer brewed the same base, different hops, same target IBUs, and test, or different timing of hops. Looking to do a Micromatic presentation, and perhaps Quality tanks field trip to see the tank manufacturers.

Are we interested in a mentoring program? Some people like to have someone to brew with. Peter Steinberg will be doing a fair amount of brewing and the space has much more room. Nick Balazs has people put it on the calendar if they are brewing, so that others can show up. Brian can put it on the calendar if you are brewing at your home so that folks can come and learn or get to meet fellow brewers.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush – Reporting budget later.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Carl DuRocher

Three requests approved by board:

1. \$1,500 to Goodman Community Center, by Jim Mayhew. This will be for their Thanksgiving baskets.
2. \$1,500 to Madison Area Community Land Trust, by Bob Paolino. This group purchases the land for new home owners to get into affordable housing by the organization owning the land. Last year we gave more because there was a matching donation, but this year there is not. Committee recommends the above amount.

3. \$1,000 to Friends of the Zoo by Eli Woyke. Donations keep the zoo free for all citizens. They are holding an event call Brew Lights but the donation will be used for the zoo and not the event. The event is to raise further donations.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite – Looking to continue forward with old and new members.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Nominations coming up

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – There is some charts and graphs where we can plug in some finances.

5) Special orders

A. 2017 Budget Presentation -

Dan Bush presented the 2017 Budget. Handed out the budget for members to review. The budget this year, rather than having individual line items for small items like cups food, cups and other cups, we are organizing the items into larger categories, so that the committee chairs can allocate and reallocate within their budget each year. The committees can have the official authority to use their budgets as they see fit. The accounting will happen the same, with the line items, but the committee chairs will get a monthly statement on what they have in their budget and will have the flexibility to allocate. After we close out 2016, the quick books program will be lined up with this new system. If it doesn't work for committees, we can change back, but this will be a much more streamline procedure, and will give the committees the ability to use their funds as they see fit.

Over all the club had a good 2016. Budget planned to end 12k in the hole because of a built up surplus. Next year will line up to be in budget. Ticket prices and GT brewer payments will remain the same. The biggest change in expenses was from the GT boat launch and the police requirements. This was 22k alone. Glassware will be more cost effective next year. Other minor changes were discussed. Budgeting 9k deficit this year but are comfortable doing that this year. MOVE TO APPRIE BY Nick Balazs SECOND by Mark Alfred MOTION APPROVED.

B. 2017 Election -

Any further nominations Doug Randall two year at large. Accept. Any other nominations? Called for the closing. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS by Jim Mayhew and SECOND Paul McGuire. APPROVED. Nominations are closed. NOMINATED and accepted:

President: Mark Schnepfer

Vice President: Mark Alfred
Treasurer: Jim Mayhew
Secretary: Cheri Carr
2-year at Large:
Lee Jones
Jeremy Kaukl
Steve Krieger
Paul McGuire
Doug Randall

All current officers running unopposed. Brian Phillips is the one board member not running. Thank you for your service! We appreciate his work on the board and with the education committee.

6) Standing Reports - none

7) New Business - none

8) Unfinished Business – none

Looking for ways to get members more involved, such as food drives. Canned food drives at the events and things like that, would like to do this for the holiday party.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Michael Kuenzi SECOND by Nick Balazs. APPROVED.
Adjourned 21:28

Respectfully Submitted 11-16-16 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

11/5	BADGER BREW-OFF
11/9	Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
11/16	Education: Aaron Gary on Beer Laws and History in Wisconsin
11/23	Fourth Wed Social: Alchemy 8 pm
11/30	Fifth Wed Social: Club Space Grand reopening 8 pm, Board 7 pm.

12/7 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
12/14 Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
12/21 EDU: Aged beer 8 pm
12/28 Fourth Wed Social: Malthouse casual social (*no board meeting*)
1/7/2017 HOLIDAY PARTY
1/11 Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
1/18 EDU: Off-flavor tastings 8 pm
1/25 Fourth Wed Social: Mr. Brews Eastside 8 pm. Board 7 pm (*tbd*)

LOOKING AHEAD:

5/7/2017 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