

MHTG Business Meeting Agenda

2 February, 2011

Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

- 1) Call to Order - 20:30** President Eric Schoville
- Neither additions nor updates were needed.

- 2) Approval of last meeting's minutes**
- No minutes available to approve

3) Officer Reports

President

- Board meeting was held recently. Board of directors discussed:
 - o Style of the Month is back by popular demand; last style of the month for meetings was in 2008. We will begin tonight with Keith's presentation.
 - o The 25th Great Taste Anniversary book is moving along, there will be a survey forthcoming asking for items about the club or the Great Taste you'd like to contribute including any special things for the anniversary.
 - o "Welcoming new members" ideas, including name badges for ease recognition at events. A design idea was presented by Eric. It includes name, year, MHTG written out and the logo. They could look nice laminated. A welcoming committee is being formed to address the issues.
 - o Social meeting locations have remained the same since 2008 when the current structure was decided upon, which is 2nd Wed at the Malthouse and rotate 4th and 5th. This means we often miss locations throughout the year. A Survey will be sent out to see if we want to go in the direction of more rotations.

Vice President

- Attendance sheet is going around. We have 221 active members, one pending right now, and at the board meeting we approved 23 new members.

Treasurer

- There are financial reports on table. E-mail Judy if you have questions. Shows current account totals, and budget to date report.

Secretary

- Happy to be here for first meeting following election.

GT Chair

- No report

4) Committee Reports

Cider - Mark Schnepfer - No report

Club Trip - Fred Swanson - No report

Club Space - Mark Alfred, Steve Andruz

- The brew-in was successful, 9 people brewed, many prospective and members came by. Hoping that more people want to use the space for this type of event. Use the space when you want to brew! The space is described as 1200 sq ft with a bit of an office and an overhead door, plumbing. It is near Cub Food on the East side. E-mail the committee if you want to use it and they can arrange for someone to be there to let you in. Please adhere to rules that will be posted. The bar is high for clean up after the great job the last event did.
- Tapping equipment: E-mail Charlie if you need tapping equipment for an event.
- Ralph and a sub committee are working on designing a 10 gal three vessel club brewing system. The funds are allocated, they are putting together parts list, and it should be soon.

Competition - Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred

- Grumpy Troll Challenge is the second sat in May. We are getting results from last year's. Described as entrants brew to the categories of the brewmaster, the judges and brewmaster pick the top five, and Grumpy Troll brews them. The public then votes on the favorite. This year's challenge may only be two chosen rather than five. Categories included are 1 – 23 except for 17.
- Next big event is the AHA competition. Keith said the first round NHC event will be in Madison again this year on Sat April 9 at Vintage, and they are looking forward to it. There is lots of space, the back for judging, also there will be access to a bus and driver that day and there will be a post judging pub crawl of some sort. One big change this year anyone from anywhere in country can enter in any region, entrants simply need to choose one site, not necessarily their region. If you want to enter, check the AHA website, it goes live next week likely. Registered entries will go to House of Brews (Page Buchanan's place) for a drop off site, Mar 26 Sat. We still need judges and stewards. Interested in this, talk to Greg Yonkin, steward coordinator. You don't have to be a member for this. We will very likely have 750 max
- Babble Brew Off entries: drop off tonight. .

Education Bill Rogers, Tony Jaques:

- Beer school Wed Feb 16 is Les Hoffman presenting Real Ale, casks, serving and history.

Events Jaquie Rice

- Events the Social Committee renamed since the focus is events, and we have created a new Welcoming committee. The Brew-in event was great.
- Sat curling invitational 1 -5 pm.
- Sat 19th was Fire on Ice but no host! Anyone willing? There is a \$200 fine for lighting a fire on a Madison lake. Does not have to be on lake really, we just need a big bonfire, we can cancel if no host is available.
- Fourth Wed. social is at Essen Haus.
- "Save Second Base" to raise money for breast cancer recovery, treatment and post empowerment. Sunday at Dexter's at noon. Non MHTG event.

- “Distill America” by the Madison Malt Society Thursday Feb 17. Tickets will be capped at 300. Includes 45 distillers, Micro distilleries! Not to be missed. 55\$ Non MHTG event.

Finance Judy Kusek: not met yet

Giving Stefan Berggren: meeting next week.

Membership Jaquie Rice

Web Eric Schoville

Welcoming Cheri Carr: New committee.

5) Special Orders – None

6) Unfinished business – None

7) New business

A) 2011 Committees

- Info on committees from the president: we have a board who creates committees for the workings of the club. There are lots available and are as follows:
 - o CIDER: Cider pressings, cider events.
 - o CLUB TRIP: Arranges the club bus trip to visit the breweries that are a part of GT. We are going to Chicago this year. Committee needs help for hotels bus brewers, equipment, sign ups, etc seasonal committee. Always the weekend before Thanksgiving. This is a “good will” tour for the Great Taste brewers to recognize their participation.
 - o CLUB SPACE: AKA “Bunker”. Committee is in charge of our space, and assets, including mills, tapping equipment, supplies, etc. Consists of organizing, reorganizing, keeping it clean. Could use members, there are only three or four now.
 - o COMPETITION: Organizes the Grumpy Troll Challenge and the Badger Brew-off (which is a merge of Big and Huge and Franco Belgian competitions). All beer, cider and mead. Also oversees sending beer to competitions, collect and send to regional or other competition. This is one club perk! Just fill out entry and bring in and committee sends it in. Judging opportunities also.
 - o EDUCATION: Holds classes for BJCP certification, and provides exam opportunities (every two years usually, with the exam the second Sat in Nov. Committee also creates educational events. Committee needs people with knowledge to teach as well as to assist. We do every two years usually.
 - o EVENTS: Formerly Social Committee. Involved in creating and planning events. Plans the Wed social events, as well as other weekend events, family friendly events too. It is a good way to meet folks that share your interests besides beer, like curling and skiing!
 - o FINANCE: Provides oversight and budget planning for club.

- o GIVING: The club donates proceeds of the GT to charities; the committee formalizes requests for charitable donations by the club. The first meeting is next week here before beer school.
- o MEMBERSHIP: Handles elections, handbook, and membership. Working with welcome committee to maybe set up mentors for brewing.
- o WELCOMING: This new committee is formed in response to feedback regarding new members wanting more interaction with current members, and the difficulty of this. We will be idea gathering for embracing new members. It is a new committee, so needs members.
- o WEBSITE: Assist with club website.

Eric will send out an e-mail to gather info from anyone interested in joining a committee. Join your favorite committee!

B) Club Website

- Eric presented some information on what we will be changing. Wants to change contact management system, and is moving to drupal which will allow us to do more things. Eric showed some things the new website will be able to do. Thank you Harry Harris for all his help.
 - o Hopes to be up prior to GT ticket sales.
 - o Should be more user friendly for those surfing around to see about the club.
 - o Front page should be much improved and will allow for lots of different authors of content.
 - o Looking for ideas for a "slogan" that represents club. Looking to "brand" by using logo etc.
 - o MHTG mailing lists: drupal will have a set up more like mailing lists and forums friendlier groups. Get things in digest form through website. Can post through website too.
 - o Will be able to create groups that can have access to topics, like GT general discussion for GT patrons.. What groups do we want to see here? Thinking of topics that are heavily used on beer chat that may benefit in having their own group.
 - o Smart phone friendliness/mobile site features. Generally an abbreviated version, we will be working on this in the future. Making the fonts bigger may be all we need to do.
 - o Beer submissions from brewers for GT, on line registration and beer list for brewers
 - o One change from current, ONE e mail address and it is required that you have an e mail address. We can help folks that need us to.
 - o Idea, GT map! Map out beers you want to taste.
 - o Pay membership on line? Register on line to buy the 25 anniversary book will likely be the first step in this pay on line idea. Paypal or Google check out, likely.

Send Eric feedback. Good or Bad!! Get involved in web committee.
Thank you Eric for your work on this.

Taking attendance at functions: Keith S.

Stated he was contacted last week about having to sign in on an attendance sheet at a social event. Some potential problems with taking attendance at social events at bars are that some folks do not want denotations of being at a bar, or beer drinking at bar event. We don't need to know who is there; data can take on a life of its own. Potential problems could be from subpoena for child custody court issues etc. Also, could cause people with restricted licenses, etc. Keith stated that number of attendees alone is adequate for our purposes.

Keith S.: MOTION that MHTG immediately cease taking attendance at club events except for a completely voluntary basis – e.g. a sign in sheet they sign in themselves.

Tony J.: SECOND.

Discussion:

Jaquie said she only marks people in to get a head count later and does not use the names, Name records are not kept. Points brought up during discussion:

- o Business meetings are used for club votes, etc. club business.
- o Basic head count should suffice for other events, such as “light, medium or heavy attendance”.
- o Looking at name tag ideas, attendance might help this process.
- o Voting is important, we need to know who is active and can vote.
- o Even if records are allegedly destroyed, they never truly disappear. Remember Nixon.
- o Which events do we need to know exactly the people are there?

CALL THE QUESTION

Bob P.: AMENDMENT PROPOSAL allowing taking attendance business meetings only.

Keith: NOT ACCEPTED.

MOTION STANDS.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIES.

Home Brewer of the Year: Presented by Dave P.

Home Brewer of the Year was originally started to encourage members to brew. Points are earned by members by entering and placing in competitions.

4th Place Honorable Mention: Patrick Hutton

3rd Place: John Gunser

2nd Place: Brian Wild

Home Brewer of the Year: Greg Selleck
Congrats everyone!

8) Style of the Month– Pilsner

Presentation by Keith

9) Adjournment 22:50

Respectfully Submitted 2/16/11 Secretary, Cheri Carr