

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

25 July 2012

Capital Brewery

Present: Eric Schoville, Mark Schnepfer, Jim Mayhew, Mark Alfred, Cheri Carr, Kate Stalker, Mark Garthwaite, Fred Swanson. Absent: Steve Andrusz. Members present: Joe O'Connell, Ben Hulbert, Troy Antoniewicz. Guests: Michigan Brewers member extending greetings. Hello Michigan!

1) Call to Order – 19:12

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. MOTION APPROVED FOR NEW MEMBER REQUESTS.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed monthly financial info. Revenue was mostly brewer deposits, advertising, and vender fees. 10 k for income, expenses include the park deposit, which will come back. The fees for the park are paid. We paid \$1,500 to Wil-Mar for rent for the year. There are some more payments of donations to be made, and then donation amount will be more like \$10,000 or \$12,000 instead of \$6,000. YTD revenue will be coming from merchandise sales. Club brewing supplies has budgeted \$1500, it currently says \$5,000 which includes the big grain order, and when members pay for their grain, this will come back to us. The liquor liability is paid, golf carts are taken care of.

Note: Following the board meeting the Treasurer checked the records and reported the donated amount to date is \$18,250.00.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – will continue to get minutes out prior to business meeting, can say "pending approval" in order to expedite.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite –They are in the correct country and on the road. Mark will bring one to Wed. business meeting and will be sure the count is correct. Staff shirts appear to be over budget, but that will come back down, because the logo will be a patch on rather than embroidery, so cost will be different.

4) Committee Reports (board Liaison – Chair)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Stone Fences to take place Sept 22nd and 23rd. We just traded some strategic beer reserve (two cases) for stainless fabrication for the hopper, and a few upgrades to the equipment.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andruz - Steve Ensley – everything is ready to go for GT, staked and organized. Eric needs inventory. Mark A has it.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – haven't met since last board meeting.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite - Tony Jaques – Hops or water as a possible topic in Oct. possibly. What about Sept?

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

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher(?) – \$1,000 proposed to Milwaukee Beer Barons for their brewer scholarship (later in meeting).

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson –The goodwill Trip will be reconfigured to include more new WI breweries.

HOLIDAY PARTY Mark Alfred –Judy Kusek – Mark will make sure Fred gets us set up for second Sat in Dec at Capital.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Mark Schnepfer – not met yet. Will meet after GT.

OKTOBERFEST - Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – No report. Will likely be the first Sat of Oct.

WEB – Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – Got the first GT pre-party info starting to come in. Mark G. has Peter S. gathering the pre-party info. These events are not officially associated with the GT but we are helping since these events enhance the GT.

5) Special Orders – None.

6) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

Oct 24th: Social meeting at Bos Meadery.

The New Glarus Brewery trip will be rescheduled to an early Fri in Sept, TBD through Fred and NG. The Wollershiem Winery trip will be a Wed in Dec. Fred will confirm this as well.

Possible upcoming events could include a visit to Tom Porter's (but there will be more clearly defined rules this time) and possibly the Free House. What

about the pizza party in Cambridge? Probably not this year. Jim M. can talk to Mark over there and see if they are interested in hosting in the future. The board will do rest of calendar via e-mail, with the most pressing dates being Sept beer school and Sept fourth Wed.

B) 25th Anniversary Book Sales

Will sell at the GT at the merchandise tent, and Cheri will get a box of them to bring to meetings to sell.

C) 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. We can send it to brewers, this will all occur later.

There was a question regarding GT logo use for local businesses GT pre-party events. This is ok, and in fact we want to support these events, but they should not be using the club logo proper.

E) Great Taste Committee

Tabled until after the GT.

7) New Business

A) Giving Committee Proposal

The giving committee is recommending \$1,000 to the Milwaukee Beer Barons for their scholarship to attend Seibel Institute. It is for a Midwest professional brewer (originally it was for a Wisconsin brewer, but they have expanded it).

Anyone can apply that currently works for a brewery. The tuition is approximately \$3,000, and the scholarship is for full tuition, so our giving \$1,000 would offset one third of their cost. There was a question from the membership about why we would help another brew club that has a festival and revenue. We have talked about creating a scholarship, and the Beer Barons have followed through on it, so we want to help them this time.

Perhaps in the future we could have our own scholarship award process The Giving committee is talking with the Beer Barons. They are happy about our contribution to a portion of the whole. If we spend this K, we will still have approx 10 or 12 k left. We want to contribute to their set scholarship, and we could contribute enough to do another full one next year. MOTION TO CONTRIBUTE THE MONEY TO THIS SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR AND DISCUSS MORE, PERHAPS FULL SCHOLARSHIP, NEXT BUDGET CYCLE. MOTION APPROVED.

8) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 19:53

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.