MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
27 June 2018
Club Space

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.
Member Present: Mark Garthwaite

1) Call to Order – 19:07

Last meeting's minutes APPROVED via e-mail in order to expedite distribution to membership.

2) Comments from Members – Brewer from Brewing Projekt will be here on the 18th for the brew evening at the club space.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Spending time working on GT related tasks. We attended the Glendale Brew Fest with judges.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 471 members. Updating website on the back side. Working with Joe Farnsworth to get the space committee working on things.

TREASURER – Dan Bush– Broke 500k in the bank for the first time ever! This was after ticket sales. Starting to pay if there are thing you require for the taste, be sure to let Dan know as soon as possible. We now have a second debit card available. See Mark Alfred or Dan, and we will make sure the funds are there to make your purchases.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Report in Committee reports.

4) At-Large Directors Report - none

5) Committee Reports

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – One of two sites will be voted upon shortly. Once we have the site chosen for this year's event, we can move forward with the planning.

CLUB SPACE – Lee Jones – No report

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Glendale went well, we went there with 8 judges.
Winners:

1. Fermentorium: Barley wine
2. Badger State: IPA
3. Mob craft: kolsch

4: Three Sheeps: honorable mention

The winners will be posted for the members. Most other things will be happening after the GT, including the Badger Brew-off.

EDUCATION – Doug Randall –Haven't met.

FINANCE – Dan Bush – Met a couple weeks ago. More in unfinished business. Looking at selecting a new financial institution. The credit union took over two weeks to get our funds secured, and over a week to post our mail order checks. Doug adds that the credit union was great to work with, we have simply outgrown them, they are more geared to small individual accounts. We would like to stay local when we choose a new financial institution, and will look into what is available. Will bring recommendations to the board.
Mark Alfred said that if you need to make a purchase with the card, anything above $5000 will need approval, Dan said he would much rather use checks for large purchases, so please see him for this.

GIVING – Nick Balazs – Did not meet. Waiting to hear about our gift to Wil-Mar.

GREAT TASTE STEERING Jason Walters – We have a person coming from England coming to the fest. We are making sure he will have a ticket. Involved with meetings. July 11 at 9 pm. Note the late time. The first wed in Aug will be the final meeting to plan. We will be looking to some positions to have a back or a replacement person. Layout will be mostly the same. There will be new brewers peppered throughout the layout (rather than in one area). 25 new breweries lines up for the year through running a small lottery which worked really well. Mail order should be complete today. App guys are working on things. The breweries will be populated shortly, as soon as all breweries are notified. Merchandising moving along. Getting some good sponsors lined up as vendors and sponsors. Brewers lounge, dinner and gift will be sponsored. We are continuing to avoid sponsors on the public side.

.

MEMBERSHIP – Paul McGuire – Hall of Fame plaque is updated with new additions. Membership guide has been updated.

WEB – Paul McGuire – Site theme was updated. Testing an events plug in calendar to avoid use of third party sites.

6) Standing Reports - none

7) Unfinished Business

A. Giving committee budget

Giving $7,500 for Wil-Mar capital is approved by board. Giving committee had requested that we supplement this giving with other funds so their money is there for other requests. Finance was tasked with looking at where to obtain the additional money. Nick states we did not exactly approve the $7,500, we deferred it back to finance to see where it should come from.
Dan Bush states the discussion was that the finance committee agreed with the recommendation that $6,500 combined with the garage sale, for the total. Finance committee did not want to tap the club reserve, it was set about ten years ago as a working capital back-up for funds should we need to cover Great Taste should there be a cancellation or something. We are looking into self-insuring the event. Because we don’t run as a corporate entity, our premium was looking to be 10-20k to have event insurance, so we would like to self-insure with this money. 11.5 k is what we have spent of the giving budget so far, which is less than half. The committee feels that if the Wil-mar capital is first in line for requests, we can pay it out of giving, and if we have greater needs later, we can review and see if we need more at that point. For next year, they recommend the Giving committee take into account what Wil-Mar gifts could be built in to the budget so that we can take care of that ahead of time. Nick Balazs states that the Giving committee has talked about this. MOTION TO APPROVE $7,500 FOR WIL-MAR FROM GIVING BUDGET by Nick Balazs. SECOND by Doug Randall. Discussion. This would include the money from the garage sale as well. The board said that the giving committee can come back to the board later if they run out of money for request filling. MOTION APPROVED. Do we need to formalize the usual 3k that we give them each year? MOTION TO APPROVE $3,000 for WIL-MAR by Doug Randall. SECOND by Paul McGuire. MOTION APPROVED.

B. Grain Program Management
How is the system working through Wine and Hop as the pick-up? Some of the rules are that if you use the program, you bring beer to share to a meeting. Should there be more transparency to the board as far as what we are spending? The finance committee gets a statement from Wine and Hop each month. Discussion. We would like to see a monthly report on the program and how much grain we are supplementing. Doug Randall said that the Web Committee can provide some reporting and back up, and he would be willing to help provide reports that have been generated with Harry Harris who oversees the program.

8) New Business –

A) Sponsorship by committee on events:
Committees are under the direction of the board, what would we like to put forth as a guideline as committee sponsorships? This could include breweries, companies, etc. or this could be for collaborations, etc. We are referring to either MHTG sponsoring a committee event such as competition, or someone sponsoring one of our events. We could lay out guidelines or deal with it case by case. We are mostly looking to avoid things after the fact such as a sponsorship being approved by committee without the board's knowledge. Discussion. Mainly concerned about any commercial partnership or usage of the logo that should meet board approval. The great taste is somewhat separately governed according to by-laws, so the advertising there is under the purveyance of the GT chair, although the board did approve the brewer-facing sponsorship a couple years ago, and we are mostly talking about new things that have not been standing charges already approved by the board. The by-laws do not mention this. The GT Steering Committee is largely independent because of the delegated authority to the committee by the board. The question becomes do we want to add this to the guidelines or by-laws? Discussion. We are being approached by entities regarding sponsorships more and more often. We can think about how we would like to handle this.

B) Committee review:
All board members are liaisons and committees are reviewed because of that. Each year we announce the committees and the functions. This seemed adequate to the board at this time.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Dan Bush. SECOND by Doug Randall.
ADJOURNED 20:43

Respectfully submitted 6-27-2018 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

7/4	NO MEETING
7/11	Business Meeting/Great Taste Planning, 9:00 pm (LATE)
7/18	EDU Social at the club space, bring homebrew, brewing.
7/25	Fourth Wed Social, Great Dane Fitchburg. Board *TBD*
8/1	Business Meeting/Great Taste Planning, Wil-Mar*, (time tbd)*
8/8	GT Meeting in the Park, Olin Park 6 pm
8/11	GREAT TASTE, Olin Park
8/15	EDU *summer break*
8/22	Fourth Wed Social *TBD*
8/29	Fifth Wed Social *TBD*, Board Meeting 7 pm

OTHER EVENTS:

TBD	MUG MAKING AND PIZZA PARTY, Cambridge
JULY 28	TEX TUBBS BREW LOCAL