MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
26 Feb 2014
Club Space

Present: Mark Schnepper, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Steve Andrusz, Fred Swanson, Brad Zulick, Brian Phillips.

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 – none

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepper – We will vote on by-laws during this meeting. Mark will be gone next business meeting so Vice President will run meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 295 active members. Seven new members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. The cab fair was $1,700 for the party this year, which was way over any thing we have ever seen in the past. Average ride around $30. We will need to budget for that in the future. It is in the Christmas party budget. The party was also very well attended and we encourage cabbing.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – How do we feel about having a GT logo that could be used from year to year? If so, what should it look like? Several board members felt the event might be worthy of a logo/brand to be used year to year. Mark will look into it.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – No report

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Haven't met recently. There was a drain issue we needed to address. We will be changing the bathroom sink to something bigger.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepper – Has not met but Grumpy Troll Challenge and Badger Brew-off are in the works.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – March will be a hop presentation. We will probably be back at Death's Door in May possibly. A couple of other topics are in the works. July and August will be GT planning meetings.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew –Jim wants to look at establishing a review procedure to take place on a regular basis. It should be one person from finance and at least one person outside the committee, who are looking at procedures to be sure we are doing everything correctly. Finance Committee recommends that we set this up. Basically a checks and balances measure, and would smart for the organization to have, as we continue to grow. MOTION THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE APPOINT INDIVIDUALS OR AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE FINANCES by Brad Z, second by Mark A, APPROVED.
The committee recommends moving from software based database to a cloud based system. Advantages are that it will be a constant back up, and other people needed to review the info could have access. Also, if anything were to happen to the treasurer, we would have access to the database. It would be $150 a year roughly. MOTION TO SPEND UP TO $200 BY THE COMMITTEE FOR CLOUD BASED SOFTWARE by Brad Z, second by Mark A, APPROVED.
Committee is advising that on site ticket sales go all cash. We have the security to do it, and it will eliminate problems with checks, and the sales will move faster. We would still need to take checks for mail order ticket sales. The bank and the GT chair are in agreement with this. We do have time to get this word out. We may have to add one vender.

GIVING –Brad Zulick – Two giving proposals approved by committee. 1. Jim Meyhew proposed $600 Ferry Bluff Eagle Council. We have donated to them in the past, Jim is involved. 2. $1000 to WI Parkinson's Association by Steffan Berggren in honor of Michael Jackson. We have given in the past. MOTION TO APPROVE BOTH by Steve A, second by Mark G. APPROVED. The committee will be putting together a standardized form for proposals and moving toward more regular meeting system so members can attend and present their requests.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred –Still planning to set up a garage sale for the membership, at the club space. Possibly June 7.

WEB – Mark Schnepper –database has been imported to the development site. It seems to be working and is moving along. Mark S has a list of passwords for our mail groups in Mailman, which used to be Majordomo. He will be sure that everyone has the passwords they need to facilitate the lists they need. They are working on the payment modules.

5) Standing Reports – none

CLUB SYSTEM: New motor for the mill has been ordered. They will be brewing this weekend training new people. Nick Balazs will be taking care of some upgrades to the system. They are planning on bringing these homebrews from the club system trainings to the meetings for everyone to share.

6) Special Orders - none

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

3-5-14	Business Meeting, 8:30 Wil-Mar
3-12	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
3-19	Beer Education: Gorst Valley Hops, Hop presentation 8:15
3-26	Social Meeting, Great Dane Fitchburg 8 pm. Board 7 pm
4-2-14	Business Meeting, 8:30 Wil-Mar
4-9	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
4-16	Beer Education, TBD
4-23	BUS TRIP, Woodshed Ale House (Vintage), Sauk Prairie
4-30	Social Meeting Karben4 8 pm. Board 7 pm Club Space.
5-7-14	Business Meeting, 8:30 Wil-Mar
5-14	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
5-21	Death’s Door Distillery Tour, 6 pm NOTE EARLY TIME
5-28	Social Meeting, Tyranena Brewery Lake Mills (Tyranena bus?)
6-4-14	Business Meeting, 8:30 Wil-Mar
6-11	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
6-18	Beer Education, Gary Hess 7 pm Wil-Mar

Discussed possible club garage sale options for the spring or early summer. Possibly June 7th?

B) By-Law Vote

The by-laws were distributed to the board. There was some discussion about what happens when a member falls behind on dues. MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS by Mark S, Second by Brad Z, APPROVED. Next step is for it to be voted by the membership.

OTHER: We were discussing using an embosser for the tickets, and Mark G asked if there would be other uses if we purchase an embosser for the club, for

example business cards or thank you cards. Would the die work for the tickets? Do we want to pursue this? What would this add to the cost of ticket printing? Mark G will be looking into the cost of this to increase security of printed tickets, and will see if we are able to use it for other purposes or not.
In other items,

8) New Business

A) Financial Review - 2013 tax return review

Jim has reviewed the tax document and states it looks good, but the committee needs to review it and we can vote next time.

B) Financial Review – 2013 budget vs. actual

Jim reviewed the numbers for the year, including GT numbers. Bottom line is we were over by roughly 7k, but considering the increased expense for the GT growth this year, this is a good bottom line. Thank you, Jim, for your hard work.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO CLOSE by Mark G, Second by Steve A, ADJOURNED 20:47

Respectfully submitted 02-28-2014 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.