

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

9 Oct 2019

931 E. Main St. (Wil-Mar Center temporary location)

1) Call to Order

8:31 pm.

2) Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Carol Bracewell. SECOND by Nick Balazs. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – A bit quiet. Working on the upcoming events, Badger Brew Off and Holiday party.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 441 members. Welcome to new members!

TREASURER – Dan Bush – Went over the numbers. Winding down on the Great Taste. Getting toward the end of year, but GT things mostly done. Police bill was a bit less than last year, but the parks added some additional items. Starting budget process.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report. Will be my last term this year. Thank you!

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Some czars attended GABF this year and enjoyed the event, but we are still the best beer fest. 😊

4) At-Large Directors – no reports

There is beer here from competitions to drink or take home.

5) Committee Reports

CIDER and MEAD – Rita Jones, chair. Report by Carol Bracewell: Had the cider pressing at the Cider Farm, having it there is a bit different because it is a commercial cider farm. Used a giant press and had a great time. The cider is excellent. Please come next year. Will be cider at the holiday party.

CLUB SPACE – Joe Farnsworth, chair. Last meeting coming up. Will be doing some updating, has a one barrel system. If you want to join the committee, see Joe. If you have things in the space at this time, please clean it up. There is some mess there says Quartermaster!

COMPETITION – Dave Sampson, chair. Greg Tatusko reports: Badger Brew-off coming up the first Saturday in Nov. We need judges and stewards. It is fun, and you can learn to judge by stewarding. Find it on the website. All the entry and judge and steward is there, you can enter and also judge. Stewarding is a great way to learn, and the judges are very helpful if they know you want to judge eventually. Committee is also working on a competition for female brewers in conjunction with Giant Jones and the FEMs (Females Enjoying Microbrew). Entry is waived for these events for all paid club members. Badger Brew-off is the Eastside Club.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips, chair. Get a hold to get involved: Education@mhtg.simplelists.com. Items coming up will be in announcements. Mark Alfred states that he would like to recognize Ben Marks, who makes sure we have beer at each meeting. THANK YOU BEN! Paul McGuire said the Education event in Jan will be a “how to brew” fundamental seminar. We hope that this will be the first of some beginning educational events. There are new members that have not brewed and are looking to learn, which is the reason some people have joined.

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, so paper goods, 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 like ticket prices, etc. and will report to the board soon. Brewing and competitions are items that we are happy to fund, this is what the club is about. There will be a joint meeting with the board and the GT steering committee.

GIVING – Carl DuRocher, chair. Have not met. Nick Balazs said they will be talking about the Wil-Mar donation, and other big donations, and we have some requests to take us through the end of the year. If there is an organization that you would like to see money go to, especially beer related, submit your request. Giving Committee meeting will be Tues Oct 15.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Jason Walters, chair. Met Sept 18 for the monthly. We had a bit more wear and tear on the park this year, and 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. Talked about Real Ale tent and vendor area, both of which had less traffic than normal, so we want to see where we need to go. An exciting thing, we had the Brewers Association say there will be a brewery exhibit at the Smithsonian and they all feel that the GT should be a part of this. They are looking to see what we would want to include and how it would be a part of this display. Very exciting! Looking at what items we could put in that display, like glass ware, tickets, book? Other things. This came from our connections that were hearing that this was happening. Will be having a joint meeting this month with the board and the GT steering committee to hammer out some financial decisions for the future.

Membership:

Taking nominations for the board. Announced the candidate updates. Took nominations from floor.

WEB:

Having a small-non critical issue with the membership directory that people are probably not even noticing, but haven't met.

4) Standing Reports

OKTOBERFEST: Had a great Oktoberfest.

CLUB TRIP: Information being posted.

Mark Schnepfer said that we should do a day trip to the Milwaukee Breweries. We have lots of breweries in our back yard that we should visit! Education Committee said that they have been kicking around day trip ideas and Milwaukee comes up, we also talked about doing one overnight on a trip. Lots of new breweries in Milwaukee.

HOLIDAY PARTY: Jan 4th at Capital Brewery. Some changes in the works. Think about what homebrew you would like to bring if you want. Will have lots of cheese and chocolates. Currently in the planning stages. Need people for set up and tear down, so if you are interested, Mark Leiterman will be sending out an email, or also you can ask Mark Alfred.

ANNOUNCEMENT from Jason Walters. At the GABF, Vintage Brewery won some beer awards, but also won Large Brewery of the Year which is HUGE!!!! CONGRATS!! Go tell them congratulations. WAY TO GO!! (Great Dane and Titletown are the only other WI breweries to win this says Bob Paolino).

ANNOUNCEMENT: There is a small business incubator tour coming up this Friday. Wil Mar is part of it and you get to see the amazing small businesses and it is Friday 6-9. There are probably still tickets. Commonwealth Business Development.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Should be in the newly remodeled Wil-Mar center for our next business meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Pints to fight Polio Oct 24 at Great Dane. Drink a pint and knock out polio.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Ryan Gronli the bar manager at Brasserie V passed away from cancer. Godspeed. Raise a toast.

5) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Nick Balazs. SECOND by Dan Bush. APPROVED.
Adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 10-11-19 Cheri Carr

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

CALENDAR

10/2/19 Business Meeting Wil-Mar temp space 931 E Main St 8:30 pm
10/9/19 Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
10/16/19 EDU: Kettle Sour Beers, 8:15 pm Club Space
10/16/19 Board/GT Steering committee joint meeting
10/23/19 BUS TRIP TO PORT HURON *tentative*
10/30/19 Fifth Wed Social at Yahara Bay 7 pm. Board 7 pm
11/02/19 BADGER BREW-OFF
11/6/19 Business meeting Wil-Mar or temp space 8:30 pm
11/13/19 Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
11/20/19 EDU: Coffee and Tea Beer 8:15
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: *tbd*
12/25/19 Fourth Wed Social *Holiday break*
01/04/20 HOLIDAY PARTY

OTHER EVENTS:

Stammtisch on Thursdays

Fall: Giant Jones Competition