

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

28 Mar 2018

Rockhound Brewing

Present:

President: Mark Alfred, VP: Paul McGuire, Treasurer: Dan Bush, Secretary: Cheri Carr, GT Chair: Jason Walters.

At-Large Board Members: Nick Balazs, Lee Jones, Doug Randall, Peter Steinberg.

1) Call to Order – 19:00

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 – Spending time working on GT related tasks. Police, sponsorships for brewers gift, etc.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 459 members. Updated the form for those paying with a check or cash. Configured newly upgraded membership software, and can pay with check with this as well. Will want to include code of conduct for everyone so paying by check on-line will also sign code of conduct. Working on membership guide, working on garage sale and other items.

TREASURER – Dan Bush– Handed out balance sheets and reviewed numbers. Feb has balanced out nicely. Mostly quiet in terms of spending.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Had a meeting with the city, parks planning meeting. Will not have access to the utility room so we will need to be sure there are adequate generators. Will need for Friday. Everything was favorable with the parks people. Meeting again with the police and the captain.

4) At-Large Directors Report - none

5) Committee Reports

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Met yesterday and discussed site visits for the pressing. Arranging to look at several places for future pressings. Cider tasting will be at the club space Sunday April 15, 2-6 pm.

CLUB SPACE – Lee Jones – Will continue to work with the one barrel equipment we have, and will look at spending within our means on a larger system later on. Things on slate for improvements include outlet for display, painting, security film for window, and a renovation of the bathroom. Painting before garage sale hopefully. Looking at how things are draining in the bathroom, there were multiple layers of tile. Mark Alfred said this is a quiet time, and would be a good time to get things done. Steve Krieger will be the new volunteer coordinator, we will need a cellar master and jockey box person. This might be a large enough position that we might be able to piece it out. There are some folks inquiring to Steve about what it entails. Ben Marks has stepped up and said he could take on some tapping duties. Paul McGuire said this position needs to be part of the Club Space Committee.

Garage sale April 22. We may have some grilling which has become a tradition. Hope to raise some money for Wil-Mar through the garage sale. Do we need to approve this? Lee Jones stated that the club space wants to donate to Wil-Mar. MOTION TO DONATE TO WIL-MAR by Paul McGuire. SECOND by Jason Walters. APPROVED. Paul said there will be some promotion of the event and items for sale coming out.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Discussed reimbursements to club members for competitions, there is currently no limit. Competition committee did not express any need at this time to impose a limit but when it runs out it is gone. We are trying to encourage members to enter competitions. Event in the Dells in a couple weeks, and one in Glendale. Also a stout competition coming up. Emails will go out as they get closer. We have new judges.

EDUCATION – Doug Randall – No report. Meeting next week.

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

GIVING – Nick Balazs –

1. Madison Area Community Land Trust/Common Wealth Development: \$1,500/\$1,000. The original request was \$1,000/\$1,000. MACLT is a holdover from last year since we reached our charitable limit. Helps families start with homeownership. A couple of our members are on the board of MACLT. CWD helps businesses that are a part of our community incubate and get rolling. MOTION FOR THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF \$2,000 (\$1,000/\$1,000) by Dan Bush. SECOND by Doug Randall. Discussion. APPROVED.

The committee looks at the proposals as they come in each month and handles each proposal individually. A significant amount of thought goes into each proposal.

Still thinking about the Wil-Mar capital campaign and how the committee might recommend supporting this. No proposals are on the table at this time for Wil-Mar capital campaign.

GREAT TASTE STEERING Jason Walters – Group sales are underway. Ticket designs are approved. Tickets will not be labeled as “comp” any longer. All will be labeled as General Admission \$60, our thought is tickets that are comped still have value. Ticket sales are May 6. Locations will be altered slightly this year due to construction on Monroe St. Website will be updated to reflect this. Mail order regulations on the website will be updated as well. Boat launch passed city council and will be ours for the day. Brewers lounge will remain in the same spot by the pavilion. We thought about the pontoon porch but have decided against it for logistic and insurance reasons. Alcohol permit is in the works. Hope to have completed soon and it will also include the potluck on Friday. Looking to get new breweries rotated into the event.

MEMBERSHIP – Paul McGuire – Meeting on April 10. The Code of Conduct was reviewed by club attorney, Dan Gustafson. Will comeback with a formal recommendation after April 10.

WEB – Paul McGuire – Mark Schnepfer is the chair. Upgraded Membership Pro for new modules and new directory. We have a package that includes everything we are after. Have a new license agreement. Looking to update the theme on the MHGT website for appearance. Discussed social media and looking at what we want. In regards to email addresses to hand as the positions change, “Zoho” is an email provider that could work well for us with the Greattaste domain. It has apple and android apps and we are liking the interface as we test it. The price is reasonable. The recommendation from the committee is to use Zoho for our GT and club email domain. Paul will be giving test accounts to the officers that are interested in trying it out. We will trial it for a short time and see if everyone feels it is workable.

6) Standing Reports – none

7) Unfinished Business

A. Code of Conduct update

The attorney said that it would be better renamed as a “membership agreement” that will be a part of joining or renewing.

8) New Business - none

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Doug Randall. SECOND by Nick Balazs.
ADJOURNED 20:05

Respectfully submitted 4-2-2018 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

4/4	Business Meeting, Wil-Mar
4/11	Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
4/15	CIDER TASTING, Club Space
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