

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

30 January 2013

Wil-Mar Center

Present: Eric Schoville, Mark Schnepfer, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Mark Alfred, Steve Andrusz, Kate Stalker, Fred Swanson. Member present: Ralph Kuehn.

(Note from secretary: giving committee recommendations approved via e-mail 1-14-13)

1) Call to Order – 19:13

President Eric Schoville

Last month's minutes APPROVED via e-mail in order to expedite distribution to membership.

2) Comments from Members – Ralph Kuehn said they are finishing the manual for the brew system. They are looking to board for input regarding indemnification forms for responsibility for damages or loss of equipment. Ralph said Dan Gustafson said he could draft something; he needs to check for conflict of interest, though. Jim Mayhew said he has a person he can contact. It, at the very least, would make people aware of their responsibility. What would be included in the form? We could perhaps release the club from liability, but we do have some liability insurance for the club space and the brew system, and liability for the landlord's property, also. What if someone is injured or a person with someone, yes, we do have liability for personal injury said Jim. What about children possibly not being allowed? Or damage different than normal wear and tear. Having a form for users to fill out might be a good idea, but we will look into whether we would like to have a formal contract in use. Jim will ask around, and Ralph can continue to talk to Dan G. Regarding the Code of Conduct: Ralph will have a code of conduct for usage. Perhaps having something posted in the Club Space would be good, outlining a couple basic rules. Members that wish to use the brewing system can contact Facilities and they will be directed to a person that is signed off.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Eric Schoville – Eric has submitted his resignation of his club president position at this time. He stated he needs to focus on other things for now and thanks everyone for everything. Mark Schnepfer will take the role for the time being. **MOTION:** Mark Schnepfer, VP, to fulfill the duties of the president for the duration of the president's term, and that he abstain from voting in the event of the tie.

Amend the Motion with: Until the board decides how to best fulfill the vacancy on the board.

Discussion: We will need to come up with a couple of options to present to the membership. The by-law is not specific in the situation of resignation. We need to look at the by-laws and take any proposed changes to the membership.

MOTION APPROVED

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer- New members list sent via e-mail.
MOTION TO APPROVE NEW MEMBERS. MOTION APPROVED FOR NEW MEMBER REQUESTS.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed end of year financial info and reviewed the numbers. Distributed Budget to Actual sheet, including GT numbers. Total supply appears different due to the large grain buy of the membership. Budget sheets will be sent to the membership prior to the membership meeting. The annual report done and sent in, taxes sent in. We did receive one bounced check in the form of a competition fee. There are some businesses that still need to pay a bill for the GT. Switching back and forth off of the spreadsheets and programs is creating some issues Jim is cleaning up and resolving, Thank you, Jim for everything!

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – We have a logo.

4) Committee Reports (board Liaison – Chair)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – no report

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andruz – had an organizational meeting and organized the shelves and space. Steve Ensley ran the meeting and they set some goals for the space. We need to get an on-line sign up sheet including guidelines as far as how to leave the space, because many times the space is not left as it should be. Automatic registration will help track who was there and how it was left as well as people being able to sign up for times to use the system. More structure will be a good thing! The lost and found needs to be taken to Good Will. There is a bike there that has not been claimed.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Have not met, will meet in the next week. Grumpy Troll competition is the second Saturday in May. The committee is working on a speaker for the weekend of Badger Brew-Off.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite – Tony will be planning meetings. Bottoms up Feb 20th, Mar 20th will be a tour/discussion of Death's Door.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Discussed budget earlier.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Gave a personal thank you for giving to the project she was with.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson - Fred Swanson – St Louis. Looking into the logistics. Will be fun!

HOLIDAY PARTY Mark Alfred –Judy was chair. We need to have a committee in order to continue to carry on where Judy left off. We can look into how we want to proceed, and how to get more new members involved. Discussed possibility of a brunch after clean-up on Sunday and/or deals on hotel rooms Saturday night (like with our cab program) to encourage non-driving.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Mark Schnepfer – Most of the manual is put together, need to add the brew system and it should be ready to go. Will meet and discuss other goals. We are still looking at forms of recognition for long term members. Friends and club members would like to do some more recognition of Judy's life, individually or as groups, in her memory.

OKTOBERFEST - Eric Schoville - no report.

WEB – Eric Schoville – Eric has said he can continue to do some web stuff. Is it possible to look paying for some professional website work? GT website could be expanded, also. Getting an online checkout for the brew system and mills will be good. On-line membership is going strong.

5) Special Orders – None.

6) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

- 2-6: Business meeting Wil-Mar 7:15 pm, and Potosi Beer and Museum at 8 pm **EARLY MEETING!**
- 2-13: Second Wed Social. Malthouse
- 2-20: Beer School, Wil-Mar. Bottoms Up! Book talk
- 2-27: Fourth Wed Social. Karben Four brewery tour, 8 pm. Board, 7 pm.
- 3-6: Business meeting Wil-Mar
- 3-13: Second Wed Social, Malthouse
- 3-20: Beer School, Deaths door tour/discussion. Middleton 7 pm. **EARLY TIME** and possible entry fee.
- 3-27: Social, possibly Ale Asylum? Board meeting (or possibly earlier date because spring break)
- 4-3: Business meeting, Wil-Mar
- 4-10: Second Wed Social, Malthouse
- 4-17: Beer School, TBD

4-24: Fourth Social, Vintage Brewery. Board meeting 7pm.

Also:

2-10 Sunday: Noon-4 Dexter's "Save Second Base" Breast Cancer Fund Raiser.

2-23 Saturday: Distill America 6 – 9 pm, 5 pm VIP ticket

B) GT Committee

Do we need a committee for GT? Mark said we can scratch this as a standing item, he is comfortable with the czar system and czar meetings.

7) New Business

A) 2012 End of Year Fiscal Review – Jim Mayhew

Reviewed earlier this meeting

B) GT Ticket Sales

Looking into how we do ticket sales. Is there a better way to handle this? Do we have options other than multiple sites? Multiple sites means multiple people involved, are there ways to create a single site? Is this even an option? How do we maintain the festive ticket sale tradition of camping and fun?

C) 2013 Committees

What committees are needed? This year's seemed to work well. The committee structure seems to work well. We need more control over the equipment, mills, etc. We can discuss this more.

D) Czar Positions

Table until later, we can combine this with by-laws for resignations discussion, since it will also involve by-laws.

E) How to Incorporate Newer Members into the Board

F) By-law Amendments

We will discuss revising by-laws regarding 1) Procedure following resignations of officers, and 2) Procedure for appointing czars. We would like to be ready to bring it to the March Business meeting and vote on proposed changes possibly April.

OTHER

We have not reordered tee shirts from this year's GT! There are some shirts left. We can see what we have and add if we need to. Mark G will look into what we have in stock.

8) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 21:36

Respectfully submitted 2-04-2013 by Cheri Carr, Secretary

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.