

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
3 November 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, much time was spent with the financial audit team going over the finances, so we didn't begin a discussion on the forming of a GT overview committee. The financial audit team went through the books and felt they were very clean, with some minor concerns regarding placing dollar values on bartered items. We did go into executive committee to discuss the audit.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – We have about 427 members as of today. We will have more details regarding the election later this meeting.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. Slow month, cider pressing brought in a bit, GT bills finishing up, we had to pay for some things including paying for a couple tables that walked off. We had a bus trip and a cider pressing, other items reviewed. Treasurer had sent out the budget for review by the membership.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – no report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – No report

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Pressing at Stone Fences was successful, we had a couple other smaller pressings, a couple at the club space and one at Jim Lindemann's.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark Alfred – Passed fire inspection, fan is working.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off is this Saturday, Nov 8th. If you have local entries, you can give them to Peter S. We need stewards and judges. Stan Heironymous will be talking most likely about hops, for the presentation.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Tony Jaques – Met tonight and organized the December sour beers event. January is trivia night and also a can vs. bottle blind tasting. If you know a can and bottle product let Brian know. In February we will run the club brewing system for the educational evening. If you are interested in brewing on the club system, show up. We will be showing you how to use things like the burners and pumps. In March or April we will have a beer abroad travel talk. Talking about other ideas, like Charlie Papazian if we could arrange that. If you have ideas let Brian know. Perhaps we could arrange something with Hophead tours, a show and tell, or maybe something on cider.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight, prepped a little for budget discussion tonight and talked about taking on the tasks assigned to us from the board following the financial review.

GIVING – Brad Zulick – Carl DuRocher – Have been active. Had five recommendations and the board approved all five.

1. Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted children (a member is on the board) \$200.
2. Renew Wisconsin, \$1,250 requested previously. Committee discussed again. The organization can earmark the donation to breweries and education for breweries and renewable energy for breweries.
3. WYOU TV station. The station does Beer-pocalypse show and also broadcasts live from GT. \$2,000.
4. Goodman Center, which does a lot of good community work including Thanksgiving food baskets \$1000.
5. Madison Land Trust, the trust keeps housing affordable and holds the land so citizens can afford to buy the house (two members are on the board) \$1,500.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – in our by-laws it specifies members need to approve any changes to the election procedure. We would like to convert the elections to on-line.

MOVE THAT WE APPROVE HOLDING THE ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON-LINE. MOTION APPROVED.

We will be using a software program called Election Buddy. If any candidate has something to say, you can, and we will start the election live one week from today. If you do not have an email address we do have a way for you to vote with a code. If you have not voted, you can show up at the December meeting and vote then. We are using the current membership list and emails and have given members some time to update their information. If your info is not up to date, you will not be able to vote, so be

sure your information is up to date!!! It will go to your PROFILE. Not directory entry. Check your spam bucket for emails from Election Buddy. We cannot add additional emails after the election has begun. Everything will be the same as previous elections other than it is now an on-line election. There will NOT be any test ballots.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Again, to update your information on the website, you must go to PROFILE. You may or may not have a directory entry but you ALL have a profile that you can update. The list is taken care of by Mailman. We now have a code so that the membership list will go into the mailman software every night. One glitch is that even if you have opted out of mailings, the list renews each night and will opt you back in. We are trying to fix that.

5) Standing Reports

CLUB TRIP: Jaquie will get the list out of everyone that is on the bus, and then the waiting list, and also roommate list. Itinerary is Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

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 close tonight

Last nominations were taken from the floor.

MOVE THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. MOTION CARRIES.

Kudos to this past board.

B) 2015 Budget Presentation

There are a few changes from last year. The budget was sent out to all members ahead of time.

MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET

Discussion: One increase was allocated to website to improve the look and to theme GT and MHTG. We'd like to have it look more professional. Discussed GT expenses including brewer payments and other budget aspects of the GT. Also of the GT and where is the event going. GT discussion will be moved into a steering committee of some sort, board will come up with a format. Reminder, the budget is merely a game plan now, and will be a report card at the end - things can be able to flux and are malleable within reason.

SECOND. MOTION APPROVED.

8) New Business – Brewing for Isthmus Beer and Cheese Fest

For anyone who is interested in brewing, this fest would like to have members brew an IPA on Kirby's system at Wisconsin Brewing Company. If you want to enter, give Mark Alfred your name and we can add you to the contest. Wisconsin Brewing will set up a time for you to brew; they will buy your ingredients. Give your name soon, and Kirby at Wisconsin Brewing will get you on a schedule.

9) Unfinished Business – *election procedure (discussed under Membership committee)*

10) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 22:34

Respectfully Submitted 11-6-14 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

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)
11/21-23	CLUB TRIP GOODWILL TRIP
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>