

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

28 Feb 2018

Club Space

Present: Mark Alfred, Paul McGuire, Dan Bush, Cheri Carr, Jason Walters, Peter Steinberg, Lee Jones, Nick Balazs, Doug Randall. Member present: Ralph Kuehn.

1) Call to Order – 19:02

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 Alfred – Following up with committees and working on Great Taste tasks. When the documents for the meetings are handed out, please give back to Mark if you do not want. They do have financial info etc. on them and we'd rather not leave them around. Same for after business meetings.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 456 members. List of new members handed out. Looking to update the members guide. Will bring to committee and then to the board. Mostly membership benefits section. Looking to firm up the reimbursements on attending competition.

TREASURER – Dan Bush– Handed out the budget reports and reviewed the numbers. Has been doing some research on getting an official membership for the club for Costco. It will pay for itself through the discounts we get on things we are currently using anyway. Dan can take care of this. Two options for payments, one is a credit card for not-for-profits we can get locally. Dan is evaluating that bank would be best for us. The other option is an online prepayment card. We could explore this option. Another option would be a standard credit card.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Talked to city, attended the Parks Committee meeting. Laid out facts for them, and the members on the committee were in approval of our request to close the boat launch and other aspects of the event. Moving forward with ticket sale preparations, music and vendors.

4) At-Large Directors Report

A. Wil-Mar Capital campaign and how MHTG could help

Nick Balazs:

The Wil-Mar center gets a donation from us each year, but we would also like to fund their capital campaign. Talked about a few options, looked at perhaps a matching gift campaign, also talked about putting a special assessment on dues or other ways to give to them. Looking to see if the board thinks the giving committee should handle this.

Ralph Kuehn was present and able to comment stating the center is doing a modest renovation on heating, plumbing and other essential components. They are looking to raise a couple million to take care of this. They have raised a significant portion at this point. Looking for donations of roughly 10-30k at this point. Giving committee felt that they did not want to take it from the giving budget or stifle what we currently give to other organizations, but would like to see if there is a way to bring out the generosity of the members somehow.

Mark Alfred stated perhaps we could do a partnership or fund raising project. The board mentioned the garage sale or other ways we could raise money. Mark Alfred stated that any addition to the dues would go through the membership as that is how we always have handled any change in dues, and did not support a mandatory increase for the project. It was brought up that we could add it as an option to the membership renewal such as the check offs on a tax return. Discussed whether we could simply give the additional amount out of the club finances, or take it out of the giving budget in increments of half next year and half this year. It seems like we do have 1-3 k in giving funds left at the end of the year that we somewhat scramble to give away. We seem to have a lot of meetings at Wil-Mar, large and small, so board is in agreement that we want to give it, but need to decide how. Discussed several options for Nick to take back to the giving committee.

Peter Steinburg: Looking at hopefully sometime in June for the pizza party and mug making evening. Bulk honey order going out. Peter getting final details.

Doug Randall: Stated a club member said we currently do not have much information going out to new members, and wondered, in terms of information on welcoming and how to go to the website and add forums etc., if members would like more information on instructions on the website etc. maybe that would require a sign in. Discussed things the members may want upon joining.

Lee Jones: No report.

5) Committee Mandates/Introductions/Liaisons

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Cider competition and presentation was last week. Looking at a date for a spring tasting.

CLUB SPACE – Lee Jones – Ralph Kuehn has info on the 1 barrel system and we will discuss later in meeting. Glassware display is mounted and looks great. Bob Drousth donated most of the glasses for the collection. Wonderful donation! Haven't set the next meeting yet.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Elected Dave Sampson and Bob Paolino as co-chairs. Practice sessions for judging will occur out at the club space. Want to encourage all our judges to go out of area to other competitions. Gary Lockwood will be running the class next year. Discussing local competitions. Looking to hold another off-flavor training where the first ten slots will be reserved for the new judges. Kit has been ordered for this.

EDUCATION – Doug Randall – No report. Haven't met since last board meeting.

FINANCE – Dan Bush – Nothing to add beyond the officer report.

GIVING – Nick Balazs – Carl DuRocher elected chair again. Looking to revise the forms to add some updated procedures.

TWO REQUESTS:

1. BCRF \$3,000 Breast Cancer Recovery Fund. MOTION TO APPROVE by Doug Randall. SECOND by Dan Bush. MOTION APPROVED.
2. Frank Allis School \$500 for lunches and child care during parent teacher conferences to increase attendance to the conferences in this lower income district. This will assist the parents in being able to attend and be more involved with their children. Wife of former GT chair works at this school. MOTION TO APPROVE by Peter Steinberg. SECOND by Lee Jones. MOTION APPROVED.

GREAT TASTE STEERING Jason Walters – Met last week. Talked about the boat launch. Talked about police requirement which continues to be our largest cost increase. Dan Bush and the GT Steering Committee prepared data and a presentation for the city of Madison regarding police costs.

Talking with Festbuddy for festival planning and data base consolidation for the event. Talked about standardizing emails for positions so that the emails will be able to be passed on and not be on personal accounts. Event cancellation insurance is expensive and is something we would like to add as we move forward so that we are more formally covered in the event of an unforeseen event so that we can reimburse as needed.

Thinking of ways to work through our wait list of breweries.

MEMBERSHIP – Paul McGuire – Sent the code of conduct to the club attorney. Once he has gone over it, it will be brought to the board and given it back to Membership Committee. The consensus is that this will be included to read as a member pays dues. Also discussed emergency contacts for members and wondered if we need to maintain a list. Board felt that this may not be necessary for club purposes, as in the event of an emergency, we contact 911 and leave it in their hands. The list of new members will go out to the board each month for approval as per the by-laws.

WEB – Paul McGuire – Haven't met. Paul is attempting to find a system where we can have standardized emails. Said one option is we could host our own mailboxes through mhtg.org which will reside on our server but would increase the steps in getting mail or getting people set up. Other options could be expensive complications in making this workable for people and have other complications. Discussion on the technical aspects of these options and board asked questions to the IT savvy folks on the board. The web committee will continue to work on this and bring back recommendations. The current member directory is old and out dated, and the old members never are removed. We will be updating this. Also the paid membership part will also be replaced.

6) Standing Reports – none

7) Unfinished Business

A. Code of Conduct update

Given earlier.

8) New Business

A. Key/locking Wil-Mar - Questions about policy. Mark Alfred stated there were some complications in the past with the place being left open or the keys being lost. He said the president holds the key, and the key is either entrusted to a designated person, or the doors can be locked from the inside, and once you leave you are locked out. Mark Alfred stated he feels this is a workable system. If you are a committee chair or liaison overseeing a meeting, be responsible and make sure you either have the key or talk to Wil-Mar before they leave to have them lock it so that it will be locked when we leave. Dan Bush stated that as the treasurer, he holds a key to the Mendota room for the finance meetings.

B. 1 BBL Brew System - Ralph Kuehn has been tasked to make this brew system usable. Ralph discussed the options. We could go direct fire or electric. There is a one barrel system that is being sold in S. IL that we could purchase, and invest in the plumbing and electric for it. Board asked

how often it would be used and what would the cost be, and are we certain we need it, since we are also looking to fund Wil-Mar's capital campaign. Use would be for collaborative brews and barrel aged brews. Discussion on where the money would come from if we pursue this. Prices for the various options would range from \$1,400-\$4,000.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Doug Randall. SECOND by Dan Bush.
ADJOURNED 21:19

Respectfully submitted 3-2-2018 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

3/7	Business Meeting, Wil-Mar
3/14	Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
3/16	POTOSI COLLABORATION BREW DAY
3/21	EDU Mobcraft Brewing, Quality control and beer, Wil-Mar
3/24	BUS TRIP: POTOSI and TOPPLING GOLIATH
3/28	Fourth Wed Social, <i>TBD</i> . Board Meeting 7 pm
4/4	Business Meeting, Wil-Mar
4/11	Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
4/18	EDU <i>TBD</i>
4/22	GARAGE SALE, Club Space
4/25	Fourth Wed Social, <i>TBD</i> . Board Meeting 7 pm
5/2	Business Meeting, Wil-Mar
5/6	TICKET SALES for Great Taste
5/9	Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
5/16	EDU <i>TBD</i>
5/23	Fourth Wed Social <i>TBD</i>
5/30	Fifth Wed Social <i>TBD</i> . Board Meeting 7 pm

OTHER EVENTS:

May	Craft beer Week – First week in May
<i>TBD</i>	MUG MAKING AND PIZZA PARTY, Cambridge