MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
28 Sept 2018
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Present:
President: Mark Alfred, VP: Paul McGuire, Treasurer: Dan Bush, Secretary: Cheri Carr.
At-Large Board Members: Nick Balazs, Lee Jones, Doug Randall, Peter Steinberg.
Absent: GT Chair: Jason Walters

1) Call to Order – 19:00

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

2) Comments from Members –none

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred –We have a brew-in coming up at the club space. Badger Brew-off next month. Getting GT finalized and finished up.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 464 members. Website had not been accepting credit cards, and have now fixed this problem.

TREASURER – Dan Bush – Sent out financial statements. Brewer payments went out. Police and ice bills were still out, but police bill just came in. On par with last year.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – no report.

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – *absent*

4) At-Large Directors Reports

No report

5) Committee Reports

CIDER and MEAD - Cheri Carr – Cider pressing happening this weekend. Rita Jones has been sending out invites and working hard to get things organized.

CLUB SPACE - Lee Jones – no report

COMPETITION - Peter Steinberg –67 entries to Badger Brew-off. Judging emails went out. Big and Huge contest happening in Oct has been announced. Brew-in is on Oct 6 at the club space, email went out. This is for big and huge beers for the competition.

EDUCATION – Doug Randall -Has met and planned dates.

FINANCE - Dan Bush – Have begun the budget process. Had the first budget meeting and went over the committees and operational things. Will be meeting before the business meeting next week. Budget for next year is 9haping up well, some places are a bit tight, and the committee will be possibly recommending some things. Looking into more candidates for potential banks for a new financial institution. Talking to local banks. All local. Will review and come up with a recommendation.

GIVING – Nick Balazs – Three requests:

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.

Discussion. If these three requests go through, $9,610 or so would remain for the year. MOTION TO APPROVE #1 and #2 by Peter Steinberg SECOND by Doug Randall. AMENDMENT: TO ADD THE THIRD by Mark Alfred. AMENDMENT DECLINED by Dan Bush. Discussion for the original motion: We have active members requesting these first two. MOTION PASSED for items 1 and 2. MOTION FOR #3 by Doug Randall, SECOND by Mark Alfred. Discussion: the original request to the Giving Committee was for $5,000 to $10,000, and there was significant discussion in the committee reports Nick Balazs. Committee recommended the $3,000, but we are aware that we don't exactly know where the money will go with these two originations. For Red Cross, it stays in SW WI, not necessarily Dane co, but replenishes the disaster fund. United Way has said that they pass the money through and do not take any out. There was a third option of a veterans organization but they were not sure about where the money would go. There was a lot of leg work by a committee member to glean out where would be the best place to give prior to their recommendation. Because the local authorities around here aren't even sure of where the need is, it is difficult to determine yet where the money would go anyway. AMENDMENT OFFERED by Dan Bush to increase the Red Cross by $1,000 with board contingent finds. Discussion: Paul McGuire states he would like to see a shift of

$1,000 over to Red Cross, so $500 for United Way, and $2,500 to Red Cross. Dan Bush states he feels the Giving Committee is recommending $3,000 how they wanted, and the board contingency fund can be used for things that come up, and this is a good reason to use it. The flooding affected all of SW Wisconsin, and this is an ongoing disaster. He said they are the front line response, and a donation is to replenish this fund. He said he would rather not pull money that the Giving Committee recommended to United Way. Do we want to add to the proposal with board funds? We have $1,700 in board contingency funds. AMENDMENT PASSES. MOTION CARRIES. $1,500 to each agency from the Giving Committee. $1,000 additional to Red Cross from board funds.

GREAT TASTE STEERING Jason Walters – *absent*

MEMBERSHIP – Paul McGuire – We have an item in unfinished business for elections.

WEB – Paul McGuire – running out of disc space on server. Fixing this. Moving to a server instance with more resources. We are using Five9.

6) Standing Reports -

Octoberfest: Had a lot of positive feedback. Thanks to Nick Balazs, Brian Phillips, and Paul McGuire for the hard work. Weather was great! Raised money for Second Harvest Food Bank. We like to collect cash and canned goods and also do the same at the holiday party.

7) Unfinished Business

A. Grain Report Review

Mark Alfred sent out the most recent report for review. Any discussion? Paul McGuire said there were some things that didn’t make sense number wise with the way the report is run. Total cost is correct, and the club use is accurate, but some of the discounts and numbers are not accurate. We just need to make sure we are hitting the desired bottom line. One of the program use conditions is that people bring beer to meetings and share. We should continue to use the report. We need monthly cost, participants, and amount brewed. We would like to see more beer brought to meetings, and we would like to see and email reminder go out to members when they use the program. Brewing is core mission, and this program directly supports the mission. We would like to continue to make sure people give back when they use the program and the email can help with this.

B. Elections

Anything need to change about the process? The vice president will direct the election committee to start the process.

8) New Business

A. **Giving Proposals** – *Discussed in Committee Reports*

B. **Oct Board Meeting** – Board would like to move it off of Halloween proper and meet Oct 24. Possibly Octopi, we have had a board meeting there in the past.

C. **Board Dinner** – Discussed locations for the Dec end of year board dinner.

D. **Public Inclusive Events** – Should they be more regulated? For example regulate the guests? This is currently left up to the committee, with the exception of the Holiday Party where every member is allowed only one guest. Family is invited to events and most events are considered family friendly events. Members can invite family and friends of family, and if there is ever an issue of too many guests with a member, we can deal with that. Leaving it up to the committee planning the event.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Paul McGuire. SECOND by Dan Bush.
ADJOURNED 20:10

Respectfully submitted 10-2-2018 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

9/29	CIDER PRESSING CAMPOUT Cider Farm, Mineral Point, all day
10/3	Business Meeting, Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
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 Meeting 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
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
12/26	Fourth Wed Social, *TBD,* Board Meeting no meeting
1/2/19	*No Business Meeting*
1/5/19	HOLIDAY PARTY Capital Brewery

OTHER EVENTS:

none