

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

27 Sept 2017

Side Door Tap

Present: Mark Alfred, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Peter Steinberg, Lee Jones, Paul McGuire, Jason Walters. Absent: Mark Schnepfer, Jim Mayhew

1) Call to Order – 19:07

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

2) Comments from Members – none

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – *absent*

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Acting as president. VP running the meeting. Will report in membership. 464 members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – *absent*. He did mail out the Profit and Loss sheet. Discussion.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Most of the expenses are in. Still need police bill, and we can start looking at next year budget.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Cider pressing is Saturday at the Club Space. Apples delivered Friday. Pressing from 9-4.

CLUB SPACE – Paul McGuire – Joe installed the 220v today for the press. No other issues. Natural gas for one barrel is complete. Canner coming. Ordered 192 cans and they are here for initial runs. Got some new chairs, they are plastic with no fabric. Purchasing a wall mounted glass cabinet for historic GT glasses. Working on privacy film for office.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – 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.

EDUCATION – Lee Jones – Lee is finalizing the syllabus for the class and the feed back is positive. The exam will be advertised by Peter soon. Oct 18 education will be the wort transformation tasting with the Great Dane wort. Nov 15 we will have a discussion on aging beers. Dec 20 is an aged bottle sharing evening.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – *absent* Mark Garthwaite stated that Finance met and is finalizing GT numbers.

GIVING – Jason Walters – Three requests:

1. Easter Seals of WI: \$700 recommendation. This is a camp for the children, and they are doing a targeted renovation of one of the resident lodges to comply with ADA. This camp lets handicapped kids experience summer camp. MOTION TO APPROVE by Peter Steinberg SECOND by Mark Garthwaite. APPROVED.
2. Grace Food Pantry: \$500 recommendation. This fund helps families in need with food. This would be for the W. Washington Ave location. MOTION TO APPROVE by Paul McGuire. SECOND by Mark Alfred. APPROVED.
3. Ice Age Trail Alliance: \$3,000 request. Jason reported that after much discussion and looking at historical donations, the Giving Committee recommendation was for \$500, in order to fit in line with historic donations. Many times prior it was \$500, and one time was \$2,500. Some members requesting the donation asked that the committee reconsider, but committee states they are recommending \$500. MOTION TO APPROVE \$500 by Peter Steinberg. SECOND by Mark Garthwaite. Discussion: Last year was sort of an outlier at the end of the year which happens when there is money at the end of the year to contribute to causes, and not necessarily something that would be approved each year. Jason explained the committee's discussion regarding need of various causes. He said the committee felt it is a worthwhile cause and decided on \$500 this year. Any group or member can submit additional requests for funding, and any group or members can get on the agenda to attend Giving Committee meetings to discuss their cause. Members can get on the board

agenda under Comments from Members at the beginning of the board meeting.
DISCUSSION CLOSED. MOTION APPROVED.

October and November are the last to chances to get on the agenda for a giving request because there is no Dec board meeting.

Wil-Mar is organizing a capital campaign to purchase the parking lot and tennis court across the road where we all park. This currently belongs to the church, and Wil-Mar and the city as well feel they need to add it to the Wil-Mar property, but it will be quite costly.

GREAT TASTE STEERING Mark Garthwaite – Will meet in Oct.

MEMBERSHIP - Mark Alfred – Met tonight. Elections coming up. Looked at by-laws and feel they do not need updating at this time. Talked about benefits and how they will work for a larger group, and are there any things we need to do for long term members, younger members and female members. Will be looking at these options. Looking at programming and whether or not we need some education on the basics of homebrewing in your home for some of the newer members or people interested in starting brewing. Some of these female members may have some ideas of what may appeal to women in the group. We have some extract brewers that are getting their feet wet in competitions.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – *absent*

5) Standing Reports -

OCTOBER FEST lots of good feedback! It was a great day.

HOLIDAY PARTY Jan 6, 2018

GOODWILL TRIP Eastern Michigan. Planning happening.

6) Unfinished Business

Calendar – upcoming board meetings

7) New Business - none

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Paul McGuire. SECOND by Mark Alfred.

ADJOURNED 18:13

Respectfully submitted 10-03-2017 by Cheri Carr Secretary

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.

CALENDAR

9/30	CIDER PRESSING and POTLUCK Club Space
10/4	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
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 <i>TBD</i> Board 7 pm
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>
01/06	HOLIDAY PARTY

OTHER EVENTS:
None on the list