

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes

24 September 2014

Yahara Bay Distillery

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

1) Call to Order – 18:00

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 – Brad Zulick has submitted his resignation since he is moving to St Louis. Effective Dec 31, 2014. Thank you Brad for serving on the board! A newly elected officer will take over this seat Jan 1, 2015.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – In discussion with Brad about proposals for election procedures, which will come up later in the meeting. Mark A email was hacked so will be giving us all a new email for club business. Please forward anything to Mark A that he may have missed due to the change.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. Post GT expenditures. Took in \$6,400 mostly for advertising. Brewer expenses \$122,500 for beer paid out. Parks takes care of overseeding and repairing grass and charges us. Other miscellaneous expenses also. Bob Harvey was able to cut our expenses significantly for trash and recycling by changing vendors. \$8,100 on ice and none left over. Cabs \$8,455, which is up significantly. Jim thought it looked like it was well utilized. The total turned out to be about about \$7 per ride which is reasonable. Much better than having cars, more people using cabs! Total 189K.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – no report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Wrapping up bills.

4) Committee Reports (Board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Stone Fences is this weekend. We will have about 90 people. Can we have a pressing at the club space? Cheri will check.

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

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Badger Brew-off planning happening.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Brian ran through the dates of education events (see calendar). We have some fun stuff coming up, sours, travel, etc.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Budgets happening. Met last week. Committees have submitted their budgets. Next week we will work on GT and will have the budget for the next board meeting. Audit still going on. Audit of GT brewer's tickets is in. Will bring items to the board. Hope to have the ability to capture in finances what we trade for in goods and services, we will be discussing this as part of the audit for the GT.

GIVING – Brad Zulick – Did not meet. Brad followed up with Renew Wisconsin. They do work with education and helping brewers with solar systems, and could earmark the funds donated for those things. We can revisit this if the committee wants to resubmit for specific donation.

We would like to give a donation to a club member's family who suffered a loss of loved one. A couple board members are following up. Also we lost club member Bill Grogan, and we would like to make a donation in his name and also publicize the Nov 1, 2014 Harmony Bar wake event.

Wine and Hop would like to have items for prizes in a hoppy beer competition. We can come up with some gifts. Ben at Wine and Hop will be contacted by Mark or Brad. MOTION TO GIVE THEM \$100 FROM BOARD APPROVED FUNDS BY FRED. SECOND BY BRAD. MOTION PASSES.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Moving forward with an independent site to conduct our elections. Election committee will be working on this. We will still have a mailed ballot option as well. Should work well, we are testing it. The eligible voters will be pulled off a current membership list. We have a cut off time, and any new members who join after that date will not be able to vote. There was some concern expressed with no paper trail with electronic voting.

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

5) Standing Reports

OKTOBERFEST: Oct 5th at Garner Park

GOODWILL TRIP: Going to Indiana/Ohio. Friday night will be in Indianapolis and Saturday will be in Cleveland via Cincinnati.

6) Special Orders – 2014 election

We will have two two-year terms elected, as well as one one-year term (to finish out Brad's term). Do we want the voters to vote for two or three? The By-laws state that if there is a third person to elect, the third highest ranking person gets the office. The by-laws do not say how many should be voted for. The general consensus of the board was that if we are electing three, we need to be voting for three.

7) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

9/3	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
9/10	<i>Tentative Goose Island tap takeover 7 pm location tbd</i>
9/17	<i>Malthouse Second Wed Social THIRD Wed this month</i>
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
12/3	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
12/10	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12/17	Education Sour beers Wil-Mar 8:15. <i>Board TBD</i>
12/24	<i>On your own</i>
12/31	<i>On your own</i>

8) New Business

A. Leinenkugel's/Dexter's:

Fred and Jim discussed a situation where Leinenkugel's needs to be billed by us so that we can recoup our money from them, and the money needs to go to Dexter's. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING TRANSFER AS SUGGESTED BY FRED AND JIM. MOTION CARRIES.

B. Follow up of Great Taste discussion at business meeting:

The business meeting ran very long and several motions were put forward, although none passed. The motions were regarding creating a committee to advise on GT, and even though it didn't pass, the membership present was largely in favor of some sort of discussion/advisory/exploratory group, but didn't want to get locked into some decision made at the last hour of a very long meeting with most people gone. The GT chair answers to the board, so the board is the oversight body, but it might be a good idea to move forward in looking for a more sustainable way to keep this event as good as it is, as it continues in its current incarnation. The work load for some has become quite large, and we would like to keep it reasonable to continue to be a volunteer run event well into the future. MOTION by BRAD TO APPOINT AN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE TO DEFINE PARAMETERS AND OVERSIGHT OF KEY OPERATIONS GOING FORWARD. SECOND by FRED. MOTION CARRIES. Mark S will discuss in his report at the business meeting how the board has been charged with forming an exploratory committee.

C. Noise ordinances and articles about events:

Mark S said that there have been some complaints and news articles about noisy events, and crowds in the area of Olin and Willow Island like Brat fest and large events, and the GT has been lumped into the group of problems. We need to keep tabs on what is happening so that we can be proactive and possibly deal with the alders for the area and see what we would need to do to be sure we are not causing problems so we don't have to face the possibility of moving the event.

9) Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN. ADJOURNED 19:25

Respectfully submitted 09-29-2014 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.