

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
26 March 2014
Great Dane Fitchburg

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

1) Call to Order – 19:00

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 Schnepfer – Received a request from a film group who is planning a film that includes footage on amateur brewing, competitions, homebrewers, etc and would like to begin contact with some of our members for possible involvement. Mark A has been looking into the situation, and will put Education and Competition committees in contact with them, also possibly brew system, Nick or Brian perhaps.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 290 active members. Four new members. Two wanting to learn about brewing and one that had approached the club previously regarding a business question.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. We should be ok until ticket sales are complete, at that point giving committee will send proposals our way. Spent a little preparing for Brewpalooza, and also the Grumpy Troll Challenge and the Badger Brew-off.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – Will need someone to take minutes for the Business meeting next week.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – *absent*

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – We have penciled in the final weekend of September (28-29) for the Stone Fences cider pressing and camping event.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark A: possible date for the club garage/equipment sale is Saturday June 7th.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – No report

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – There may be a shift in schedule, Death's Door and WI Brewing dates are TBD at this time. We may also have a style presentation/comparison, possibly IPAs or sours. Steve Piatz has a new mead book coming out and may like to do a presentation for us, at BBO or a meeting this fall perhaps. Maybe also a food pairing again. Watch the calendar for details.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew –Implementing moving the accounting software to cloud based. Setting up for the change in ticket sales to cash only. We may need two more vendors so that ticket numbers per vendor fall where they need to. Updating these procedures.

GIVING –Brad Zulick – There are a couple proposals in the hopper to be presented after ticket sales. None are pressing.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred –Now that by-law project is complete we are looking at topics like recognition of long term members and other possibilities of member recognition.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Development site is coming together and we are looking to move to the working site shortly. Running test payments, the membership module is in. Getting ready to move content.

5) Standing Reports – none

CLUB SYSTEM: Nick Balazs has done two classes, and there are about 30 or 40 people that would like to learn to use the system, at about five people per class. In addition to Nick, there are a couple of members that can teach. Peter Steinberg or Brian and maybe others.

6) Special Orders - none

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

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 Karben 4 8 pm. Board 7 pm Club Space.
5-7	Business Meeting, 8:30 Wil-Mar
5-10	GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE
5-14	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
5-21	<i>Tentative Death's Door Distillery Tour 6 pm</i>
5-28	Social Meeting, Tyrannena Brewery Lake Mills (Tyrannena bus?)
6-4	Business Meeting, 8:30 Wil-Mar
6-7	<i>Tentative Club member garage sale. Club space</i>
6-11	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
6-18	Beer Education, Gary Hess, Hess Cooperage, 7 pm Wil-Mar

8) New Business

A) Financial Review - 2013 tax return review

Jim has sent us the tax document and asked for a vote. MOVE TO FILE TO TAXES AS PRESENTED by Brian. SECOND by Brad. APPROVED.

OTHER: One new member had previously inquired about using the membership in a survey for test marketing a business for brewing. Mark A had put the question out to the board, and said the board in general felt it was fine to pass the test marketing information on, and members can take part should they choose to do so. Previous capital ventures have been bought to the membership such as Grain and Grape magazine and the commercial brewery endeavors of members. It was agreed that no member should have more access to information than another member. For example, all members have the ability to pull emails off the membership page should the members list them.

Brad was approached by a UW brewing club, who was asking about partnering or getting involved with us somehow. We have done this kind of thing in the past, and we can certainly invite them to the competitions, and possibly other things. Brad can investigate.

UW Adult Continuing Ed classes include a rum class complete with tasting, and Mark A is teaching it. Fun! Bill Rogers taught a whiskey one the other night, as a part of the same series.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Jim. SECOND by Steve. ADJOURNED 20:47

Respectfully submitted 03-27-2014 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.