

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

24 Oct 2018

Octopi Brewing

Present:

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

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

Absent: Secretary: Cheri Carr, At-Large: Lee Jones.

1) Call to Order – 19:20

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

2) Comments from Members –None present

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Working on planning for GT 2019, Manuals, Sponsor letters. Initial planning for Holiday party and Badger Brew-off. Planning for Big Beers Brew-off. Brewing is done, planning on Judging. BJCP Prep class. President Alfred commented on an ongoing discussion (online) about candidates providing candidate statements. Discussion ensued.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 464 members. Organizing the gift bag for the bus trip. RO system at club space needs servicing.

TREASURER – Dan Bush – Recovering from personal time. Time prior to hiatus has been quiet. We've paid the bill for Madison PD. Check for Forager Brewery is going with Good Will Trip.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – *absent*

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Czars have been good about sending in debrief notes. President Mark has been compiling into a manual. Some bills (very few) still outstanding. 2018 ticket audit in progress, not yet complete.

4) At-Large Directors Reports

No report

5) Committee Reports

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – *absent. Any other comments?*

CLUB SPACE – Lee Jones – *absent.* RO System needs filter service. A manual for who services and such is in the works.

COMPETITION – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off is full 175. Entries are closed at this time. Class is going well. Only 3 of 11 have not passed online entrance exam. Big Brew Comp brew in has happened. Judging expected to be Jan 2019. Rumor of a Mead Comp, no solid news from Cider & Mead Committee.

EDUCATION – Doug Randall – No report.

FINANCE – Dan Bush – Budget will be presented to board for 11/2018 board meeting. Expenditure portion has been reviewed including committee requests etc. 1.9% increase of budget for club operations. Taste budget is expecting a 1.7% increase for the event. Overall a \$8050 budget increase (1.7% overall) \$68,000 fundraising for the club will go up to \$72,000 for 2019. Discussing a dues increase. Discussion on Finance Committee on revenue options including a possible dues increase. New Bank Options include a proposal from First Business Bank. Need to figure out how to handle cash as FBB is not a cash bank per se.

GIVING – Nick Balazs – 2 requests to Giving Committee:

Request for \$500 for REAP food group. We have given that amount to them in the past. Giving Committee is moving that forward to an advisory motion to the board. MOTION to approve by Peter Steinberg \$500 gift. SECOND by Nick Balazs. APPROVED.

Request from Tom Christie for WORT. Director of WORT came in to discuss at Giving Committee meeting. Recommendation for \$8,000. MOTION by Dan Bush for \$8,000 to WORT. SECOND by Mark Alfred. Amendment requested to adjust gift to \$6,000 by Doug. Amendment failed. Vote on original motion for \$8,000 APPROVED.

GREAT TASTE STEERING - Jason Walters – Will be reviewing Emergency Action Plan. Economic Impact Survey is being sought. Looking to provide evidence that our event does have a quantifiable economic boon to the city. Number of people in park being discussed with the city. Budget would be \$8,000

in red for 2019, and is expected. Ticket price at \$60 was expected to last 5 years. It's been in place for 7 years at this time. Discussion around ways to save money, and reduce excess staff for GT Event. Planning on a Czar meeting in near future to discuss budgets.

MEMBERSHIP – Paul McGuire – Elections are fast approaching. Membership committee recommends candidates make a candidate statement once nominations close. Nominations will close at the end of the November Business Meeting.

WEB – Paul McGuire – No Report.

6) Standing Reports - Hops, Grain No report. Holiday Party is 1/5/2019. Meeting for Holiday Party to happen soon. More news to be disseminated at November Business meeting.

7) Unfinished Business

A. Board Dinner to occur 12/6/18.

B. Discussion occurred around more events in coordination with AHA events.

8) New Business

A. Discussion around December Board Meeting and Business meeting in January. Decision no board meeting on 12/26 (No board meeting in Jan). No Business meeting in January (scheduled for 1/2/19).

B. Membership issue with members who have not acknowledged the membership agreement.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Doug. SECOND by Dan Bush. ADJOURNED
21:04

Respectfully submitted 10-28-2018 by Doug Randall, *secretary substitute*

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

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, <i>TBD, No board meeting for Dec</i>
1/2/19	<i>No Business Meeting</i>
1/5/19	HOLIDAY PARTY Capital Brewery

OTHER EVENTS:

none