

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
3 Oct 2018
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

8:34 pm

2) Approval of last meeting minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Dave Pegelow. SECOND by Paul McGuire. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Landlord said he can fixing the issues with the club space including the draft at the garage door.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 465 members. Homebrew introduced. Thank you for sharing!

TREASURER – Dan Bush – Went over the numbers. Sept we paid out all the brewers for all the beer we had at the fest. Most great taste bills are in. The police bill was a bit higher, but not as much as higher as usual.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Mark your calendars for Aug 10, 2019 for Great Taste! We are coming in right around budget. Thank you to Dan Bush for all the hard work on the budget.

At-Large Directors

No reports.

4) Committee Reports

CIDER - Cider pressing was this past weekend. Successful event! We pressed 80 bushels of apples, and rain held off while we were pressing. Thank you to Peter Steinberg for setting up the orders and for on-site tech.

Thank you to everyone that helped. It was a fun event. We have Cider Farm ciders on the tables to taste here tonight. John and Deirdre were excellent hosts, and have offered to host again next year. Carol Bracewell adds that the Cider Farm is a commercial cidery, and they are doing amazing things. They are having tours this Sunday the 7th and also the 14th. See carol, she has the directions. It is a tour and they will be selling their products. There is another cidery nearby so you could make a day of it. They are also opening a tasting room on the west side where Brennon's used to be. They are working on that now.
Next we will start planning the february tasting.

CLUB SPACE – Met on Sept 12 to discuss things such budget, improvements like to the bathroom, adding a one barrel system, and talked about books we like to add. We are looking for people to be in videos on how to use the equipment, so see the committee if you are interested. Beer cooler is fixed and has beer in it.

COMPETITION -. Brewing at the brew-in this Saturday for the Big and Huge competition. There will be lots of grains to give away if you want to have some.
Badger Brew-off is Nov 3, and Oct 27 is the due date for entries. 67 so far, and will be sending out info, also the competition website is live, so you can look at info there too. Will be looking for judges.

EDUCTION - Had a meeting to decide events. We will be going to Cersis Brewing on the third Wed this month. Come see this historic location in Columbus.

FINANCE – Dan Bush will be unavailable for finance things for the next couple weeks, so if you have something you need, get it in to him before Monday. We had a meeting tonight and made a lot of progress on the club expenses. We are looking at the original decision for the ticket price increase from \$60.00, we have remained there for longer than we said we would, which is fine and the GT steering is not interested in raising it at this time, but things may be getting tight, so we may have to look into ticket prices and what we need to do. We have been adding brewer-facing sponsorships which is adding some revenue, and we continue to not want to add any public facing sponsorships.
Mark Alfred said that he has a club card so if you need Dan for some sort of urgent thing and he is unavailable, see Mark.

GIVING – Three requests were approved.

1. Grace food pantry \$500.
2. Lions camp for blind kids and kids with diabetes so that kids can experience a camp adventure \$500.

3. Flood relief donation to be split between Red Cross and United Way \$3,000.

There was a significant amount of discussion/legwork regarding the flood relief donation on the part of the committee, as well as discussion on the board. Ultimately the board opted to approve the committee recommendation and also added \$1,000 to the Red Cross portion for a total of \$1,500 to each agency from the Giving Committee and \$1,000 additional to Red Cross from board allocated funds.

The WORT meeting for giving will be coming up this month. See the committee for details if you would like to participate. Also will look at money for the Goodman Center Thanksgiving turkey baskets, and for the Wil-Mar Center capital campaign. We gave Wil-Mar's campaign \$7,500 this year and hope to do that next year.

You have to have all your requests in to the committee prior to the Nov meeting.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Met last week, although there were not many people there. Regarding Sunday clean-up, we need to work on the final sweeps, we got some reports that there were some random beer bottles left around and other things that didn't get picked up. Some things were under the brewer tents and the clean-up crews probably didn't know that someone wasn't coming back for them, and that they shouldn't be left behind. Also, be aware that pavilion's tables and chairs should not be removed from the pavilion. If the tables are plastic, they stay in the pavilion. There are wooden Bucky tables that can be moved around the grounds. We can do more final sweeps prior to schwag giveaway in the future.

Cargill sponsored the brewers lounge and it was a huge success. There were brats and burgers, etc. We ended up with leftovers at the brewer dinner, likely because there were so many folks taking advantage of the food at the lounge. This did not seem to impact the traffic flow though, we like to get the brewers into the dinner so that we can clear the park, but it worked out fine. There are some police that are specifically tasked into traffic control teams.

Boat ramp signage was small and there was actually some trailers there, we pay dearly for the ramp on sat, and we don't have Friday boat ramp, so some brewers were threatened with tickets by the park rangers. Boat ramp is technically open on Friday, we'd like to talk to the city about if there is anything we can do this.

MEMBERSHIP – nominations are open for board of directors. Asked for nominations from the floor.

WEB – Doing tee shirt sales through the website.

5) Standing Reports

OKTOBERFEST: Was a successful event.

GOODWILL TRIP: Will be in the Twin Cities this year. Itinerary was previewed.

GRAIN: The board will be receiving reports monthly for the grain program so that they can keep an eye on the budget/bottom line. There will be a report for the hops too to help monitor usage.

HOLIDAY PARTY: happening the first Saturday in January.

6) New Business

Tee shirt reorder - Natalie Rew sent out an order form.

7) Unfinished Business - none

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Paul McGuire SECOND by Michael Kuenzi.
APPROVED. Adjourned 9:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 10-12-18 Cheri Carr, Secretary

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

CALENDAR

10-10	Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
10/17	Education: Tour at Cercis Brewing, Columbus 8:15 pm
10/24	Fourth Wed Social, Octopi Brewing 7 pm, Board 7 pm
10/31	Fifth Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
11/7	Business Meeting, Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
11/14	Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
11/21	Education: Social gathering at Alchemy, 7-10 pm
11/28	Fourth Wed Social, Homebrew Share Club Space 7 pm, Board 7 pm
12/5	Business Meeting, Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
12/12	Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
12/19	Education: Aged Beer Night, Wil-Mar 8:15 pm

12/26 Fourth Wed Social, *TBD*, Board Meeting, *TBD*
1/2/19 *No Business Meeting*
1/5/19 HOLIDAY PARTY Capital Brewery

OTHER EVENTS:

none