

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
29 October 2014
Wil-Mar Center

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Steve Andrusz, Fred Swanson, Brad Zulick, Brian Phillips. Members present: Ted Gisske, Bryan Bingham, Bob Harvey.

1) Call to Order – 19:03

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

2) Comments from Members – Bryan Bingham talked about next year being the 25th anniversary of Stone Fences and said he would like to see some special budget items such as tee shirts etc to commemorate the anniversary and the folks that have made it happen. Wanted to plant the idea of doing some special items next year. Board said sounds fine and to talk to the Cider Committee.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Will be talking about budget mostly this meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 423 Members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. GT expenses and bills reviewed. Cider committee under budget for the pressing, Oktoberfest also came in under budget.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – no report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Still waiting for city to schedule a post event meeting.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Stone Fences went well, the weather was great. Next year is the 25th anniversary and we would like to do something special in honor of this.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Vent and fan cleaned.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Badger Brew-off is next Sat. Stan Hieronymus is speaking at 6:30 after the event.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Will be planning 2015 events, Dec is sour beers.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Ted Gisske present to present the financial audit.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION APPROVED.

Executive Session

MOTION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION TO TAKE THE AUDIT INFO AS PRESENTED AND MOVE IT INTO THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE FOR SUGGESTIONS. MOTION APPROVED.

GIVING –Brad Zulick – Five proposals today from the recent meeting. \$19,650 spent so far out of \$30,000.

1. Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted. \$200 requested. A club member is on the board. MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIES.
2. Renew Wisconsin, \$1,250 requested. Committee discussed again. The organization can earmark the donation to breweries and education for breweries and renewable energy for breweries. MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIES.
3. WYOU TV station. The station does Beer-pocalypse and also broadcasts live from GT. \$2,000 requested. MOTION TO APPROVED, MOTION CARRIES.
4. Goodman Center which does a lot of good community work including Thanksgiving food baskets. \$1000 requested. MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIES.
5. Madison Land Trust. Two members are on the board, the trust keeps housing affordable and holds the land so citizens can afford to buy the house. \$1,500 requested. MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIES.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – will talk about elections.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Working out glitches regarding uploads. There is an automatic program that lets the membership talk to the external mail system so there is no delay in membership. It keeps the membership current.

5) Standing Reports

GOODWILL TRIP: The trip is full and has waiting list. Itinerary is mostly locked down.

CLUB SYSTEM: Nick Balazs will be rebuilding some parts.

6) Special Orders - none

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

11/5 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
11/8 BADGER BREW-OFF and Stan Hieronymous presentation
11/12 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
11/19 Social Old Fashioned 8 pm, Board Meeting 7 pm (a week early)
11/21-23 CLUB TRIP GOODWILL TRIP
11/26 Fourth Wed Social Alchemy Cafe 8pm
12/3 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
12/10 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12/17 Education Sour beers Wil-Mar 8:15. *Board TBD*
12/24 *On your own*
12/31 *On your own*

Note Mon Nov 3rd is Distill America tickets sale event

Sun Nov 9th Breast cancer benefit in Milwaukee, details will go out.

B) GT oversight Committee – tabled

C) 2014 election

Elections will be going on-line. The procedure will be outside the website with a special server that has all the membership updating regularly, each member will get a notification for the opportunity to vote on line. If you don't want to vote on line, there may not be an option, but we are considering having a computer at the meeting so that people can vote that night at the meeting. The by-laws do say that the election procedures must be approved the membership, so this will be on the agenda.

8) New Business

A) Budget

Treasurer went over the yearly numbers. Kudos to the committee for the hard work. MOTION TO ACCECPT THE BUDGET AS PROPOSED. MOTION CARRIES.

B) Isthmus Beer Competition

New ownership of isthmus, they would like to add an aspect to the beer and cheese competition in the spring to have a beer brewing competition. WI Brewers would be handling the cost most likely. They would like a panel of people to judge it, possibly an IPA, and they will promote the winner as part of the beer and cheese festival. They would like to have some MHTG involvement in their event. We do have a strong brand on our own. We would possibly be willing to pass the word for their event or have our members be able to volunteer for their event on their own should they choose to do so.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 21:35

Respectfully submitted 09-29-2014 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.