

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

30 April 2014

Club Space

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

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 – Website is up and running, working pretty well. We are having to manually transfer some membership data. There has been a problem with the Yahoo emails because of a change Yahoo has made.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – There have been some issues with the migration of the membership payments and database to the new website. No exact number tonight because of this. Currently working on reconciling the spreadsheet list from the old system to get all the membership and payments updated. Now with rolling membership the reported number of members will be the most recent number although it will change daily. How does the board want to handle reporting the number? We should give the members a short tutorial on the website at an upcoming business meeting.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. Format is slightly different with the new program, a little more detail. 24K in from group ticket sales came in.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – no report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Ticket sales are on track. The glassware order was moving forward but we discovered that the printable area is not workable so we are working on another option. We may postpone this original glassware order for next year, with next year's logo, which means we may have a double glass expense this and none next year. If this is the case we will need to store next year's glasses following this year's event.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – no report

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley is stepping down from club space and GT a bit. We will work on securing some good volunteers for Judy's tent for GT. Thank you Steve E for all you have done!

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Grumpy Troll didn't get registered early enough with BJCP so the entries were not coming in. There was some discussion on rescheduling, but this will be difficult at best. We need to make sure there are willing participants to keep this moving in the future if we want to continue with it. This year we may delay it. Competition will make the decision with the Grumpy Troll folks.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Death's Door tour coming up in May (see calendar).

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Ticket sales, moving the website, etc going on.

GIVING – Brad Zulick – *Absent*

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – no report

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Migration took place. Looking at Wordpress plug-ins that can do more things on the site, for example, inventory and check-out systems, also perhaps ways for members to post pictures or event information. Also perhaps website sign-up processes. Regarding elections, we are looking into ways to pull in the active members to be able to vote on-line. Also looking at on-line e-vites which can save on postage. We are thinking again about our desired web presence on Facebook and other places. There are some unofficial Great Taste of the Midwest "group" pages. We do have a service mark on the Great Taste and we need to be aware that we should be protecting our trademark/service mark so that we don't lose any rights to it. We do have an official Facebook page for the club and the GT.

5) Standing Reports

CLUB TRIP: We are going to Cleveland, and there has been some work on it.

6) Special Orders - none

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

5/2-10	CRAFT BEER WEEK
5/4	TICKET SALES noon. Barley Wine and Chocolate at Hilldale Great Dane 3-6 pm. Bring beer and chocolate item. Room PD 3
5/7	<i>No business meeting, craft beer week events on your own</i>
5/10	GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE
5/14	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
5/21	Death's Door Distillery Tour 6 pm (<i>admission fee</i>)
5/28	Social Meeting, Tyrannena Brewery Lake Mills (bus trip)
6/4	Business C
6/7	CLUB GARAGE SALE. Club space
6/11	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
6/14	GLENDALE BEER COMPETITION
6/18	Beer Education, Gary Hess, Hess Cooperage, 7 pm Wil-Mar
6/25	Fourth Wed Social <i>tentative Ale Asylum</i>
7/2	Business meeting 8:30 Wil-Mar
7/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
7/16	Education tbd
7/23	Fourth Wed Social TBD
7/30	Board Meeting 7 TBD. Social 8 TBD
8/6	Business Meeting GT meeting
8/9	GREAT TASTE OF THE MIDWEST
8/13	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
8/20	Education TBD
8/27	Fourth Wed Social TBD
9/3	Business
9/10	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
9/17	Education TBD
9/24	Fourth Wed Social TBD
9/27-28	STONE FENCES CAMPING TRIP/CIDER PRESSING
10/8	Steve Piatz Mead Education at Wil-Mar (switching with Malthouse)
10/15	Malthouse Second Wed is THIRD Wed this month

8) New Business

A) Next week's meeting

Craft Beer Week happening next week so we will not be having a business meeting.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Fred. SECOND by Mark G. ADJOURNED 20:56

Respectfully submitted 05-01-2014 by Cheri Carr, Secretary

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