

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

28 Sept 2016

Jordan's Big Ten

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Peter Steinberg, Brian Phillips, Steve Krieger, Jason Walters.

1) Call to Order – 19:04

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

2) Comments from Members – none

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – No report

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 452 members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. Cider pressing is more expensive due to renting the event tent and tables etc. Equipment and taps is high due to paying the plumber.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Lee Jones had a debriefing with Madison PD. A couple minor incidents that were reported. Usual isolated incidents. They will likely remain at the same level. City debriefing to be held. Parks felt it went well, they had no incident issues.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – The cider pressing event is this weekend and is coming together well.

CLUB SPACE – Jason Walters – Working with Fred Swanson to get the rinse tanks and fencing out. Joe Farnsworth is an electrician and install ceiling fans and lights, and also the circuits for the reach in cooler. Also moving the 220 to more accessible place. He can do the work for a discounted cost. Ale Asylum will be using the fencing and tanks for their event and then we will be storing it elsewhere. Going to be doing some painting and setting things up for meetings and activities. Looking forward to having the space be more usable.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Isthmus Next Homebrew last event is Oct 20th. It is a stout contest. It is a MHTG member only contest. Isthmus gets to serve the beer at the Beer and Cheese Fest, and Wisconsin Brewing makes the winning beer. Octoberfest Freiburg's brew contest happened and turned out well. Badger Brew-off coming up in early Nov. Viking brew contest took place and we can continue to work with them to make improvements. Grumpy Troll competition can be hard because they want to be open for business so we need to keep it moving so we can get done and get out. Looking at doing a collaboration with education to have some events with food and brewing. Looking at a brew-in at the club space Oct 23rd, possibly also a pressing at the club space. We would like to do a survey to see what members are interested in. We'd like to see if we have enough people interested in an AHA competition, or other events. There are some members that are entering home brewing contests all the time. AHA annual event is in Minneapolis this coming year in June.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Meeting Wed Oct 5 at 7 pm at Wil-Mar. Rick Cole on quality calibration in Oct. Brian will update the calendar with the upcoming events. Meeting next month. They are now planning the fourth and fifth Wed socials.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Working on budgets including committee budgets. GT tickets and membership staying the same. Will have a budget at the next meeting.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Three requests.

1. 100 Black Men of Madison for \$500. This is a local chapter that does philanthropic work. They work with black leaders in the community to work for youth and citizens. They do also toys for tots and were sending supplies to flood victims. The purpose is to encourage black men that are leaders in the community to step up and lead by example. Mark Alfred who is involved in our club is involved with the organization. MOTION TO GIVE THE REQUESTED AMOUNT by Jim Mayhew SECOND by Peter Steinberg. APPROVED
2. Grace Food Pantry for \$500. The food pantry in Madison at the church. Helps the homeless. MOTION TO APPROVE by Peter Steinberg and SECOND by Jim Mayhew. APPROVED
3. Oregon Preschool for \$200. Member Paul McGuire requested this and the giving committee recommended. MOTION TO APPROVE by Jim Mayhew, SECOND by Brian Phillips.

We have \$6,500 left in the budget and we have a few more requests coming in.

GREAT TASTE STEERING COMMITTEE – Mark Garthwaite – Looking to move forward with new members of the committee.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Had an extensive meeting last night. Elections are going to be on-line again, with ballots available only at the meeting where

elections close. A member was wanting a lesser dues membership since he is out of town, wanting to continue to be a member in order to volunteer at GT. The committee continues to be opposed to a two tiered membership. This would also require a by-law change. Volunteers do not need to be members. Preference goes to members when new spots open up but he has a spot currently. He has been advised that we will continue to have a flat membership fee. Board agreed with this. Volunteering at GT is up to the GT chair and volunteer liaison. Discussed changing the ID badge system to an on-line program that will create a membership badge to print or show on your phone. It will likely have a membership expiration date on it. Also looked at long term contribution recognition award and are thinking of a Michael Ball Memorial Award. Also looking at a long term membership award. We will have a display at the club space, and will be looking to recognize long term members. Our PO Box will be moving to a new location. The location will be moving across the square. It will be at 2 E. Mifflin St. but the PO box number proper remains the same. The physical location of the boxes is changing only.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Marketing end is working on the social media parts.

5) Standing Reports –

OKTOBERFEST went pretty well, a few glitches but it turned out ok. Next year we will rent a truck for the event to haul things there rather than try to coordinate personally owned trucks and cars. We'd like to do a little manual for the event to detail what we do for the event for future use. Parks department would like us to have the copy of the agreement on hand, and we need to firm when to get the place unlocked etc. The entire space was not rented so there were other groups using the space, including girl scouts... which was kind of weird... From now on we will be renting the entire space. Need better logistics for picking up the beer.

6) Special Orders – none

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

10/1	APFELFEST CIDER PRESSING AND CAMP OUT
10/5	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
10/12	Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
10/19	Education: Rick Cole Quality and Calibration. Wil Mar 8 pm
10/26	Fourth Wed Social Parched Eagle 8 pm. Board <i>club space?</i> 7 pm
11/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
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, Board 7 pm.
12/7 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
12/14 Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
12/21 EDU: *tbd*
12/28 Fourth Wed Social *tbd*
1/4/2017 *Business Meeting ??*
1/7 HOLIDAY PARTY
1/11 Second Wed Social Malthouse 7 pm
1/18 EDU: *tbd*

OTHER EVENTS:

6/15-17/2017 AHA Conference, Minneapolis

8) New Business – none

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mark Garthwaite. SECOND by Jim Mayhew.
ADJOURNED 20:29

Respectfully submitted 9-29-2016 by Cheri Carr, Secretary

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