

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

28 Sept 2011

Big Ten Pub

Present: Eric Schoville, Jaquie Rice, Bill Rogers, Cheri Carr, Fred Swanson, Stefan Berggren, Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred. Members present: Chris Schulte, Dave Pegelow, Mark Garthwaite, Les Hoffman, and Mike Sproul.

1) Call to Order – 19:06 President Eric Schoville

- Approval of Minutes: Last month's minutes APPROVED via e-mail to allow for timely distribution to the membership.

2) Comments from Members

- Comment from Member Chris Schulte. Proposing giving to the Goodman Community Center for Thanksgiving gift baskets, sets up families for a dinner. Recommending \$1,500. Questions from the board included what amount of money does the Giving Committee.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Eric Schoville – No report

VICE-PRESIDENT – Jaquie Rice – 292 active members and 3 pending for a total of 295. MOTION TO APPROVE NEW MEMBERS. APPROVED

TREASURER – Judy Kusek - Absent

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Bill Rogers – Has submitted budget to Finance.

4) Committee Reports

CIDER - Mark Schnepfer/Cheri Carr – by Committee – Apfelfest last weekend went smoothly. Attendance was about average or light, maybe due to rainy weather. Madison Fruit and Nut would like to use equipment to do a pressing again this year. Committee would like the last weekend in Oct. to take the press to them to use the press again. There will be a club pressing at the club space on Oct 16th. Jim Lindeman will supply organic apples \$9, and would like a third pressing on Nov 12 at Lindeman's. He has some good equipment to use so we

won't have to haul ours. We'd like to do a cheese type snack thing there. At the club pressing we can do some cider for Christmas party.

CLUB SPACE - Mark Alfred – Steve Andrusz – looking at dates to call to members to clean and organize.

COMPETITION - Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Things are finalized for competitions. Steve Piatz will be speaking at the Badger Brew Off which will be at the East Side Businessmen's Club.

EDUCATION - Bill Rogers - Tony Jaques – No report

EVENTS - Jaquie Rice – Jaquie Rice – All social events have been planned through rest of year:

Oct. 8th is Oktoberfest. For Oktoberfest, we will have a beer from Vintage in a cask. Bill is coming up with something too. Eric is going to come up with a steel barrel rotisserie for chickens.

Oct 15th is Wiffleball, and Jason Walters is finalizing this event. We need Beer reserves for it. Confirmed!

Oct 26th Social and board both will be at Midtown Pub.

Nov 23rd Social will be at The Coopers Tavern.

Nov 30th both the board and Social will be at Glass Nickel on Atwood.

Dec 10th is the club Christmas party.

Dec 28th there is no board meeting, and the Social will be at the Topsy Cow.

FINANCE - Judy Kusek - Jim Mayhew – Meets next week.

GIVING - Carl DuRocher – Stefan Berggren – Presentation later.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP - Fred Swanson – By Committee – Fred has the list of places we are going. We are going to all the breweries in Chicago and to a distillery.

MEMBERSHIP - Jaquie Rice – Mark Morrison – Committee is working on the ballots and membership form, which is updated and ready to go. Holiday invite will be going out.

WEB - Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – reserved three domain names - two for Great Taste and one for Badger Brew off. These need to have a website/area that appears to be its own website in our website.

5) Special Orders – None

6) Unfinished business

A) 25th Anniversary Book Sales – Review of sales and planning

No report

B) Ticket Sales

Met and had brainstorming ideas. Want to interview ticket sales locations to get input. We will be meeting again to get something together for board.

C) Beer Phone

We may stay with current phone until the end of year so we don't have to pay a penalty.

D) Written Disaster Plan

Staying on agenda.

E) Economic Impact Statement

Eric will have info from Jim Mayhew soon. They are discussing.

F) Committee Structure

We have had some e-mail about having chairs for each committee, and about taking big events and giving each big event its own committee. The board next year can decide this, but we should have some ideas for next year's board. Big events seem to come from people that have a passion for the event, and it should have its own committee, or at least an ad-hoc committee. These events include Brewpalooza, Holiday Party, Oktoberfest, Club Trip, etc.

MOTION TO MOVE THREE EVENTS - THAT ARE STILL IN THE EVENTS COMMITTEE, TO THEIR OWN STANDING COMMITTEES:
BREWPALOOZA, HOLIDAY PARTY AND OKTOBERFEST.

MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION THAT THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT NEXT YEAR'S COMMITTEES HAVE A CHAIR FOR EACH COMMITTEE.

MOTION APPROVED.

7) New Business

A) Giving Proposal

From the committee's meeting:

Proposal from Giving Committee to the board for donations:

- 1.) Recommend donation of \$2500 to Wil-Mar Center
- 2.) Recommend donation of \$1500 to Goodman center (earmarked for Turkeys)

- 3.) Recommend donation of \$750 to River Food Pantry
 - 4.) Recommend donation of \$500 to Literacy Net
 - 5.) Recommend donation of \$200 to Jingle's Youth Hockey Scholarship fund (Jingle's one of our food vendors)
- Total Amount \$ - 5450

Question from the board: Will Dexter's Breast Cancer event be in next years budget? Yes.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN.

Discussion: The committee was very critical when looking at the requests. They are working on having a written request form so we have the details of the request on record. For example, Salvation Army is a multi million dollar org, maybe we want to support more needy and/or local orgs. What about the youth hockey request? How far will that go to help? Jingles is a supplier of ours, we would like to support their cause, maybe giving a higher amount in future. A form submission could go to the board or committee via e-mail. Wil-Mar has been in the homebrewer club equation for many years. We don't want to earmark money we give them; we want to let them do with it what the need.

MOTION APPROVED.

B) Generators

We use three at the GT; we have an offer for buying three 6000 watt Kawasaki generators. Maybe not worth buying since we would have to store, tune up, etc. Not needed other than that event. This item was not in the budget, so no difference if we decline.

C) Quivey's Beer fest Tickets

We have some free tickets to give away. What should we do with them? It is the same day as Oktoberfest. Put on e-mail one per person? First come first serve. We will put on e mail to members.

8) Adjournment

MOTION and ADJOURNED 19:53

Respectfully Submitted 10-3-11 by Secretary, Cheri Carr

Board meetings are open to the membership. E-mail the president in order to get a topic on the agenda. The board strives to provide open communication and transparency, and encourages an active and involved membership.