

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
4 Sept 2019
931 E. Main St. (Wil-Mar Center temporary location)

1) Call to Order

8:30 pm.

2) Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES by Doug Randall. SECOND by Peter Steinberg. MOTION APPROVED.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – A bit quiet since GT. Board met last week and recommended secretary role in 2020 to have the task of setting up agendas including adding items from members, and other secretarial duties. Talked to Dan Bush about setting up budget.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Paul McGuire – 446 members. Success of our events depends upon people getting involved. See Paul and he can route you to the appropriate parties.

TREASURER – Dan Bush – All GT bills are paid. Went over the financials.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Jason Walters – Successful event this year! Getting the briefing reports out, thank you.

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. Cider pressing is Sept 28 Saturday at The Cider Farm near Mineral Point. Same place as last year. Met two weeks ago to start to hammer out duties. Camping Friday and Saturday that weekend. Cider site visit this week. Rita will not be at the pressing but will be working on planning

until the 23rd. Will have duties assigned. Mostly is the same as last year, but pressing time will be a bit earlier in the morning to accurately reflect when we started last year. Selling by the gallon rather than bushel now. This will be easier since it is one large pressing. Mark Lyon will be the point person that day, and others assigned to duties. Invitation will be going out soon, for ordering and RSVP.

Will have a committee meeting towards the end of the year to plan for the winter events. There will be a cider and mead competition for the Feb beer education evening.

Rita Jones is shifting out of the chair position after this year.

CLUB SPACE – Joe Farnsworth, chair. Had a work day in Aug. Got a lot done. Got the hood up. More to do, will be remodeling the bathroom somewhat. Looking for someone that can do HVAC, send ideas our way. Needing some ductwork. Justin Kuehn will be sending out an email regarding needs for glassware. President says thank you for everything you are doing.

COMPETITION – Dave Sampson, chair. Badger Brew-off coming up. Haven't met recently. Nov 2 will be Badger Brew-off. New signage coming up! Will be sending out email. If you are a judge and are available, please judge. We need judges for our awesome competition! Website will be live this week for registration. We have a tasting exam 9 Nov, if you are a judge it is also a good time to refresh. Peter will be starting a study session for cider and mead judging. Hop farm has reached out with us to have a competition to use locally grown hops. Would lead to brewing with Working Draft. Small Dog Hops. Hop Farm tour in Nakoosa Friday. See Bob Paolino for more details or look at the club Facebook page.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips, chair.

Get a hold to get involved: Education@mhtg.simplelists.com. Met tonight. Will send out minutes. Had to reschedule some things. Will be at Alt Brew Sept 18, talking about alternative grains. Union Corners social later this month, will announce when confirmed. Oct will be a kettle sour talk. Oct 23 Port Huron bus trip. Sign up will go out later. Planned into next year up to Feb and March. New and revisited places. Brian will send out the minutes.

FINANCE – Dan Bush, chair. Met tonight. Working on 2020 budget. Great Taste is how the club raises funds for the things we do. Ticket prices were raised to \$60 and we wanted to keep them this way for a period of time. Club has been operating in the red, and we need to prevent this, we are converting ticket trades to cash tickets, increasing brewer facing sponsorships, and doing other things to make it more profitable. We had fewer brewers which helped save some money, and still had plenty of brewers. With all these efforts, the projection is that we will be now moving into the black over the next couple of years. The committee now

can discuss whether we want to raise ticket prices or not, now that we have some room to decide.

Handed out committee budgets and asking for committees to turn in budgets by the end of this month.

Giving committee has about 17k left to give out this year. They do have some proposals in to review.

Jim Mayhew states the quarter master Justin Kuehn will be handling the managing of items that are common property, run the items through him that you need.

GIVING – Carl DuRocher, chair. No report.

GREAT TASTE STEERING – Jason Walters, chair. Have not met.

MEMBERSHIP – Greg Younkin, chair. Has not met.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer, chair. Make sure you change your email to members@mhtg.simplelists.com (instead of members@mhtg.org WHICH WILL NOT WORK. Renewals will be coming in, there is now a checkbox to auto renew. If you fall off the list, you will also fall off all your committee lists as well, so be aware. If you are using a different email than what you are registered with, you will be kicked back, so make sure you use the appropriate email.

4) Standing Reports

GRAIN: Members can do more of a bulk buy.

OKTOBERFEST: Coming up! Recruiting for set up. Bring homebrew to share.

Garner Park, noon – 5 pm, 9/22/19.

CLUB TRIP: will meet next week.

HOLIDAY PARTY: We will have one ☺.

GUESS THE NUMBER OF BEERS AT THE GT:

1,408 actual count

1407 - Bruce Vande Zande, 1st place

1406 - Jim Enright, -2 (in a tie, under the actual count wins) - 2nd place

1410 - Dan Grupe, +2 - 3rd place

Congrats!

Gift card prizes will be awarded.

WILLY ST FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR WIL-MAR (our meeting place)

Wauktoberfest needs volunteers to pour Sept 14 weekend. See your email.

Did a post GT paddle the weekend after the event this year. Will do it again! Was a lot of fun.

5) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Mark Schnepfer. SECOND by Doug Randall.
APPROVED. Adjourned 09:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted 09-12-19 Cheri Carr
Be an active member of your club by regularly attending your board and business meetings, and participating in committees.

CALENDAR

9/11/19 Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
9/18/19 EDU: Alt Brew, Alternative Grains 8 pm
9/25/19 Fourth Wed Social *tbd*. Board 7 pm
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
10/23/19 BUS TRIP TO PORT HURON
10/30/19 Fifth Wed Social *tbd*. Board 7 pm
11/6/19 Business meeting Wil-Mar or temp space *tbd* 8:30 pm
11/13/19 Second Wed Social, Malthouse 7 pm
11/20/19 EDU: *tbd*
11/27/19 Fourth Wed Social, *tbd*. 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

OTHER EVENTS:
Stammtisch on Thursdays
Fall: Giant Jones Competition