

MHTG Board Meeting

19:00, 23 February 2011

Essen Haus

BOD Present: Eric Schoville, Jaquie Rice, Cheri Carr, Judy Kusek, Stefan Berggren, Fred Swanson, Mark Schnepfer, and Mark Alfred. Absent: Bill Rogers.
Member present: Joe Frattinger

1) Call to Order – 19:07 by President Eric Schoville.

- One addition to agenda.

2) Comments from Members

- Joe Frattinger: Giving Committee
Three areas he addressed (and presented it in writing – summarized as follows):
 - 1) WORT: This should perhaps not fall under the giving committee. He stated he is OK with the amount given to WORT, feels it should not fall under the guidelines of the giving committee. It possibly violates the principles established for the GC, i.e. apolitical, unbiased, and non-religious. WORT has a liberal leaning, and donations to them should perhaps fall under the budget committee. The monies should be called advertising or something else, not charitable giving.
 - 2) GT ticket sales: There are lots of people who do a lot of good with the monies they get from GT ticket sales. Over the three years Joe has personally been giving to Central Asia Institute, which builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The GC should be collecting this information and reporting to the members. The amount of money donated would likely be astounding and interesting.
 - 3) This club has done a lot of good over the years and we should be letting the public know how much we are giving back to the community through donations, fees, and business for local businesses. We should be including this in the information to the GT patrons AND in the book we are publishing.

3) Approval of last meeting's minutes

- Minutes approved

4) Officer Reports

President

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Vice President

- Sent an e-mail with new members. 228 active members 72 expired 6 pending. 306.
- MOTION to accept new members APPROVED.

Treasurer

- Sara White who is working on our book gave us a quote for \$7,500 originally, but is now revised down \$2,000. She stated she could reduce the fee because we are providing much information; she is required to do less research. Steve Klafka doing lots of history gathering also. We may spend the same amount after layout etc, but the contract has changed.

Secretary

- No report

Great Taste Chair (not present)

5) Committee Reports

- Cider: Mark Schnepfer
- Club Trip: Fred Swanson wants to call trip "Goodwill Trip".
- Club Space: Mark Alfred: no new report.
- Competition: Mark Schnepfer: sent an e-mail telling the group they need to "re-up".
- Education: Bill Rogers: absent
- Finance: Judy Kusek: Will meet before the business meeting. Carl DeRoshier and Jim Meyhew will re-up. Steve Hathaway not. Some are automatically on the committee, including president and past president.
- Giving: Stefan Berggren: (on agenda later). Carl chair. \$25,000 budget. Potosi Brewing asking about donations for Brewing Museum. Can we bump them up? \$2,000 maybe for a stein. Dan Gustafson would be good to talk to them, also asked for procedures drafted so everyone knows the procedure. Minutes will make a very transparent record.
- Membership: Jaquie Rice: Not formed.
- Events: Jaquie Rice: Events lists going out.
- Web: Eric Schoville: meeting again next week. Concern about website performance. Working with Steve Andruz about switching servers. History seems to be gone from website of members. Will come back shortly. Eric said forward any problems to him. It will take several weeks to get bugs out. GT ticket requests are coming in; we need this on the website. Price is raised this year; Bill said he is writing up a statement on the price increase. We need to get this on the website.
- Welcoming: Cheri Carr: Has received only one member interested.

6) Special Orders – None Scheduled

7) Old business

A) Committees for 2011

Let Eric know if there are changes needed.

B) Survey went out to membership. Long! But will be entertaining. Judy got lots history input, which was fun to put together.

C) BJCP

Talked to Tony Jaques. He said 15 or 17 responded to take the class. It will be moving forward.

D) Nametags

Jaquie: has been wearing one, but everyone needs to wear one. We have lanyards, and can stick in a card, or can use a magnet. maybe we could have a box to bring to bring to meetings and folks can grab theirs, which could limit lost ones. Jaquie may have access to a laser printer to use. We can start with some core folks that show up, and have hand written ones to determine if one needs one. Budget for office supplies could be used for lanyards. Did we have a budget for tee shirts? No, that was not approved. Lanyards are more than clips and clips may be better, magnets may cost more, but wouldn't need the plastic. Jaquie will research the options.

E) Social Meeting Locations:

63 total responses to survey, 73% said keep same, 5 people chose other, and the rest said change the rotations. Majority said stay at Malthouse, so we will do that for now! Do the bylaws limit club members directly benefiting from the club? We use club members for shirts, printing, etc, and do not pay over fair market value, and enjoy patronizing the club members businesses. Bylaws prohibit paying members directly, but not their businesses. What about any issues about patronizing our club businesses fairly?

8) New Business

A) Steffan: ticket design with Gage Mitchell and Carol Bracewell is moving forward. Let Steffan know if you have input. We should err on the side of getting "too many" tickets, to be sure we have enough for brewers, etc..

Giving proposal: \$300 for "Burning Socks at the Rocks" for two Sauk Prairie area organizations: Ferry Bluff Eagle Council and Sauk Prairie River PAL. The event takes place at Wil-mar.

MOTION to give \$300 to the event APPROVED.

B) Fred:

We have the largest inundation yet for brewers' interest for GT We could grow if we wanted....

Breast Cancer fund-raiser was up to \$3,000 from \$2,000 last year. YAY!

Congrats. Kudos to Au Naturel Judy pouring beer! Rock on, Sexy!!

Mark Alfred won the People's Choice competition. Congrats!

Note: change to calendar:

Mar 23 Ale Asylum (this will be a 300 CARD which WILL run out)

Mar 30 Dexter's Pub (Board also meets at Dexter's downstairs. Members can wander down.

9) Adjournment 20:00

MOTION ACCEPTED

Minutes submitted 3-2-11 by Cheri Carr, Secretary