

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

1) Call to Order

20:40 pm

2) Approval of last meeting minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Paul McGuire. SECOND by Doug Randall. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – GT activity happening, working with the chair on some projects such as approvals for boat launch and police issues. More in GT report.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 460 members. Looking into budget items for member benefits. May contact committee chairs to ask some questions about this.

TREASURER – Dan Bush – Reviewed the numbers. Right on track for where we should be this year. Dues coming in after first of year, spending money on GT things and on some club space items.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Currently the number one ranked beer fest on the on line poll, but keep voting because it changes all the time as people vote. Spent an eve talking with parks about the boat launch. The people involved seemed to be in approval of the event and our needs so should be continuing the same as last year.

At-Large Directors

Peter Steinburg has a bulk buy of honey coming up. Still some available. Looking at resurrecting the pizza and mug making night, looking for a date.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison – Chair

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Rita Jones

Had a successful cider and mead education event and the winners were

1st: Garrett Zielinski, "Cider with other Fruit" category

2nd: Les Hoffman, "Specialty Cider" category

3rd: Chris Paul, "Herbed/spiced Cider" category

Congratulations!

Looking for a date for the spring tasting, probably in April on a Sunday. Watch for emails. We will be meeting Tues, Mar 27, 6:30 pm at the Malthouse to talk about the search for future pressing sites.

CLUB SPACE – Lee Jones – Joe Farnsworth

Joe said they are working on some improvements. Last meeting was in Jan and we are tentatively planned for a meeting March 14.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Bob Paolino/Dave Sampson

Drunk Monk competition through American Homebrewers Assn is coming up this weekend.

There is a competition March 24 but this is also the day of one of our bus trips.

WHS Stout competition is in Maddison March 31.

Between the Bluffs competition in La Crosse is April 7. This is a good one to help with, they can use the help and it is a good competition.

A couple of first round AHA competitions coming up, April 13/14 in St Paul, and April 20/21 in Chicago. Chicago is closer but St Paul would technically be our area.

Titletown is having a competition April 27th in Green Bay.

May 5 scheduled for the next brew in at the club space.

Tex Tubbs competition will be in July this year which is later than usual. It will be an "Atwood themed ingredient" challenge, so be thinking about your coffee, chocolate, etc.!

If you need to be reimbursed, please get your receipts to Dave Sampson.

EDUCATION – Doug Randall – Brian Phillips

We have a water event coming up, will include how to augment water and working with various waters. We may have a couple sessions on water, we'll have one on Madison water but want to go broader as well.

March 21 we will have Henry Schwartz from Mobcraft talking about the beer, Mobcraft in general and also quality control as they have implemented it.

We are also looking at a presentation on brewing with herbs and fruit in beer.

If you have ideas or know of presenters on these topics, see Brian.

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 at 7 pm we will be meeting at Wilmar. A mailing will come out ahead of time.

FINANCE – Dan Bush – Dan Bush

Met tonight. Talked about the GT ticket sales, and discussed the logistics for that day. May have an issue this year with Monroe St. being torn up in the area of a vendor site. Talking about the capital campaign for the Wil-Mar center.

GIVING – Nick Balazs – Carl DuRocher

Two approvals:

1. \$3,000 to Breast Cancer Recovery Fund. This is in conjunction with the event at Dexter's.
2. \$500 to Frank Allis School. This is for a fund facilitating parents/teachers coalitions to improve accessibility by providing childcare and snacks to increase attendance and involvement from parents in this lower income district.

More things coming up for next month.

Wil-Mar is having a capital campaign and we would like to contribute.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Jason Walters – Jason Walters

Dan Bush put together a great slide deck regarding our police budget for the event. It had some nice graphs depicting the cost of the event in relation to the overall budget for the event and how the cost continues to rise. The word is that there are other events in the city that are struggling with these rising costs of police.

We are talking about an email server for positions within the GT as well as board positions, so that email accounts will move with position and no longer be a part of a person's personal email. This will provide continuity when the positions change.

We are working with Festbuddy to see if they can house more of our information so that we can create some continuity of our data for the event.

Working on a cancellation insurance for refunds etc. should the event be cancelled due to unforeseen events.

Working on brewers' gift and other items for the GT.

Looking for sponsors for non-public areas, brewery areas, etc. such as the brewers' lounge and brewers' dinner, that sort of thing. We want to continue to stay away from outwardly visible sponsorships.

Ticket sales are coming up, tickets are being printed.

Artwork for the event is coming together.

Steve Krieger reminded everyone to brew a beer for the GT eve potluck for the brewers. They love to taste our homebrews! We set a record for homebrews on tap last year.

Steve Krieger is taking over the Volunteer Coordinator position for Mike Sproul who will be retiring. Thank you Mike for all your hard work over the years!! This means that Steve's previous "tap czar" position will be open and needs to be filled. This includes tapping duties for Wed business meeting, GT eve, monitoring the check-out system and other tapping needs.

MEMBERSHIP – Paul McGuire – Greg Younkin
Reviewing a code of conduct document.

WEB – Paul McGuire – Mark Schnepfer
Looking to improve the membership directory. May replace the module we use to something that will work better for our needs, or we may update the one we have. Looking at options. It may cost some money.

5) Standing Reports

No reports

6) New Business- Wil-Mar Capital Campaign

Nick Balazs reports that Wil-Mar has a capital campaign going on right now to update the building - which is much needed. Their need is \$2,000,000, and they have raised a portion of that so far. Wil-Mar hosts community meals, provides meeting spaces, and has programs and services for many underserved populations in our community. The Giving Committee is looking to raise 10-20k for the campaign, and is looking at proposals for doing this. Ralph Kuehn and Nick Balazs can answer questions you may have. The summer of 2019 is their target date for starting. This means we may be evicted for a while during that renovation time.

Mark Schnepfer added that you can donate through payroll deduction through United Way to further the campaign.

7) REAP invite to members

REAP is hosting a dinner known as Burger and Brews on June 2, and is giving MHTG members a discount. This event consists of top chefs in Madison creating incredible burgers, and pairing them with beers. It's a really a great event and the money goes to a good cause. See Mark Alfred for the code to participate in this.

8) Unfinished Business – none

OTHER ITEMS

On the second Thurs of every month is a tasting and discussion at Wisconsin Brewing Company. They serve their beers, and you can bring homebrews. It is a WBC series, and one of our members facilitates. This is a good opportunity for members to attend something on the west side. The community is invited and it is not a MHTG event.

8) Beer Break

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Doug Randall. SECOND by Michael Kuenzi.
APPROVED. Adjourned 21:31.

Respectfully Submitted 3-8-18 Cheri Carr, Secretary

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

CALENDAR

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