

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
25 Sept 2013
Jordan's Big Ten Pub

Present: Mark Schnepfer, Jim Mayhew, Cheri Carr, Mark Alfred, Steve Andrusz, Fred Swanson, Mark Garthwaite, Kate Stalker, Brian Phillips.

1) Call to Order – 19:13

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

2) Comments from Members – none

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3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Will talk about web later in meeting. The disciplinary discussion from the Executive Session of the August board meeting has been dealt with. He is satisfied with the resolution, it does not need any further discussion from his perspective.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Four new members to approve. MOTION by Mark Alfred to APPROVE NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS. SECOND by Kate Stalker. MOTION CARRIES. Handed out By-Law paperwork.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Distributed financial info and reviewed the numbers. 67k cash, 65k cds, rolled one cd. Will roll GT expenses into cd in Dec. GT expenses are paid for the most part. Oktoberfest and Holiday party expenses coming. YTD, Income is slightly over projection mostly GT merchandise and tickets. Grumpy Troll over budget slightly, equipment is over budget from purchases of mills and tapping gear. Beer subsidy might be slightly over. Bus trip to Lake Louie is there but will have its own line item in future. Zoo contribution will be in later once we decide on the configuration of the commemorative stone. 276k projected, 282k actual. GT items reflected. Goose Island needs a check for the presentation, and that will close out beer school expenses.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – Correction to last month. Spelling correction: Dave Pegelow.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Met with Police, Parks and city, and now fire department is joining meetings. Parks Department was happy with the outcome of the event. Broken glasses outside the fest grounds was the only problem they

saw. All the changes we made improved things in the city's perspective. They would like to see some GT staff with two-way radios for improved communication. Police would like to handle more of the traffic issues. We could reduce MPI and add police. Two Detox conveyances occurred according to PD. The new tent area worked well, and they liked that it spread out the foot traffic. The lower tent area had some issues with brewers trying to drive up the loop, and PD would like to see that issue addressed, due to pedestrians crossing. They suggested additional fencing in that area. For 2014 they would like to see more message boards, and more traffic police officers. Some concerns with boat traffic, and they would like to have more clear bus areas so boat parking is more clear. They requested clearer brewer traffic at 6:30. Police asked about having a paramedic being assigned to the event. We had one ambulance call which is why Fire was at the meeting. In the past we have felt that we would like to have a paramedic.

4) Committee Reports (board Liaison)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Stone Fences is this weekend.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andruz – Club space cleaning weekend went well and the space looks great! Thank you to Steve Ensley and Steve A. and Mark A. for taking the lead on this.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer –Badger Brew-Off may be moved back to the 16th, due to a conflict in space reservation.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Goose Island in October, and possibly a single variety hop event in Nov, but might be short notice, we may do something else in Nov. Tony J. and Brian are talking about weekend sessions at the club space. In a pinch we can take a style from the reserves and have homebrewers bring that style. This makes a nice beer school for those times we do not have something planned. Peter Fauerbach would like to do a presentation for our club, possibly in spring when he finishes his book. We could encourage members to attend the presentation for the Hess Cooperage. We can see what other ideas the membership has through a survey. We are organizing some training sessions on the brew system at the club space. We were asked to speak at a Rotary group and feel that speaking about the Economic Impact Statement might be a good fit.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Gathering budgets from committee chairs and liaisons, and most are in. Regarding GT budget, we feel ticket price etc. will stay the same. Are we interested in sending a couple people to the Mircomatics school? It should be between \$400 or \$500 per person, but they also could come to us which could be better, Jim is looking into it. It might be good to have someone come look into our gear and help make improvements, and we could

have key people attend, that event heads, and equipment people. Finance will put together a proposal. Should Education Committee be involved? Board thinks this is a good idea.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – There is one proposal on the table that will be discussed at the next meeting. We received a letter from a group that would like to put together a library for preservation of beer history, and that will also go to the committee.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Will be providing a budget after next weeks meeting when proposals are discussed. This year's trip will be hammered out more at that meeting. Looking at how to vote for the top choices of trip to get the top choices and there are many choices on the table. All proposals have a distillery or Meadery and an attraction of some sort.

HOLIDAY PARTY Mark Alfred – Party is in Jan. this year.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Elections are coming up. Greg Yonkin will be taking nominations. New members that are interested in running should do so, regardless of incumbents running or not and also should come to board meetings to see what is happening.

OKTOBERFEST – Brian Phillips – 83 adults and 18 kids have rsvp'd. Should be great! Fred and Brian will organize getting the beer there.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Ruby on Rails is what we are using, but it is not really met for our needs, Drupal or Wordpress may work better for our needs. The current interface with payments is not the best, and we would rather be able to suit our needs, and not worry about as much tweaking, or worrying about the upgrades working with our tweaking. Payments have been a problem all year long, and we would also like to see voting on-line to streamline that process. Membership would like to see these things happen. Meeting again on Oct 9th.

5) Special Orders - None

6) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

9-27-29	STONE FENCES Cider Pressing and Campout, Dousman, WI
10-2	Business meeting, 8:30 Wil-Mar
10-6	OKTOBERFEST Garner Park. Sunday noon to 5.
10-9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm*
10-16	Beer Education Goose Island Pairing Meal, Wil-Mar 7 pm. Fee and limited space.

- 10-23 Beer Bus Trip! Sweet Mullets, Oconomowoc, 5:30 Leaving Capital Brewery. Leaving House of Brews 6 pm. NOTE Early time!! Email sign up. Return to Madison 10 pm or so.
- 10-30 Old Sugar Distillery. Board Meeting 7 pm, Social 8 pm. Fundraiser. \$10 for one cocktail and tour, Proceeds to Commonwealth Development.**
- 11-(2) BADGER BREW-OFF POSSIBLY MOVED TO 16th
- 11-6 Business Meeting 8:30 Wil-Mar
- 11-13 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
- 11-20 Board meeting 7 pm Wil-Mar. Beer Education TBD
- 11-22-24 GOODWILL TRIP St. Louis
- 11-27 Alchemy, Board 7 pm. Social 8 pm
- 1-4-14 HOLIDAY PARTY

**note: Malthouse changing to 7 pm on a regular basis, all other events to remain the same*

**** What do Old Sugar Distillery & some of our members' homes have in common? Commonwealth!**
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Other Events:

10-10: Hess Cooperage event at Esquire

10-19: Wine and Hop Shop's Hoptoberfest homebrew competition. Space limited to 32 entries, and looking for judges, it will be at the Italian Workman's Club 6pm -10 pm

B) By-Law Amendment

Membership has been working on a succession plan and also looking at the by-laws to be more clear on what to do in the event of a resignation. The committee has presented to the board a written plan add into to club by-laws. Board began reviewing proposed changes to be presented to the membership for voting.

C) Finance Committee/Board recommendation

Credit card acquisition may wait until Jan, but Jim has found out that the debit card is zero risk, so we may not need this after all.

7) New Business

A) MHTG Garage Sale

Want to clear out some of the glass ware and shwag, boots, clothing, in the club space. We need to get some of this stuff out of there, garage sale will be

a good way to do this. Members could buy and sell too, a big swap perhaps. Mark Alfred will arrange this.

B) Hess Cooperage

Hess Cooperage will have a presentation on 10-10, and the tickets are \$15 for the event and beer etc. Do we want to buy tickets to give to members? We decided to encourage the membership to attend the event, and have a presentation to our membership later.

MOTION THAT WE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. MOTION APPROVED.

Continued discussion regarding how to execute any needed disciplinary actions

MOTION THAT WE MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. APPROVED.

8) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 22:05

Respectfully submitted 09-27-2013 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.