

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
7 Feb 2018
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:39 pm

Mark Alfred welcomes everyone to the meeting and to his first meeting as president.

2) Approval of last meeting minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall. SECOND by Peter Steinberg. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Making some small changes to the meeting. Will have officer reports but will also include a time for the board members at-large to report as well. This will give them a chance to speak as well as to help the members get to know them. Mark Alfred has been working with previous president, Mark Schnepfer, to get up to speed.

Talked at the last board meeting about what we want to focus on and what our direction should be. Talked about the transition of new president and other board members.

Assigned the new liaisons for committees. The liaisons work with the committee chair and report committee activities back to the board.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 447 members. Getting used to the functions of the VP which includes membership duties. If you have thoughts or ideas please bring them forward to Paul or to a board member at-large. We are hear for the members.

TREASURER – Dan Bush – The transition between Dan and the previous treasurer is mostly complete. Reviewed the numbers of the budget.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Transitioning the position and the documents needed to move forward with planning the GT.

At-Large Directors

Doug Randall stated he is a new member of the board.

Peter Steinberg stated that we had a pizza party in the past in Cambridge at a pottery maker's place which also included purchasing MHTG mugs made in the kilns. They would like to have us back and do this again.

Lee Jones said he is in the second year of his term.

Nick Balazs stated he has turned the club one barrel brew system over to Ralph Kuehn now that he is on the board.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison – Chair

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Rita Jones

The committee is made up of cider and mead (and other fermented non-beer beverage) enthusiasts.

We have two main events: a cider pressing event in the fall, and a tasting in the early spring when we can sample the ciders made from the fall pressing. We have been conducting a site search for the cider pressing for the fall, which usually includes camping. We will meet prior to the March tasting to discuss all the options.

On Feb 21, Education night will be a cider competition and a panel discussion. We are taking entries now and they will be judged prior to the event that evening. You can leave your entry here or take it to drop off at the Wine and Hop Shop. We will have some cider makers that will be judging and be part of a panel discussion, and we will give out the awards.

We will have a cider tasting in March. Details to follow.

If you want to join the committee, let one of us know, or simply go to the website and add yourself to the Cider and Mead list.

CLUB SPACE – Lee Jones – Joe Farnsworth

The committee oversees the club activity space. We set the date for the garage sale which will be Sunday April 22.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – TBD

If you are interested in competition, we are meeting Feb 13 at 7 pm at the Club Space. Will elect a chair and discuss competitions.

The Iron Brewer judging was last month and the winner was Joe Farnsworth! Congrats! Second place was Gary Lockwood/John Hibbs/Dave Netter. Third place was Ralph Kuehn. Thank you to all who joined in!

8 members passed their BJCP exam and are now new judges.

Milwaukee Beer Barons have a competition on Feb 17 (Technically Feb 16 and 17) and they are looking for judges. This will be in Delafield. Sign up before Feb 11.

We will have another tasting exam again this coming November. To participate you will have had to pass the on-line portion. There may not be a class associated this time.

EDUCATION – Doug Randall – Brian Phillips

If you are interested in sours, we meet on the first wed at 6:30 with Levi Funk from Funk Factory.

Upcoming Wed eves: Feb 21 will be a cider competition. Feb 28 will be a social event. Mar 21 we will have Henry Schwartz from Mobcraft talking about the beer, Mobcraft in general and also quality control as they have implemented it.

Working on a place for the Mar 28 social. Also looking to have a 'Water in Brewing' discussion coming up. The events will be on the website calendar once they are confirmed.

Send Brian an email if you are interested in participating in the committee. On April 4 we will be meeting at Wilmar at 7 pm and a mailing will come out ahead of time.

If you know a place we want to visit, let us know!

March 24 Saturday, we are looking to have a bus trip to Potosi and Toppling Goliath and possibly Pearl Street. Emails and confirmation through Fred Swanson coming up.

FINANCE – Dan Bush – Dan Bush

Will continue to serve as chair as well as liaison. The finance committee is different in that it is not an open committee, you must apply and have financial experience such as CPA. The role of the committee is to advise the board and club on fiduciary matters. We are doing a lot of work on succession planning in the club and this committee as well. Talked about goals for the year at the meeting tonight. Using UW credit union and working on Web-pay functions. Currently it is using Dan as the name on the check so you may see this, but it will be changed.

GIVING – Nick Balazs – *TBD*

The committee's function is to budget some proceeds from the GT to charities. In 2017 it was 30k. We have an on-line process for submitting requests, and if the committee decides to recommend or modify the proposal they do and it is moved to the board for approval.

We currently have a couple requests that we will be reviewing this month.

If you would like to join, show up Feb 20 at 7 pm in the Mendota room at Wil-mar.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Jason Walters – Jason Walters

The steering committee is an appointment only committee. On the committee is a former treasurer, former president, former GT chairs, the current president, current GT chair and current brewery liaison.

The function of the committee is to be looking down the road for direction of the event. We meet every month.

Today we submitted our class B liquor license for the event. We are working on the boat launch contract and have met with the city on this. They are giving us a three year contract for ease of both parties. The price is staying the same and the money goes directly to the parks which we appreciate, because all of the money we pay for police and other fees goes to the general city fund. There are

very few organizations that close the boat launch, and it is worth the money to our event to have this exclusive use for the day.

We have a new and improved Great Taste website. Paul McGuire put this together for us. One thing it will do will be to automate the Great Taste Eve events for us. The website works well on phones and computers.

www.greattaste.org.

A group of the committee met with Fest buddy, for the on-line app for all of our information. We would like to have a repository for our information and data and working on this.

MEMBERSHIP – Paul McGuire – Greg Younkin

Met last week and elected Greg Younkin as chair. The vice president is in charge of membership. Looking into which roles of the GT staff need to have understudies. Some roles need this due to importance and we are asking the steering committee to identify a list of the czars they feel need to have backups. Hope to have the list by April. Looked into a code of conduct for the membership at the board's request. We came up with a document and forwarded it to the board, who reviewed and gave back to us for some final revisions. Once the board approves it, it will be presented to the membership.

Tues Feb 27 at 6 pm at the Malthouse will be the next meeting. If you are interested in being a member of this committee, come to the meeting or contact Paul or Greg.

WEB – Paul McGuire – Mark Schnepfer

Haven't met, but have been discussing changing email addresses for certain offices and providing them through a server so that the email addresses of certain officers and GT staff can be handed on to the next officer rather than having important club or event information get lost on personal email through transitions. This would greatly improve the continuity of the positions, and we are discussing the best way to handle this.

5) Standing Reports

Standing reports exist for certain events and functions that don't necessarily require a full committee. Standing Reports may also exist as ad hoc committees.

GRAIN: Harry Harris will continue the function. May be selling some containers at the garage sale.

HOPS: no report

BREW SYSTEM: no report

OKTOBERFEST: will be happening as usual

HOLIDAY PARTY: will be the first sat in Jan

CLUB TRIP: Minnesota this year

6) New Business- Homebrewer of the year

Dave Pegelow presented the award. The Homebrewer of the Year award began in 2008 to recognize efforts and encourage brewing. Points are awarded for each competition you enter and for earning a placing. At the end of the year, the points are added up.

Honorable mention: Jim Vlieg

John Tobin 3rd

Peter Schroeder 2nd

WINNER is Gary Lockwood who had several placings including several best of show awards!!!

CONGRATS!!

MHTG BEER JUDGE OF THE YEAR

Winners are chosen by the number of competitions judged. The club can subsidize you in order for you to judge.

Peter Steinberg 3rd

Dave Pegelow 2nd

The WINNER is Bob Paolino!!!

CONGRATS!

Mark Alfred said that other clubs send judges when we need help, and we can return the favor. Please judge! If you are interested in judging, see any of these people above or Lee Jones.

Breast Cancer Recovery Fund Benefit

Sunday Feb 11 will be this event, which includes several brewers, distillers, cider makers present for a tasting event. Also there is a chocolate competition, so please come! 12-4 pm. There will also be a silent auction.

(Correction from the board minutes: the time was listed incorrectly as 12-6 pm)

7) Unfinished Business – none

OTHER ITEMS

Fourth Annual Potosi Brewing Collaboration:

Thank you to all that applied to brew, and congrats to those that won the opportunity!

Isthmus Brewery Show:

Fred Swanson and Mark Alfred have been asked to do a little show where they go out to local breweries, tell stories and talk to brewers on site. It will come out once every month or 3 weeks and will be highlighting Madison. Mark and Fred will send out the links when the shows comes out so we can all check 'em out!

FUN! ☺

8) Beer Break

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Mark Schnepfer. SECOND by Michael Kuenzi.
APPROVED. Adjourned 21:52.

Respectfully Submitted 2-8-18 Cheri Carr, Secretary

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

CALENDAR

2/14	Second Wed Social, Malthouse, 7 pm
2/21	EDU, Cider competition and discussion, Wil-Mar
2/28	Fourth Wed Social <i>TBD</i> . Board meeting 7 pm
3/7	Business Meeting, Wil-Mar
3/14	Second Wed Social, Malthouse, 7 pm
3/16	POTOSI COLLABORATION BREW DAY
3/21	EDU <i>TBD</i>
3/24	<i>Tentative! Hopefully. Probably.</i> Potosi/Toppling Goliath bus trip
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

OTHER EVENTS:

2/11	Breast Cancer Recovery Fund Benefit, Beer and Spirits Fest, Dexter's Pub, 12-4 pm
May	Craft beer Week – First week in May