

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
6 Sept 2017
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:39.

Approval of last meeting's minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Paul McGuire SECOND by Nick Balazs. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Successful Great Taste. Nothing of note from the city in regards to the event. President says that he will not be running for President again, has been doing it for 7 years. Thank you for your service!

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – We have 465 members. Have seen a steep growth of members and may be over 500 by the end of the year. The Membership Committee will be looking at the benefits and how to make them more efficient for a larger group. We will be looking to update by-laws as well.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Had a phenomenal Great Taste! Will debrief later this meeting. If you have a budget change for the event to give to the chair, bring forward.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Busy month with the Great Taste. Went over the numbers. Most of the large items from the event have gone through. The park has been aerated and over-seeded and we have paid for that.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison – Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Rita Jones

Got the prices for the Cider pressing, they will be \$12 a bushel and will be two bushels per person, and we will be sending out the invite and the details soon. It will take place Sept 30 with a 9 am start time for pressing. We will be putting together a cider competition for Feb 21 and will have local cider people and some cider members judging.

CLUB SPACE – Paul McGuire – Paul McGuire

Met today. Having some intermittent power issues that Joe Farnsworth is working on getting corrected. The landlord is helping us replace the outside box in order to alleviate the problem. We have canning machine for use in the space, on loan from the Wisconsin Brewers Guild. We will have a demo to teach people how to use it, and will have some cans available for the demo. We can then put together a bulk buy for people that want to can their beer. We have a proposal to install natural gas for the one barrel system. The target date will be handled by Deedric Bauer and Nick Balazs. Will be working on some office clean up and library updating.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Lee Jones

Session pale ale IPA contest is Sept 20 at Wil-Mar. Drop off entries by 6:45 that night to Brian Phillips.

BJCP training course is full with a wait list. May do again next year..

Brew-in to take place Oct 21 at the Club Space and will be an Iron Brewer competition. Teams will be given a bag of ingredients to make a batch of beer and can use as many ingredients but no additional ones. Teams will announce what they are going to brew that day, and can use the books in the library but no internet. Judging will be Jan 17, and prizes will be awarded.

Badger Brew-off is Nov 4 at the East Side Club. Entry is open until Oct 2, and club members enter for free. Always looking for judges and volunteers. Oct 7 and 28 will be drop-off days at Wine & Hop Shop, and Brew & Grow. More detailed info coming soon. Isthmus on Tap will be taking place the late fall. They will provide details and we will pass that on to members.

Dec we'd like to have one brew-in and one "club only" competition.

Feb 21 will be a cider competition.

March brew-in will be German styles.

Homebrewer of the year: If you as a member enter a beer in a competition or a brew in, you will get points. If you judge in these events you will get judge points.

EDUCATION – Lee Jones– Brian Phillips

Met tonight and set up Sept-March Education/Social schedule. Sept 20 will be a Session IPA contest. Sept 27 we will be at Side Door Table and Tap. Oct 18 will be a wort transformation event at Wil-Mar, and picking up wort at Great Dane Hilldale. Details to follow! We will know a week before what we will be brewing. Oct 25 will be hopefully at BOS Meadery, still in process of confirming. Nov 15 we will talk about how to age beers, and vintage beer. Dec 20 will be an aged beer night at Wil-Mar (again this year). Bring out your cellared beers and we will taste and discuss! Dec 27 will be on your own. Jan 10 will meet for education to continue planning.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Dan Bush

Committee chairs will be sent the information on budgets in a day or so. Will send out last years as well so that you can compare. We would like to have them by the end of month, or at least by Oct 4 which is the next finance meeting.

GIVING – Jason Walters – Carl DuRocher

Last board meeting approved:

\$8000 to WORT

\$500 to WI Lions Camp for children

\$1000 American Brewiana Association museum projects

Honorary memorial donation of \$200 to Madison Area Bus Advocates in honor of Tim Wong.

Next meeting will have some requests for the Ice Age Trail.

The Second Tues of November will be the giving committee meeting that will be the last time you can have something go through for this year. Consider a week before that meeting to get your final proposals in.

GREAT TASTE STEERING –Mark Garthwaite – Mark Garthwaite

Will meet soon to debrief on the event.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin

Will be reviewing the by-laws, looking at membership benefits. Election nominations open Oct 1. Voting closes at the December business meeting.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer

Nothing new happening with the web. Consult the membership directory, make sure that you have entered your information so that you will show up in the directory, you won't show up in the directory otherwise. One problem is that old members remain in the directory, so we are looking for a way to have it reflect current members. If you need a current member roster, ask Mark Schnepfer and he can provide you with a list. The directory is not an accurate reflection of the current membership.

5) Standing Reports – none

Goodwill Trip Committee meeting next Wed at the Malthouse 7 pm.

Holiday party Saturday Jan 6. Will be similar to last year. See Mark Alfred to volunteer. We would like to provide a donation to second harvest food bank. It was mentioned that they can use money and is that an option, but Mark Alfred said they appreciate the food barrel.

Octoberfest is taking place Sunday Sept 24 Sunday at Garner Park. We will have a sign up for food and invite that will be coming out soon.

6) New Business- none

We had a guess the beers contest and 1353 was the total and Nick Balazs won the prize!! Second place is John McAllister! Third place was John Petty. Fourth place was John Marty.

Erin Savadke has a bottle opener that was left in their cooler wed in the park before GT. See her to claim.

Brian Phillips said that we went to funk factory last wed and had about 90 people there which was huge, and Levi Funk would like to start a Sour Beers group for discussion and learning, so we will be sending out an email to gauge interest. It may include non-members as well.

Mark Alfred said that we got a letter from the literacy network stating that our donation helped a person get tutors and study and earn their citizenship test and passed thanks to the club's donation.

Bob Paolino has Willy Street Fair raffle tickets. The donation is to Commonwealth which helps with housing and business incubators, and youth programs. The fund raising from the fair is important to these endeavors.

Saturday we will have a dry run at the club space for the brew system. 9 am sat Sept 9.

7) Unfinished Business – none

8) Special Orders – Great Taste debriefing

Mark Garthwaite:

Not running for chairman next year. (Thank you for your service!!)

This was the smoothest operation since he has been involved. Kudos!! Haven't heard any adverse reports. Two volunteers were not conducting themselves as volunteers should, and that has been dealt with. If you have volunteers that were not working how they should or need to be dealt with, let Mark Garthwaite know. There was one patron that had to go to detox, and we had one ambulance call. We are staying under the 10k people mark.

Please let Mark Garthwaite know if you have suggestions or praise.

The keg distribution team noticed that there are many more 6th barrels than in previous years, the full keg size is dwindling. Quarter barrels, sixth barrels, and corny kegs seem to be becoming more the norm.

Lee Jones said if we are giving out glasses to staff and brewers early as ten we need to be aware of the liquor license time of 11 am.

Scott Clippinger said that the police weren't stopping boats from coming in and turning around and it was causing congestion, despite the signage everywhere stating it was closed.

There was a broken table that turned out ok, but it seems like we are getting tables that aren't as good of quality.

The big lit signs belong to a company called Barricade Flashers and need to be turned on earlier. We contract with them and need to make sure they have the proper instructions. This can help get the word out of the boat launch being closed.

The Ice contact needs to be on the list of quick contacts as well as the keg recovery for lost kegs (which is Fred Swanson).

Czars liked the pre-check-in option.

Website still says that DD tickets are only available in May at ticket sales, but if requested, they can get them at the gate.

The brewer's gift was a hit. The Kleen Canteen logo was small and ok. The sponsoring of the gift was reasonable.

Layout was mostly the same, with a few minor changes. The back side where Potosi was is kind of a lost area, and we don't really have a good use for it. We have dumpsters and porto potties there.

There were fewer real ale firkins this year. Some brewers held their firkins at their booths.

The app was great this year.

The presentations had space in the first two. Attendance was still high.

Make sure you give your budget requests to Mark Garthwaite and volunteer needs too. If they haven't changed, he will assume this if he doesn't hear from you.

Fred Swanson said that we will be putting in a reorder for the shirt this year. Hopefully within the next couple weeks.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Dan Bush SECOND by Paul McGuire. APPROVED.

Adjourned 22:01

Respectfully Submitted 09-21-17 Cheri Carr, Secretary

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

A) CALENDAR

9/13	Second Wed Social: Malthouse 7 pm
9/20	Education: Session IPA competition
9/24	OKTOBERFEST Garner Park
9/27	Fourth Wed Social: Side Door Grill and Tap 8 pm. Board 7 pm <i>TBD</i>
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 <i>TBD</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