

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
February 29, 2012
Dexter's Pub

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

1) Call to Order – 29:05

President Eric Schoville

Motion to approve last month's minutes. APPROVED

2) Comments from Members - none

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Eric Schoville –SB395 (homebrewing bill) may get defeated in assembly on Tuesday. Tavern League has three amendments, one stating all state laws must be followed, and one stating homebrew tasting outside home can only be hold at licensed establishment. What about Wil-Mar? What about other places where other people gather, etc. Dan Grady is leading the charge to see what we can do about this. Tavern League may have issues because of lobbyist goals. Tavern league and also Miller-Coors may be represented by the lobbyist. May happen on Tues or if not, would wait until next session. If this bill doesn't pass, we need to have a conversation about our homebrew competition. The laws were there but not being enforced before, but now this is on the radar. No action item besides to call your legislators. Our local ones are on board with us. Contact the Tavern League, also, perhaps.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer- New members were sent out to everyone. Mark read the new members submissions. MOTION TO APPROVE NEW MEMBERS. MOTION APPROVED We now have 246 active members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – The current balance sheet was handed out, and Jim reported on spending details listed on the sheet. Total for year is \$6,000, which was approved at board meeting. Lots of thank you notes from the giving we have done have come in. There is a discrepancy on sheet, a transfer did not come through on it, but Jim has corrected it, even though this statement shows it as off. Taxes have been done, thank you Jim.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – Thank you for covering minutes while I was away. Please approve in a timely fashion so we can get them to the membership prior to the business meetings.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – The I-phone app for the GT looks amazing, there will be other apps, they look great, and if you have something in your hand

at the GT you will be able to find an app. Brewers can do stuff immediately, Paul Miller, Pete Johnson and Matt Krueger are the brains behind the apps. Good job! A picture of this year's glass went around. It is a German Glass, a little bubble pint. Cute!

4) Committee Reports (board Liaison – Chair)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – none yet – Not met

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andruz - Steve Ensley – Ralph Kuehn will discuss the brew system later in meeting.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – none yet - Met, talked about the Grumpy Troll Challenge, and the Badger Brew-Off.

EDUCATION – Mark G - Tony Jaques – Fred said Gail Ambrosius Chocolates would like to do something for an education. Board members felt it would be a very good presentation to have. Possibly in April. Also would like a Cider and Mead night. One night? Two separate nights?

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew - Meeting Wednesday.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – none yet - not met

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – none yet - meeting next week. April will have places to vote on for five and top two this and next.

HOLIDAY PARTY Mark Alfred –Judy Kusek – not met

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred - met

OKTOBERFEST - Eric Schoville - none yet - not met yet.

WEB – Eric Schoville – none yet - Meeting tomorrow at the Come Back Inn. There is lots of interest in the committee. The bones of the content management system is being revised and changed a bit. Will this give us more power to change our own content? Yes! Eric is satisfied and able to start handing out content such as old files, newsletters, etc. Stated he is looking for some front end stuff.

5) Special Orders – None.

6) Unfinished Business

A) Economic Impact Study Looked over the study. It would be advantageous to look at other EIS's to see where we line up. The narrative can be changed around if needed. Everyone loves the second part that Dan did. Do we want to compare to other things even as large as World Dairy Expo and other large events? Tournaments (that are leaving!!)? Where do we compare? Where do we want to take this? Is there a reason to promote the study at the present time? Tourism is promoting cheese beer, etc. maybe we could use it to help the board of tourism, etc. It was decided there is no immediate campaign necessary, but can use parts as needed to promote our event. A summary for the brewers will be sent to brewers and those that helped make it possible.

B) 25th Anniversary Book Sales There are maybe 1,100 or 1,200 left to sell.

C) Siebel Sensory Tasting. Enough people are interested to hold another one,. This one went well. We can get a kit for less cost by ordering through BJCP if we order it through them. The beer was Pabst, may be able to use another. Education can organize another, and Mark will take the lead. Maybe a non-Wed for this next one.

D) Storing Homebrew at the Club Space Possible acceptable situations for the club space would be non-fermenting items or special group type brews, for short amount of time only, also competition beer would be acceptable because it is also only there a short time.

E) Committees/Calendar

Discussion regarding a possible GT Committee, and its potential functions and goals. Ticket sales, other aspects of the event that are big picture, such as items for a steering type committee could be tackled by a GT committee, including recommendations from past organizers, ideas, debriefing, and thoughts for moving forward with future years, essentially long term planning and not operations. How often to meet? Yearly or more around GT time? The chair should have priority of what this committee does.

Calendar ideas (events will no longer be one committee, rather, events can be organized by any interested member, or can cease to exist based on lack of member or organizer interest)

Gail Ambrosius has brewed a beer with coco nibs and would like to come to Wil-Mar and do a beer tasting with chocolate. Yes!! There will be a fee for this event to cover costs. New Holland brewed the beer for Gail. Tentative for this event, beer school. Jim Lindeman can do a cider tasting, April? Meads with Nathan(?) perhaps after that.

CALENDAR:

Fourth Wed:

3-28: House of Brews (with the board meeting at club space)

4-25: survey for ideas

5-23 Columbus Hydro Street (board meeting is the fifth Wed)

5-30 (Fifth Wed) Great Dane Garden, down town (board meeting also)

Bringing your own name tag: Are we all grown ups and maybe need to bring our own? We could have a hand written option present as well.

Organizers of the breast cancer awareness are appreciative! \$2,500 came from Giving Committee and club. Thank you to the club!! This year's event raised \$7,500. Yay!!!

7) New Business

A) Club Brewing System Guidelines Ralph Kuehn handed out guidelines for system, including procedures and expectations for using the system on your own. These include people brewing once with someone mentoring them, if already an all-grain brewer. They need to have a mentor for the entire session. Those that are not yet all-grain brewers need to have more mentor sessions. Would it be helpful or necessary to sign a waiver for club space use with guests? We have insurance, and we need to look into the specifics, regarding mainly personal or property damage. We also need to think about replacing damaged parts on the system, enforcing clean up, and parts check out and check in lists. We should build maintenance for the equipment into budget, for wear and tear, small pieces getting lost. Ralph said that at the training he bounced the idea that if someone is learning and then wants to brew, they need to invite a member that wants to learn. He said everyone thought that was good. One batch may take five or six hours of people-time in the club space.

B) Insurance

Tony Arneson came and talked about event insurance at a meeting last year. Jim sat with him recently to review some things, mainly damage to rented premises coverage. For \$1,000,000 in personal injury and property coverage we would pay \$80 per year coverage. Regarding monies and securities, we may want to think about the coverage for ticket sales. \$10,000 coverage is \$113 per year. We may want more like \$25,000. Jim will take to finance and will bring back to board. We need to think about in premises and off premises, for both club space and events.

C) Year End Financial Review

Jim handed out review. City fees were close. Brewer payments close, Brewer gifts close (slightly under), printing close, rentals really close. Glassware \$5,700 ahead, supplies a bit high, book. Everything stood in line well. Beer was under (beer subsidy). People stuck to their budgets well! Our process seems to be working well. A fair amount went into reserve for the year. We did \$11,000 more than we thought we would when it is all said and done.

What about the books? How do we want to sell? They are paid for, so we can do what we want with them.

8) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 20:58

Respectfully submitted 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.