

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

30 September 2015

Essen House/Come Back Inn

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Steve Andrusz, Steve Krieger, Peter Steinberg, Brian Phillips, Cheri Carr. Absent: Mark Garthwaite. Member present: Bryan Koch. Prospective member present: Ryan Ramsden

1) Call to Order – 19:15

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

2) Comments from Members – Bryan Koch brought up a proposal. His son wants to do an Eagle Scout project in Olin Park. Wondering if the club wanted to provide financial assistance to the project. The board felt it would be a great idea and said to propose to the Giving Committee.

3) Officer Reports

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

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred –Membership is 477 will talk later about membership items.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. Active month finishing up the GT items.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – absent

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Approximately 104 bushels pressed at the Cider Pressing event. It was a good event, the wedding was nice and the food and camping were great.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Fencing moved back. Pat Propsom in charge of water tanks was/is dealing with water tanks.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Badger Brew-off is Saturday Nov 7. Notice will be out soon. Isthmus Next is Oct 15, Home brew contest and the winner will brew at WI Brewing and will be featured at Isthmus Beer and Cheese Fest. Hoptoberfest Wine and Hop shop is in October.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – For Oct 21, Joe Walts will present on Hop Science. Nov 18 will be the wort transformation with Wisconsin Brewing. Dec 16 we will have Charles McGonigle from Apfeltreow. Will be meeting **UPDATED SINCE MEETING**: Oct 21 at 700 at Wilmar in Monona room. Brian will announce the meeting in email. We have some things lined up for the first of the year to hammer out.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Met a couple weeks ago and got through some of the budget. Committees are to send in their budgets by Wed. Discussed the dues and the possibility of increase, and the committee is in favor.

GIVING – Steve Krieger – Met last night and are recommending contributions to: Madison Area Community Land Trust, recommending \$1,500, but will increase to up to \$2,500 because they have a very good matching opportunity and if they need a bit more we might increase it if they would get the match. **MOTION TO APPROVE 1500 WITH A POSSIBLE RAISE BY 1000 IF IT ALLOWS THEM TO MEET THE GOAL FOR MATCHING FUNDS. APPROVED.**

Recommending \$1,250 to RENEW Wisconsin. There is a strong brewer connection and we gave them this amount last year. **MOTION TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED. APPROVED.**

Recommending \$200 to Madison Area Bus Advocates. We gave them \$200 last year. **MOTION TO APPROVE AS SUBMITTED. APPROVED.**

Recommending \$500 to WI AIDS Network for the AIDS ride. **MOTION TO APPROVE \$500. APPROVED.**

GREAT TASTE STEERING COMMITTEE – Mark Garthwaite – *absent*. Mark Schnepfer was saying that a member was asking about people giving comp tickets on-line, and was asking how they got comp tickets. Mark said it is up to the Chairman how they are distributed and what the organizers are able to do with the comp tickets, generally donations to the organizer's charity.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Will be revisiting some membership information to provide clarification to members on things like grain and hop programs and getting things updated and setting parameters for individual. Hope to have this by the end of the year. There could be a way for members to be able to brew for club events. Still have proposals for member recognition. Will be working on elections coming up. Do we want the members to have a badge that prints with a date on it when they pay their dues? General consensus was that the subsidy amount was very steady and not a problem.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Now tracking the mills via the website, so you can see if it is checked out or available. Survey monkey is fairly cumbersome and we would like to have plugs in to do surveying of the members. Do we want to send a survey to the membership to find out general information about the members?

5) Standing Reports –

OKTOBERFEST October 4th noon – 6 pm at Garner Park. Things are coming together for the event. Lots of good beer and some music. We still need a way to get the grill home. Steve will have the tapping equipment.
HOLIDAY PARTY Second Saturday in Jan.

6) Special Orders -

None

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

10/7	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
10/14	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
10/21	Education Joe Walts presentation 8 pm
10/28	Fourth Wed Social Viking. Board Meeting 7
11/4	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
11/7	BADGER BREW-OFF
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 ?
12/2	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
12/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12/16	Education Charles McGonigle from Apfeltreow
12/23	Fourth Wed Social DDowntown Pub Crawl
12/30	Fifth Wed Social TBD

LOOKING AHEAD:

1/9/16 HOLIDAY PARTY

OTHER EVENTS:

8) New Business

A. Grain Program: Was discussed above

B. Paypal Web Interface: There is a fee per member, and there are other fees, is it worth it for us? Possibly for competitions and for the apple orders for

the Apfelfest. We can use it for shirt orders and things too. The club can get its own account.

C. Madison TOP wants to be involved with us somehow, perhaps for tee shirts.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 20:53

Respectfully submitted 10-06-2015 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.