

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
4 Oct 2017
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:38

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall. SECOND by Ted Gisske. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Was not at the board meeting last week. Giving committee approved some donations we will talk about later.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Ran the board meeting for the president who was out last week. Discussed giving and some membership items. We have 462 members.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – All quiet on the front. Budget for next year will be done next week so if you have items, give to Mark Garthwaite.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Paid for most of Great taste. Went over the numbers. Discussed the money spent on GT.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison – Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Rita Jones

Had a successful pressing. Pressed 80 bushels and 40 – 50 people attended. Will be scheduling a meeting for later this month. Reviewing the event, starting planning for Next year's events including a competition and tasting.

CLUB SPACE – Paul McGuire – Paul McGuire

Outside breaker was fixed by the landlord. 220v up front was used by the cider people and worked well for the press. One barrel system is almost ready. Canner will be ready to use soon. Bought some new chairs that don't have fabric on them which will be better for our uses. Looking for a wall mounted glass cabinet for displaying the set of all the GT glasses.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones

Had the session ale competition, and 14 people brewed and brought beer. Good turn out! Winners are:

1st Jonathon Hibbs

2nd John Tobin

3rd Gary Lockwood

Honorable Mention Harry Harris

Great Job!!!

Brew-in coming up Oct 21, which will be the Iron Brewer. Will be a fun competition. Teams are forming. Email went out so sign up!

Badger Brew-off coming up. We need more entries and judges and stewards.

Emails will be going out soon. Isthmus On Tap is not happening this year.

BJCP class is going well for future judges.

Next year we will have a club only competition as well as a brew-in each quarter.

We will keep doing these as long as people keep showing up! If you are interested in helping in a competition, talk to Peter or Lee.

EDUCATION – Lee Jones– Brian Phillips

October 18th will be the wort transformation tasting. Should be 24 or 26 or so to taste. Bring a growler of your beer, a reminder will go out to the club. Nate from the Great Dane should be here to talk about the wort they gave us.

Oct 25 social will be at the BOS Meadery 8 pm.

Nov 15 Education will be on vintage and cellared beers, i.e. how to age beers.

Dec 20 Education we will bust into our cellars and taste our aged beers.

Iron Brewer beer tasting will happen in Jan.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush

Met tonight. Talking about budget for this year and next. GT work going well.

Mostly done.

Committee chairs are submitting budgets and they are looking ok.

When we raised the ticket prices a few years ago, we knew we would be in the red for a few years and then work into the black, and that is happening on track like we predicted. Mark Garthwaite said that renting the boat launch set this back slightly but all in all is in a good direction. Mark Schnepfer said that we did look at increasing dues, but it would not make too much of a difference in the budget in the scheme of things.

GIVING – Jason Walters – Carl DuRocher

A month or two ago the board gave money to Deer Park Buddhist Center in memory of Jamie Cowells. We have a thank you from them here tonight.

Potosi gave us some free passes to the museum in exchange for the donation to them.

Last committee meeting we approved three donations:

1. \$500 to Grace Food Pantry

2. \$700 to Easter Seals camp for kids.
3. \$500 to the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

There will be one more meeting this year for review of submitted proposals to the board. We currently have about 7 requests which exceeds with amount of money we have but the committee will review the requests and act accordingly. Meeting is the third Tues of Oct so get proposals in if you want.

Schnepper add that since we have a lot of requests and more than there is money, if you are passionate about what you have submitted, you might want to request to be present at the Giving Committee meeting. Everyone is invited to these meetings. Most meetings (with financial as the exception) are open to all members.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite
Will meet this month.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin

Met last Wed and talked about election preparations. Elections nominations are underway.

Talked about membership growth, benefits and diversity and looking at ideas for the future. Based on projections on where the club might be as far as growth, we will probably have over 500 members in 2018 sometime. We want to see if there is anything we could or should change regarding programming, i.e. do we want to do anything different possibly to increase the diversity of the group. Changes to the website? Anything we want to promote or change? Looking at female members and what they may like for programming or issues they may have. Taking into account some of the things women and other members are bringing up.

WEB – Mark Schnepper – Mark Schnepper

Hasn't met recently. Things are going smoothly. If anyone wants to take an active part to work on content on the web, Let Mark know, we are on word press and it is pretty easy. If you want to take over your committee pages, feel free. Mark can set you up so that committees can be in charge of their own content. Mark can teach people about Word Press and said he would like to see more people involved in the web site.

5) Standing Reports

A newly modified mill for the grain is here. It will be at the club space. Octoberfest was a hit.

Jan 6 is the holiday party at Capital Brewing. Will be asking for a food panty donation, and will limit number of guests each member can bring, since the membership has gotten so large. Will be looking for volunteers.

Club trip will be announced soon, and attendance opportunities start with the most involved folks with the GT and working toward general membership. Eastern Michigan this year.

6) New Business- none

Peter Steinberg stated that Levi Funk has started a sour beer group and you can get on the email list. They will typically be Weds. Peter has info.

7) Unfinished Business – none

8) Special Orders – Nominations – Greg Younkin

Nominations close Nov 1st. open now.

Greg went over the nominees have accepted and are pending. They have gone out in an email.

Took nominations from the floor. Greg will keep the membership informed of the nominations via email. At the Nov meeting we will continue to take nominations from floor and then nominations will close. Any pending nominations will be declined at that time.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Paul McGuire SECOND by Michael Kuenzi.

APPROVED. Adjourned 21:25

Respectfully Submitted 10-08-17 Cheri Carr, Secretary

Be an active member of your club by regularly attending your board and business meetings, and participating in committees.

A) CALENDAR

10/11	Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
10/18	Education: Wort Transformation
10/21	BREW-IN: IRON BREWER Competition, Club Space
10/25	Fourth Wed Social BOS Meadery 8 pm. Board 7 pm <i>TBD20</i>
11/1	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
11/4	BADGER BREW-OFF
11/8	Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
11/15	Education: Aging Beers, Vintage Beers, what/how to age
11/22	Fourth Wed Social <i>TBD</i>
11/29	Fifth Wed Social and Board <i>TBD</i>
12/6	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
12/13	Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
12/20	Education: Aged Beer / Cellar sharing night
12/27	Fourth Wed Social <i>Holiday edition ON OUR OWN</i>
1/6/18	HOLIDAY PARTY