

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

27 August 2014

Capital Brewery

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Mark Alfred, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Steve Andrusz, Fred Swanson, Brad Zulick. Members present: Ted Gisske, Carl DuRocher, Michael Kuenzi.

1) Call to Order – 18:36

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 – GT was an outstanding event. Now working more on Web Committee and looking at submitting to budget for someone to do the front end of the website and do a theme for both MHTG and GT sites.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – No report

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. Paying down GT, still lots coming in. We did have some uninsured losses but insuring them would mean we would have to pay a deductible so may not get us that far ahead, since they were not expensive. All the vehicles aside from golf carts have comprehensive insurance. The New Holland table display trophy was stolen and broken, so we will pay for a new one. Our total bottom line at this time is 353K.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – no report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Had a successful beer festival!

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Had a Stone Fences planning meeting and are hammering out the duties for the event.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Fencing stacked and things being put up after event.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Badger Brew-off planning will start now.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Dec open, will be planning for next year.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew –Budgets are due for the committees. Mid process in the review/audit system. The committee has been provided with what they need. They will be making a report the board next board meeting. Hope it includes how we are doing and what we can do to improve.

GIVING –Brad Zulick – Later in meeting we will vote.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Looking at on-line voting options and RSVP software. Lots of on-line joining/renewal has been happening. On-line voting options would be independent of the website but could still work.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Will start updating the appearance and adding plug-ins for various functions.

5) Standing Reports

OKTOBERFEST: Oct 5th at Garner Park

HOLIDAY PARTY: Second Sat in January has been discussed as a better option than in Dec. We like January and the first weekend in January will be the holiday weekend over the next several years, so the second works better. Jan 10th, 2015 has been planned for the Holiday party.

GOODWILL TRIP: Meeting in Sept.

6) Special Orders - none

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

9/3	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
9/10	<i>Tentative Goose Island tap takeover</i> 7 pm location tbd
9/17	<i>Malthouse Second Wed Social THIRD</i> Wed this month
9/24	Yahara Bay Distillery Board meeting 6:30, Social 7, tours 7:30
9/27-28	STONE FENCES CAMPING TRIP/CIDER PRESSING
10/5	OKTOBERFEST Garner Park
10/8	Steve Piatz Mead Education at Wil-Mar (switching with Malthouse)

10/15	Malthouse Second Wed is THIRD Wed this month
10/22	Bus Tour to Port Huron
10/29	Side Door Tap Social 8 pm, Board Big Ten 7 pm.
11/5	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
11/8	BADGER BREW-OFF and Stan Hieronymous presentation
11/12	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
11/19	Social Old Fashioned 8 pm, Board Meeting 7 pm (a week early)
11/26	Fourth Wed Social Alchemy Cafe 8pm

8) New Business

A)

8 Giving Proposals (two were tabled – Talented and gifted in Deforest and also WYOU since Jeremy R not here)

1) Orton Park: potential sponsorship by MHTG, makes money for Marquette Neighborhood Association, Ralph Kuehn and Carl DuRocher work with this event/organization and the giving committee recommends \$1000 and a letter encouraging them to embrace/serve more local brewers. MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION APPROVED

2) WORT: Discussed why we give so much to one organization and a bit about the history of the relationship with the station. Recommend giving less to WORT, because we give them so much more than any other organization.

Recommending reducing slightly so that WORT can understand that we may not always. Carl, as chair of the committee, stated he disagreed with the vote, and the committee was divided. Arguments were both for and against, such as there is need spread all over the community, but also that WORT provides an alternative to radio “swill”. Part of the history is that WORT provides vols for the GT, and they continue to be strong. WORT used to be about 10% of the GT gross, but now it is actually only 2 or 3 %, as the GT has grown. MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$7,750 TO WORT. SECOND. MOTION TO INCREASE THE DONATION BACK TO 8K. SECOND. Discussion: Brad asks that the board honor the recommendation of the giving committee, given the time and thought they put into it. MOTION CARRIES TO ACCEPT THE AMMENDED MOTION OF 8K to WORT. The board appreciates the work the Giving Committee.

3) Wil Mar: recommends 3k again. MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIES

4) Wisconsin AIDS Network, ACT 12. Mark Alfred asked that we support a rider in the ride for \$300. MOTION TO APPROVE. MOTION CARRIES.

5) Evansville Community Gardens for a community organic garden. Board president lives in Evansville. Club member is alumni of the garden, and president volunteers. MOTION TO APROVE. MOTION CARRIES.

6) \$1000 for Renew Wisconsin which is an organization for solar and renewable energy. MOTION TO GIVE \$1,250 TO RENEW WISCONSIN. Renew Wisconsin is working toward creating more use of renewable energy. The question was raised regarding the group being a lobbyist group and whether or not they do service work... i.e. are they funding the creation of renewable energy, or are they lobby to the legislature? MOTION WITHDRAWN and tabled, pending more info.

B) OTHER

Ted Gisske said he will be auditing the next board meeting for the financial oversight committee, and also reviewing brewer's trade outs. Also asked about having a PA and having a brewer's jam in the pavilion at the next GT on Friday night, fun for brewer's to showcase their talents and jam together after the potluck dinner.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 20:18

Respectfully submitted 08-28-2014 by Cheri Carr, Secretary

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