

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
6 Nov 2019
Wil-Mar Center

1) Call to Order

8:38 pm.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall. SECOND by Nick Balazs.
MOTION APPROVED.

2) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – Mark Alfred resigned as president. According to our by-laws, the vice-president fills the vacancy, so Paul McGuire is now president through the end of the board term. VP will remain vacant. We are at the newly renovated Wil-Mar center! Wonderful to be here. New Wil-Mar rules are that we have to be out by 11 pm, we must move tables and chairs back to storage racks following each meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Vacant – 440 members.

TREASURER – Dan Bush – Reviewed the numbers. Most of GT is done and paid for, Bucky toilet bill still remains. Club trip coming up, holiday party coming up, and we will have bills for this. Still on track to come in ahead of budget. Finance Committee met and finalized budget and will present to board and membership. There will not be a dues increase, did a cash flow analysis for the club, probably one more year of keeping things at the same level of prices. Had a joint board and Steering Committee meeting last month, discussing longer term directions in terms of budget and what we need to do to sustain. May include more tickets, higher ticket price or more brewer facing sponsorships.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Report under committee report.

3) Committee Reports

CIDER and MEAD – Rita Jones, chair. Pressing went well this year, reports were positive for a good event. Will have a meeting in Dec, and will have an education and competition event in Feb, Education will be involved too. Will be looking for a new chair next year, please contact Rita with questions or interest.

COMPETITION – Dave Sampson, chair. 10th annual Badger Brew-off was last weekend and was a great event. Thank you to everyone who judged or entered beer. Thank you to Peter Steinberg for everything. Had lots of judges this year, which was great!

BBO WINNERS:

BEST IN SHOW:

BEER: Joe Farnsworth, Sour Boy Lambic.

MEAD/CIDER: Shane Denslow, Pineapple Cider.

Congrats!!!!!!

See website for full list of winners. Congrats!!

Peter will do another hop contest in Feb or March.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips, chair. Looking to elect a chair, let Brian know if you have interest. He could let it be a gradual transition, easing someone new in to place.

Upcoming calendar items:

No 20: Coffee and Tea Beers

Nov 27: Social at the Alchemy

Dec 18: Aged Beer night. Bring your cellar beers, and flights of years.

Jan - Mar planned and will be announced once confirmed.

FACILITIES – Joe Farnsworth, chair. Working on adding shelving units, also got the range hood in. Looking to complete some minor projects.

Paul reporting from Justin the Quartermaster, they are gathering data of events throughout the year and what supplies are needed, and what supplies can be considered common goods of all committees and events. Looking to have the common goods consolidated as a self-serve store. Coordinating the holiday party.

FINANCE – Dan Bush, chair. Met tonight. All committees have submitted their budget requests. Mostly the same. Met and talked about the budget.

Quartermaster position was discussed, and how it will help by having a centralized line for all our common supplies. Paper goods, plates, cups, etc. will all be pulled out of the committee budgets and put under the quartermaster budget, so chairs, please look at your budget and see what consumables and day to day items you have that are shared, and pull them out report back.

Talked about GT finances and associated things such as ticket prices, etc. and will report this to the board soon. It is good when we see spending on competitions and brewing, that is what the club is about.

GIVING – Carl DuRocher, chair. Met a few weeks ago. At the last meeting gave away lots of money:

WORT - \$8,000

Wil-Mar (for operations) - \$3,000

Rylan's Hope - \$500

Lions Club Camp - \$500

Tom Gugel Family Fund - \$500

Grace Food Pantry - \$1,000

River Food Pantry, HOPE holiday food pantry - \$1,000

Luke House - \$1,000

Small amount left, about \$1,400, we can get it thought committee and to the board meeting for the final meeting if you get your requests in soon.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Jason Walters, chair. Met Sept 18 for the monthly meeting. We had a bit more wear and tear on the park this year, and are looking at how we want to deal with the damage caused to the turf. This led to talking about the large stand-alone breweries, and where we would like to see this go in the future. We want to review how we choose these and what we want to see in terms of the event.

Talked about Real Are tent and vendor area, both of which had less traffic than normal, so we want to see where we need to go there.

Membership:

Haven't met, working on elections. Regarding the resignation of president, club by-laws specify that the position will be replaced by the vice-president.

WEB:

Mark chair No report

4) Announcements/Updates

Malthouse next week

Stamtish Thursday

Coffee and Tea Beer Nov 20

Will be an order for club clothing

Will be lots of the items for which people asked.

Club Trip

Fred discussed the trip. Itinerary is going out soon. Fred will provide details soon.

Wil-Mar staff said to please hang chairs with the horizontal metal bar facing out to that they can all fit on the rack.

5) Business

A. Recent organizational changes

Mark Alfred has resigned as president, and has withdrawn his nomination for next term. Mark had mixed club and personal finances in a way that is forbidden. The board accepted his resignation, and voted to suspend his membership for violation of the membership agreement. Board feels confident there was no malicious intent, just some bad decisions. There is no money owed to the club. He can rejoin after the suspension. His past service to the club was appreciated. Will answer any questions needed.

B. 2020 Budget

Dan Bush discussed. Biggest structural change in this budget is consolidating the cups and paper goods, cleaning supplies, and other joint items. These budget items will be transferred into the quartermaster line item and out of committee. Committees will have the same amount next year, all committees will have the same resources, so that they can be shared and recorded. Committees can approach Dan for further info or discussion.

C. Nominations for Board of Directors

Took any final nominations from the floor. MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS by Greg Younkin. Second by Nick Balazs. MOTION APPROVED.

Nominations were read. Two at-large persons will be elected, the third highest in votes will fill the second year of a two-year term if one is vacated, in this election's case, if Lee Jones is elected VP. Candidates should get their statements out. Members can endorse candidates. Officers are all running uncontested. There are several running for 2 year at large. Electronic ballots will go out in about a week.

6) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Dan Bush. SECOND by Lee Jones. APPROVED.
Adjourned 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 11-11-19 Cheri Carr

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

CALENDAR

11/13/19 Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
11/20/19 EDU: Coffee and Tea Beer Club Space 8:15 pm
11/27/19 Fourth Wed Social, Alchemy 7 pm. Board 7 pm
12/4/19 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
12/11/19 Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
12/18/19 EDU: Aged Beer Sharing Wil-Mar 8:15 pm
12/25/19 Fourth Wed Social *Holiday break*
01/04/20 HOLIDAY PARTY

OTHER EVENTS:
Stammtisch on Thursdays