

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
5 Sept 2018
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

8:35 pm

2) Approval of last meeting minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Carl DuRocher. SECOND by Doug Randall. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Busy August. Working with Jason Walters to get the czar reports and update the manuals for the event. Trying to be proactive to start working on the improvements for upcoming year. Please get your reports in. we appreciate your input. There is a city county task force to look at the Alliant Energy Center and the parks in that area to see what sort of improvements can be made to the area for events. They have reached out to us and we will be attending a meeting Sept 12, so we can see what the city may have planned or in mind and how it might affect us long term.

Landlord has offered us a new two year lease, it will be with a \$25 increase or the years upcoming. They offered us the opportunity to use their personal parking spaces so that we have access to more. This mean we can use #209 and #211, effective immediately. Mark Alfred will post this info at the space.

The cooler in the space is under repairs and thank you to everyone that is helping. Should be up and running in another day or so. We will restock the cooler once it is working again. Thank you Natalie, Steve and Tom.

We are looking to have a reporting system for grain use. The board looked at a preliminary report that details what is being used. We have a lot of people using the grain, and we would like to keep track of usage and expenses. The board has been looking at what info we'd like to include.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 458 members. Homebrew introduced. Thank you for sharing!

TREASURER – Dan Bush – Went over the numbers. Brewer payments are being made for the event. There are still some large bills out, police, Union Cab, some others. If you have a reimbursement needed sooner than later, let Dan Bush know. Finance committee met tonight and discussed the options for a new

bank, we have outgrown the current credit union. We have some very unique needs. We talked about 2019 budget. Committee chairs, we will be sending out the requests for budgets and we will get your updated budgets out to you. Please start having these conversations in our committees.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Jason gives a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone for another stellar event! Everyone had a great time. Please, echoing Mark Alfred, get your reports to Jason, they use the manual a lot during the planning of the event. No major incidents at the event, a couple of minor medical. The Madison Police Dept. did not have to answer any calls, so they were able to enjoy a peaceful day in the park for our event. About the police - they have been scrutinized by the czars in the past, but we now have an excellent relationship with them. They are on board with our event, and it would be VERY hard for us to have an event without them! We did have one incident we need to bring up - a person in a czar shirt questioned an officer directly when they were taking a break, something like “why do we need so many of you and you are hanging around” kind of thing. It was possibly in jest, but PLEASE. We respect them, we have worked very hard to get them to respect us and appreciate our event and we need them to be there. We absolutely need to work with them and they are happy with the way we conduct the event, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE TREAT THEM WITH THE RESPECT THEY DESERVE. We need to keep a united face on this. We can't have one or two people having this kind of conversation with them during the event. Staff should greet them with a smile, and perhaps thank them or see if they need a bottle of water or something. One other event involved two czars arguing. This is not acceptable. If you are in a czar shirt, you are STAFF and need to conduct yourselves accordingly. We had one event of a person swimming, we will need to increase some signage! The person later apologized (former volunteer). Seemed like everyone had a great time.

At-Large Directors

No reports.

There are a bunch of Tom Griffin growlers in the back looking for new homes.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FRED SWANSON ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION WORLD!!

4) Committee Reports

CIDER - Cider pressing event will be Sept 29. We will have camping again, we will have apples to order, bushels \$10.00. This year we will be pressing at the Cider Farm, and will be using their commercial press so we will do one large pressing and you'll have direct juice and won't have to wait with your bushels. There won't be any pressing with the club press and chipper, pressing flats, etc. There will be a pressing at a set time. Line up at 10 am, finish by 2 pm. This will be followed by a tour of the farm, and sales of their commercial cider, and later a potluck and bonfire. Kids are welcome, but are asked to stay out of the orchard.

CLUB SPACE - Meeting coming up. Going over projects and things we want to work on. Will send out an email.

COMPETITION - Met yesterday. Badger Brew-off is Nov 3, will be sending out info, also the competition website is live, so you can look at info there too. Will be looking for judges. Internal competition for big beers in late Jan or Feb.

Thinking about an MHTG brewing competition, and will do a competition against some local breweries. Friendly competition, travelling trophy, people's choice.

If you want to enter other competitions regionally, we will submit your entry fee and shipping. Bob Paolino has shipping boxes to give to people, commercial beer was shipped in them. There are some at the club space. (We own www.badgerbrewoff.org so can use that)

EDUCATION - Had a meeting tonight and will have one Dec 5 at 7 pm at Wil-Mar. Looking to do a trip to Cercis Brewing in Columbus, maybe Sept or Oct. Looking to go to Tin Fox in Sept. Looking at another water profile clinic at some point as well. Octopi in Oct. OCT 31 no formal social. Suggesting Malthouse for that day. Nov 21 (Thanksgiving week), will be likely at Alchemy as tradition. Nov 28 will be a homebrew share at Club Space, 7pm. Dec 19 for aged beer night at Wil-mar. Bring old beer. 8:15 start. Also talked about some ideas like a bus trip to Milwaukee, other places up and coming. Send ideas education@mhtg.org Sept 26 social confirmed. See calendar on the website and the end of each meeting minutes.

FINANCE - Nothing now.

GIVING- Gift to West Madison Special Olympics. Wil-Mar center provides services to the neighborhood, to all ages, and they are in the middle of a capital campaign. Giving \$7,500 now, and hope to give the same next year. Meeting in a couple weeks. Request to food pantry, and annual request to WORT. Get your

requests in. Mark Schnepfer said he had one comment from someone regarding flooding relief for our community. If you have any requests, get it to the committee.

GREAT TASTE STEERING - Will meet in Sept. for the debriefing, etc.

MEMBERSHIP – Haven't met. Next membership task will be to start the nominations for board of directors. Lee Jones and Doug Randall are up for election, as are all officers. Nominations are open to all members. Mark Alfred said that the board has discussed elections and whether there are any tweaks necessary, members can make any suggestions to the committee.

WEB - Haven't met, give feedback to committee. Added some content to the members section.

5) Standing Reports

OKTOBERFEST: Sept 23. If you would like to help set up or clean up, contact Brian Phillips. There will be volunteers at the park starting at 8 am to set up the chicken cooking. Be at the park at 10. If you have homebrew, contact Ben Marks and let him know of your tapping needs. Family event. Garner Park, on Rosa Rd, Mineral Point road. Potluck. Bring a dish. Will have some veggie food too. Thank you Brian for all of your organizing over the years!

GOODWILL TRIP: Will be in the Twin Cities this year. Always the weekend before Thanksgiving. Will be meeting in Sept to begin organizing.

6) New Business

A. BJCP class

Gary Lockwood talked about the judging class coming up. We can always use more judges, and are hosting another class. Talk to Gary Lockwood.

Fred talked about the Tap Takeover pod cast, and how well they portrayed our event. Check it out! It's on our Facebook page.

B. Tee shirt reorder

Natalie Rew said she will be sending out a reorder email, it will be cash or check. She will order and distribute them at a meeting and at the Malthouse. Watch for an email in the next couple weeks. There are a couple lumberjack hats left too. Talk to Natalie.

7) Unfinished Business - none

OTHER:

Beer total was **1,460**

Winner: 1,460 - Casey Thompson

2nd - 1,462 Brian Phillips

3rd - 1,457 Keven Kleutgen

Bob Paolino has raffle tickets for Willy Street Fair raffle. See him to buy.

8) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Mark Schnepfer SECOND by Nick Balazs.

APPROVED. Adjourned 9:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 9-24-18 Cheri Carr, Secretary

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

CALENDAR

9/12	Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
9/19	Education: Smoked Beers, Wil-Mar 8:15
9/23	OKTOBERFEST Garner Park, noon-5 pm
9/26	Fourth Wed Social, Tin Fox, Monroe St. Board Meeting 7 pm
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
10/31	Fifth Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm. Board Meeting 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, TBD

1/2/19 *No Business Meeting*
1/5/19 HOLIDAY PARTY Capital Brewery

OTHER EVENTS:

none