

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
2 October 2013
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order –

20:32 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer –At the board meeting we went over the succession plan for the by-laws. We will get it to the membership to review and vote on by the end of the year. The website system is Ruby on Rails, but is not exactly what works for our needs, so will likely be switching back to Drupal or Wordpress, those work better for our needs.
Announcements of homebrews present!

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 326 active members. New members introduced themselves.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Sent out an end of month statement via email to the membership. Discussed the numbers. Most of the GT stuff has cleared. Discussed how brewers are paid based on position within the tents, and prices for beer based on that. We are in line with the predicted expenses and income. We bought some equipment for the club space, and paid more brewers this month.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No Report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Had the follow-up meeting with the city, including the fire department, who now wants to be involved and possibly have a medic team. They said they saw four people attempting to swim away after the event, but the people swam back and were safe.

4) Committee Reports – *Board Liaison - Chair*

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Had a wonderful weekend at Stone Fences! Got a little rain Sat night, but there is plenty of cover there. We had good pressings although there was a delay because the chipper was

malfunctioning. Thank you to Chris Murphy for replacing the motor. This meant we also pressed on Sunday which we hadn't planned on doing.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – Club space is organized. The committee worked very hard to get it back together during the weekend.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-Off is now on the 16th. NOTE!! Different date now for this year.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Tony Jaques – This month is a Goose Island paired with food, and in Nov. will be an Old Aged Forgotten beer tasting. Dig into your cellars! We will be sending out a survey to see what people are interested in as far as education for next year.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met this eve and worked on budgets.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – The zoo hospital donation will result in a nice plaque acknowledging MHTG, and there are a couple proposals coming up, and if you have.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – Goodwill Committee came up with some ideas for up coming trips. We will vote and take the top vote twice for the next two years. We take this trip to visit the breweries that come to Great Taste, and thank them, visit their place as a goodwill gesture. We get to take tours, etc. Two years ago we voted on last year (*eastern WI*) and this year (*St. Louis*).

Voting results:

2014 We are going to Cleveland via N Indiana and SW Michigan, including Fatheads, Dark Horse, Arcadia Figure Eight, Great Lakes, and others.

2015 We are going to Western Michigan, including Shorts, Founders, New Holland, Right Brain and others.

Bells, Shoreline, etc in SW MI breweries will most likely be one year or the other rather than duplicated.

More to come!

HOLIDAY PARTY – Mark Alfred – Mark Alfred – Jan 4th this year, next year we will go back to Dec.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – By Law and Succession plan has been handed to the board, and committee is waiting on review. Nominations are open as of Oct 1, which means we will be taking nominations tonight.

OKTOBERFEST– Brian Phillips – Steve Krieger – This Sunday, October 6th from Noon – 5 pm at Garner Park. If you have not responded, please do, so that we can prepare for food.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – TBD – Scheduled to meet one week from tonight at Come Back Inn. We would like to pick a path and get on with setting it up. The goal is to get this up and running so that we can get the renewals processing prior to Dec 31 when so many turn over. The majority of the club has membership up at the end of year from the old system when it was a calendar year membership. We would like to see on-line voting, where paid members would be given a code number to vote. Everyone needs to update information on the website so that you get the mailing. If you don't have your password, you can be given a temporary one. If you cannot get in and need to change something, send an e-mail to Mark Alfred.

Mark S. will be sending out a short survey regarding what the membership thinks the web presence should be, i.e. 'member only' pages, general public pages, FB presence, etc.

5) Beer Break

6) Special Orders - none

7) New Business – not on agenda:

Brad Zulich has taken hat orders and has enough to order, so if you want one, see Brad.

Mark A talked about having a garage sale to get rid of surplus items including a swap for equipment from members. Glassware, brewing equipment, shirts, etc.

8) Unfinished Business

A) Succession and By-law plan review

Board is reviewing and will get to the membership in time to vote by the years end. To reiterate, we would like to be clearer on succession plans.

9) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 21:32

Respectfully Submitted 10-7-13 by Cheri Carr, Secretary

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:

- 10-6 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! 20 – 30 people, about \$20
- 10-23 Beer Bus Trip to 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 private tour, Proceeds to Commonwealth Development.**
- 11-6 Business Meeting 8:30 Wil-Mar
- 11-13 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
- 11-16 BADGER BREW-OFF POSSIBLY MOVED TO 16th
- 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!** For 34 years, Commonwealth has built a more connected community through affordable housing, financial literacy and job training for 135 teens/year, community organizing, & support for small businesses including Virent, Sonic Foundry, Potter's Crackers, and **OLD SUGAR DISTILLERY!** More information is available at cwd.org

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