

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

28 October 2015

The Viking

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Steve Andrusz, Steve Krieger, Peter Steinberg, Brian Phillips, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite. Member present: Christina Slatky. Presenters present: Tony Castaneda and Dean Loumos.

1) Call to Order – 19:14

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

2) Comments from Members – Housing Initiatives: Request for giving. Tony Castaneda and Dean Loumos presented on the program and the importance of providing homes to citizens in the community. Looking to expand the housing availability for citizens with disabilities, who have difficulty obtaining permanent housing. This includes homeless veterans and others. The organization owns several housing units that assist these citizens by providing homes, and one of the main goals is to end homelessness for veterans. This donation would go directly to capital campaign to make improvements and acquisitions to housing.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Starting to work on Web Report.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred –Membership is 448.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. Some GT items still trickling in. Badger Brew-off expenses happening.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Meeting for the committee will be at Garthwaite's on Sunday and will report back.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Had an apple pressing at Lindemann's last Sunday and pressed 35 or 40 bushels. Stone Fences expenses are in. There are some equipment repairs that need to be done to the presser.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Rinse tanks are in and ready to be put away. The RO system is still sitting there and needs to be put in.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Badger Brew-off is Saturday Nov 7. Entries are coming in and we have a budget for over 200 entries, but we need judges for this. Hoptoberfest of the Wine and Hop Shop occurs the Friday before Badger Brew-off (Nov 6) but they will do the judging beforehand and just do the people's judging at their event.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Met Oct 21 and have many things planned for the coming first half of the year. Talked about road trips, topics for education and guest speakers. Cookbook author, Lucy Saunders and other food pairings might occur. Nov 18 will be the wort transformation with Wisconsin Brewing and mini contest of beers with prizes. Dec 16 we will have Charles McGonigle from Apfelfreew. Brian Phillips will send the minutes out from the meeting. He can also get it on the website calendar. Looking into possibly doing some lagering techniques with immersion chillers or chiller bags without the refrigeration. We could maybe do an education presentation on it and perhaps have some lagering equipment to loan.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Handed the budget to actual for the year. We are over budget. The reality is some potential ideas are: we can cut giving, increase dues, decrease brewer costs, bring trades to value, or make some other changes. All to be discussed. Finance committee is rolling around ideas and will bring forward.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Housing Initiatives requested \$2,000. The committee discussed the proposal. Kate Stalker of the committee stated she was going to ask for \$500 for another cause but would prefer it go to the Housing Initiative, so the Giving Committee requests \$2,500. MOTION TO APPROVE \$2,500. APPROVED. Request for \$1,000 to Literacy Network. Les Hoffman is involved with the organization. MOTION TO APPROVE. APPROVED.

GREAT TASTE STEERING COMMITTEE – Mark Garthwaite – Meeting on Sunday.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Haven't met. Focusing on elections. Working on updating on new member information.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Looking at improvements.

5) Standing Reports –

OKTOBERFEST Successful! Good attendance, good food and beer.
HOLIDAY PARTY Second Saturday in Jan.

6) Special Orders -

None

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

11/4	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
11/7	BADGER BREW-OFF Eastside Club
11/11	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
11/18	Education Wort project 8 pm Wil-Mar. Board 7 pm
11/25	Fourth Wed Social Alchemy 8 pm
12/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
12/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12/16	Education Charles McGonigle from Aeppeltreow
12/23	Fourth Wed Social Next Door (?)
12/30	Fifth Wed Social Downtown Pub Crawl
1/6/15	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
1/9	HOLIDAY PARTY Capital Brewery
1/13	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
1/20	Education
1/27	Fourth Wed social

LOOKING AHEAD: none

OTHER EVENTS: none listed

8) New Business

A. Capital Brewery Strategic Reserve: They would probably like us to come up with something for the beer reserve. We will look into possibly building a cooler space finding another space. If anyone knows of a cooler space come to the board. We could look for a temporary or permanent solution.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 20:59

Respectfully submitted 10-30-2015 by Cheri Carr

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.