

MHTG Board Meeting Minutes
26 Sept 2012
Free House, Middleton

Present: Eric Schoville, Mark Schnepfer, Steve Andrusz, Mark Alfred, Cheri Carr, Mark Garthwaite, Fred Swanson. Absent: Kate Stalker, Jim Mayhew.
Members present: Carl DuRoshier, Mike D'ski.

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 – Capital Brewery is remodeling taproom and they would like to include an exhibit on the history of brewing in Madison. They have asked if we are interested, Eric has started the conversation with them. Mark A. said he was interested, after doing the Potosi museum.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer- MOTION TO APPROVE NEW MEMBERS. MOTION APPROVED FOR NEW MEMBER REQUESTS. 327 members currently. Are we thinking of a rolling membership? Year from the month you join? What about auto credit card payment? Let's add this as an agenda item.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – absent – Report was delivered by e mail.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – Thank you to Schnepf for taking minutes last meeting.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – No surprises happened after GT. Also, Fred reports that Brewer checks have been in their mail boxes for two weeks. Taxes, out of state shippers, have all been paid. It took lots of paperwork. The head of the licensing bureau went through to see who was coming that was already permitted, and we had all the ones that didn't, so it worked out, spot on. Good to know it is accurate and working, in case of audit.

4) Committee Reports (board Liaison – Chair)

CIDER and MEAD – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Stone Fences Apfelfest took place. We pressed approximately 115 bushels of apples. Cheri would like to look

into updating some things on the invitation and hammering out some other details in order to make the event feel more user-friendly for new folks.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andruz - Steve Ensley – Spending some time getting things packed away and organized. Is there a big Waring coffee maker in there? One is missing following a Cider event from before.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off Nov 3rd. On line registration data housing is underway. Formatting will be a bit different. We will be moving the website to a new format, including pointing to the Badger Brew-off.org page. We need something on the front MHTG page about the brew-off. Grumpy Troll brew competition winners/beers from past will be up soon.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite - Tony Jaques – Last month's lager yeast presentation was great. Oct will be a discussion on water, most likely, although, Fred said Potosi would like to come to a meeting or school to talk about the museum. Sounds great! Date pending.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Absent but will meet next week.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – No proposals

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – After a great debate, they settled on hotels and itinerary. Everyone (mostly) agrees, and the only dilemma is the bridge that splits Titledown and Hinterland is out, not sure when it will be open, so we moved the hotel choice to the other side of the river. Both have breakfast and price is good. One brewery - St. Francis, is one we will try to add in. There will be a Sat am optional trip, and we will be home at 8-ish Sunday night, with no big dinner stop Sunday, because people are usually marginal on this. We will have some down time on the trip evenings. We are going to a distillery and a meat market. Jaquie will put out an invite.

HOLIDAY PARTY Mark Alfred –Judy Kusek – Confirmed Capital as a location. Will start meeting in Oct to lay groundwork.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Mark Schnepfer – No meeting since last board meeting. We will meet in Oct.

OKTOBERFEST - Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – Oct 13th at Garner Park. Eric will send out a sign up sheet for food, and the event will go on the website soon.

WEB – Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – Spending time with the site, will try to get something out soon in terms of a Beta site. There will be a new layout. The next goal will be to get the basic structure and navigation to a Badger Brew-off site, and a GT site. It should be faster, it will have a nice phone based site that will be very attractive and usable.

5) Special Orders – None.

6) Unfinished Business

A) CALENDAR

Oct 17th Beer School

Oct 24th: Social meeting at Bos Meadery at 7 pm. Board 5:30 at Dexter's Pub

Oct 31st Halloween on your own (5th wed). Malthouse: no subsidy

Nov 7th Business meeting

Nov 14th Malthouse

Nov 21st Beer school

Nov 28th TBD

B) 25th Anniversary Book Sales

No news.

C) Economic Impact Statement

It will be going out to the brewers with a survey monkey. Survey monkey may not be the best because sometimes there is no way to extract data easily unless you have a paid account.

E) Great Taste Committee

Oct we will discuss.

7) New Business - none

8) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 20:03

Respectfully submitted 9-30--2012 by Cheri Carr, Secretary

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