

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
1 October 2014
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:33 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – At the board meeting we talked about the local papers posting articles regarding issues with the noise ordinances, in the area of Olin for various events, and our name got lumped in with other events. We need to keep this on the radar, and we'd like to talk to the alder if turn need to protect our interests. Our event does close at 6 pm which helps.

At last month business meeting, we had a lengthy GT discussion. The motion was made and did not pass, to form a committee to evaluate the GT. People were in favor of an exploratory committee it seemed, but said they did not want to do it so late in the eve with not may people left at the meeting. At the board meeting, the board did pass a motion to appoint an exploratory committee to determine the long term goals and parameters of the GT (not about the day to day ops). The motion at last month business meeting also included to have it on the special orders this month, but if the membership is willing to let the board appoint an exploratory committee, we won't need to have a lengthy discussion tonight. We will address this later in the meeting.

Homebrews present were announced. Thanks for sharing!

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred –We have about 350 members as of today. Elections coming up!

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. Sept was post GT so big spending month. 144k for GT spending. 122K was beer! Spending on donations was high this month. Will do the budget to actual next week and will post it.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – no report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – There was a meeting scheduled with the city but it had to be cancelled and will have to be rescheduled.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Stone Fences Cider pressing and campout was well attended and the weather was perfect! Great event! We pressed 100 bushels of apples and had a great potluck dinner. This Sat Oct 4 we will have a pressing at the club space for the remaining apples. There are a couple bushels left unclaimed, and if you want to press, see Peter S.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark Alfred – It is still there...

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Wine and Hops shop having their beer competition event, so contact them if you want to judge or steward.

This year's Badger Brew-off has been booked for November 8. We are looking for people to help with the event. We would like to have some people pick up entries from other locations like Chicago or Milwaukee, most likely from a homebrew shop. See Peter S.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Tony Jaques – Steve Piatz will be presenting at our October education meeting, Oct 8 at 7 pm. He will be presenting his new book on meads. He has been the AHA mead maker of the year in the past and is a very informative and interesting speaker.

At the Badger Brew-off, Stan Hieronymous will be presenting on hops or another topics from his book. We can talk to him and confirm the talk we want. December education will be American sours.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight and came up with a GT budget to propose for next year. It will go to the board next meeting.

GIVING – Brad Zulick – Carl DuRocher – We have been giving, the board wanted more info on one request from Renew Wisconsin, so the committee had Brad gather more information, and we will look at proposing again to the board. We are donating items to the Wine and Hop Shop event for door prizes, and also \$100 from board approved funds. There is approximately 10k left in the giving budget, and only \$2500 in proposals so put in requests!

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – The elections this year will be on-line through electionbuddy.com. The holiday party and membership is all on-line already, so with on-line elections we will no longer need to do paper mailings.

Make sure you are a paid up member with a current email on the website. Brad is leaving halfway through his term, so we will be voting for three at large members instead of two. The third highest votes will take the one-year term, which is what the by-laws state. Make sure you have updated your address on the website at User Profile, which is independent of the membership list, so be sure your info is up to date. We will kick the process off next month, so we have a month to work on it yet. We need to use the paid up membership list. We think the list is being

pulled from the User Profile, and not the emailing list or the directory, so be sure you are up to date. Mark S. will double check this and get the instructions out to the membership. If you are a new member, you need to be paid up by a certain point.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – No report other than the on-line elections etc.

5) Standing Reports

HOPS: hops@mhtg.org

OKTOBERFEST: Oct 5th Sunday 12-6 at Garner Park. Come help set up at 9 am in the park. Please feel free to stick around and clean up too. There will be good food and beer! The band had to cancel unfortunately so no live music. We need some help transporting things back to the club space after the event. Bring a piece of firewood or two (if you are within the 25 mile limit!). Fred will bring the Firkin! As will Bill! Bring a dish to pass. Play Hammerschlagen.

BREW SYSTEM: Nick reports that he bought a sparge arm, brewed a Saison, held four or five classes and hope to do more. We have almost 50 people on the list to learn the system. If you want to brew outside the classes you can brew with someone. Peter S said we have everything we need to put in an RO water system. If you want to give a six pack to the guy in 203, he loaned Nick an angle grinder!!

GRAIN: Grain@mhtg.org

CLUB TRIP Indianapolis, Cleveland, via Cincinnati Invitations are out!!

HOLIDAY PARTY: We will have the holiday party on Jan 10th at Capital Brewery. Will be looking to volunteers to help.

6) Beer Break

7) Special Orders –

A. Election Nominations:

Open today and run through the business meeting in November. You can nominate via email. We don't record who nominates whom, and they do not have to accept nomination right away. All officer positions are up as well as two at-large board members, and one one-year at-large. Nominations will be taken by Greg Younkin and he will publish the nominations to the membership and update as candidates accept.

B) Great Taste Committee Discussion continued:

The board moved to set up an exploratory committee. Any other discussion at this time? The board will report back.

8) New Business - none

9) Unfinished Business –

We are still missing a tool box from the GT or the party at Garage Mahal, so if anyone knows where it is WE NEED IT!!!

Also some fermenters and other things lost from Nick, and he will need to replace them with club money if we can't locate them.

10) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 21:39

Respectfully Submitted 10-3-14 by Cheri Carr

Members, remember this is your club! Take an active and constructive role in your club by regularly attending your board and business meetings, and participating in committees.

CALENDAR

10/5	OKTOBERFEST Garner Park
10/8	Steve Piatz Mead Education at Wil-Mar 7 pm(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 Wil-Mar small room 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>