

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

27 March 2013

Ale Asylum Brewery

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Alfred, Steve Andrusz, Kate Stalker, Fred Swanson. Brian Phillips. Absent: Mark Garthwaite Member present: Bob Paolino

1) Call to Order – 19:07

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

2) Comments from Members – Bob Paolino periodically gets notifications on FB, looking to join, don't know who they are. Looked them up, not members. Was set up as a closed group, how do we want to handle this? If it is closed, we should limit it to the members, and not allow everyone who asks. Maybe we should have a fan page, and then a closed group. Sometimes we post things that we want only to members, invites etc. Is this our public face? We will look into this and bring it next meeting

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Will be looking at By-law options, it is being reviewed.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – MOTION TO APPROVE NEW MEMBERS. MOTION APPROVED. 316 members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. First brewer deposit came in for GT. Reviewed the numbers. Putting a list together for tool and parts for tap boxes. Last months donations went through. The accountant was talking about us maybe needing a 1099 form for a certain type of vendor. Jim is looking into this.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – Wondering about getting the minutes on website, doesn't look like they are being posted.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – absent

4) Committee Reports (board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – no report

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andruz – Looking into who has keys. We may need to change the locks, because we do not seem to have an accurate list of who has keys. The space looks nice. Ladder coming. Pipe racks have been removed. The landlord is looking at the exhaust fan to see why it is cutting out. We'd like to redo that anyway. We have historically not had trash carts because we don't have someone to empty them, so people can take the trash to the end of the lot to the bins. The fire department came in the other day, they do a routine inspection periodically. We are properly storing our CO2, the door is not blocked, we have gas detectors on the wall, so should be ok.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Grumpy Troll May 11. Badger Brew-off in Nov. Brewpalooza in May.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite – April 17th Come Back Wisconsin, Beer movie 8:15 pm

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Ticket sales will probably not be going to a single site this year. Possibly in the future?

GIVING – Kate Stalker – This was the best first quarter for the club in terms of giving.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Going to St. Louis. Lots of interest in the committee.

HOLIDAY PARTY Mark Alfred –no report

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Talked to Greg, they are working on wording for the by-laws and will get together next month, should have something for the May Board meeting. Still working on recognition for longstanding members. Membership manual almost done and will be uploaded soon. Looking at who might oversee the brew equipment and grain mills.

OKTOBERFEST – Brian Phillips – will look for a cellar master for the event.

WEB – Looking for a chair. We have registered domains for Badger Brew-off and GT, they could be stand alone websites. We are now on Ruby on Rails, but no one really knows this system. Schnepfer will arrange a small meeting to see where to go. Do we want to go back to Drupal? Something else? We may need to switch platforms again. Do we want to stay with something basic or do we want someone paid to do it? It is really only an internal website, but with GT having a website, we could possibly use a better system, but they get expensive fairly quickly.

5) Special Orders

Welcome to the board, Brian! Looking to get more focus on some brewing activities. The GT is our feather in the cap, but we could do more to showcase the brewing within the club. We are doing well and we are known for GT and that is how people see us. We could get more brewing info on the website. The calendar is on the website for who is brewing with the system.

6) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

- 4-3: Business meeting, Wil-Mar 8:30 pm.
- 4-10: Second Wed Social, Malthouse 8 pm.
- 4-17: Beer School, Wil-Mar 8:15 pm. "Come Back Wisconsin", craft beer movie.
- 4-24: Fourth Wed Social, 8 pm. Beer subsidy card until gone. Vintage Brewery. Board meeting 7pm.
- 5-1 Business meeting, Wil-Mar 8:30 pm.
- 5-8 Second Wed Social, Malthouse.
- 5-15 Beer School, TBD.
- 5-22 Tentative Lake Louie tour? Fred will look into it.
- 5-29 Fourth Wed Social, Alchemy 8 pm. Board meeting, 7 pm Club space.
- 6-5 Business meeting, Wil-Mar 8:30 pm.
- 6-12 Second Wed Social, Malthouse 8 pm.
- 6-19 Beer School, TBD.
- 6-26 Fourth Wed Social, Capital Brewery 8 pm. Board meeting 7 pm.

Discussed Survey Monkey results, favorites and top requests. We will start to try to plug these favorites into the calendar.

B) GT Ticket Sales

Volunteers are concerned they will not be selling tickets. March 1st is usually the time Kate starts to set this up with the vendors. Mark G. has said go ahead start getting ready for ticket sales as usual for this year. We may do a single site in the future.

C) By-law Amendment

Working on wording with the Membership Committee.

7) New Business

A) Web Presence

What is the intent of our Facebook page? We can ask the members at some point what they expect of our web presence including FB.

8) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 20:16

Respectfully submitted 3-30-2013 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.