

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
30 May 2012
Great Dane Downtown

Present: Eric Schoville, Mark Schnepfer, Jim Mayhew, Mark Alfred, Cheri Carr, Kate Stalker, Steve Andrusz. Member present: Ted Gisske Absent: Mark Garthwaite, Fred Swanson,

1) Call to Order – 19:10

President Eric Schoville

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

2) Comments from Members - none

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Eric Schoville – no report

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer- MOTION TO APPROVE NEW MEMBERS. Discussion: Kate Stalker said she did not want to approve one person. MOTION APPROVED FOR ALL NEW MEMBER REQUESTS.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed monthly financial info. Picked up 200K in the ticket sales. Jim discussed the financial details. 180 k put in money market. 1st cd rolled, other one is rolling now. 262k total. Ticket sales went very smooth from a financial standpoint.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – *absent* – Mark Alfred gave an update on the brewer's dinner. It will be catered by Blowin' Smoke and will be under budget. There may be an issue for the brewer's gift, we may be over budget, but Mark would like to use the money saved for the short coming in the brewer gift. Eric said small changes in budget are fine, as long as the chair is ok with it, it is reported that Garthwaite has given the ok for it. The gift is boots, we would like to see the membership be able to order also.

4) Committee Reports (board Liaison – Chair)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Mead night was a success. Good turnout!

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz - Steve Ensley – no report

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Grumpy Troll challenge is done. There has been a problem getting the winner declared for last year. The winner is based on sales, and they have not announced yet. This year's is narrowed down to four, but we may need to figure out a better way to make this work. Maybe we should declare our own best of show, and leave the brewing winner to be based on sales.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite - Tony Jaques – no report

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Will meet next week.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher? – No report.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – No report.

HOLIDAY PARTY Mark Alfred –Judy Kusek – No new report.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Mark Schnepfer – Talking about ways to recognize long term members. Perhaps through the Great Taste or through a lifetime membership, but this may require changes in by-laws.

OKTOBERFEST - Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – No report. Will likely be the last weekend of Sept or the first week of Oct.

WEB – Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – New website up and running, let Eric know if problems.

5) Special Orders – None.

6) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

Second half of year needed. Tabling for now.

B) Membership Dues

Set up and ready to go with on-line payments, Eric will let us know when it starts happening.

C) 25th Anniversary Book Sales

Sold 44 more. Some discussion regarding how to sell. If at the GT, Mark Garthwaite will have to be involved.

D) Economic Impact Statement

Finishing up the rewrite and will have a one page sheet of summary to share. Need to iron out what we want on that.

E) Great Taste Committee

Tabled

7) New Business

ASCAP Music sent us a bill for \$600 for licensing for the music for the GT. They collect money for any music played for the public. They sent us the bill. Jim M called and asked, based on what? Based on ticket sales, they said. Jim said we are a 501-C3. Asked them if they knew what we were and what the taste even was. How did this even come up? They said they were looking at the Mt. Horeb fest, and then saw our festival. We do have to pay; it is the law that these fees are legal. They can maybe adjust for the non-profit. There is no fee if it is original music or if it is common domain. The fines are much worse than the fees. Ted Gisske was present and spoke on the subject. It is federal law and we do need to pay if we want music. They are asking for our information and we may have to provide it to them. The music that is played is copy written, most often. The question is do we want music or no music. We may be able to get the non-profit rate which is less. MOTION TO FILL OUT THE FORMS PROVIDING THE INFORMATION WITH OUR NON PROFIT STATUS AND CONTINUE WITH THE MUSIC AS PLANNED THIS YEAR WITH COMPLIANCE. MOTION CARRIES.

8) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 20:22

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.