

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

3 December 2014

Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

Mike D said a few words about our dear friend and long time member Michael Ball. He is at home and near the end with cancer. Today is his birthday and we raised a toast to Michael.

1) Call to Order

20:30 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – At the board meeting we discussed how we thought a GT steering committee might look. We will meet the first week of the month in Jan to develop the idea further. The discussion is in the board meeting minutes.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred - Mass reminders should be going out soon for the memberships that still turn over at Jan 1. If you need any assistance with membership issues, email Mark A. 432 members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Reviewed the numbers. Slow month. Badger Brew-off brought in \$805 and cost a bit less than that. \$749 in memberships. Some expenses came in from GT. Hope it is the last of those receipts. Club trip had a bit of cost associated. Gave a gift to the Audubon Society for Bill Grogan, a member who passed away recently. Giving committee gave away the 30k we allocate for the year. Financial reports are sent to the membership.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – Brew men calendar is out and makes a great gift. www.brewmencalendar.com. Proceeds go to men's health, more specifically prostate cancer prevention efforts.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Met with the city and fire department about GT follow up. Police would like more officers. Parks ranger said he had called around to other brew fests and asked about security. There were some issues with the brewers leaving the WPS parking lot too soon and blocking up traffic as they were trying to get back in to the grounds. They had some general comments and were trying to be very helpful, they asked if we would want to move to the Alliant Energy Center to save money but we didn't feel it would save them or us any money. They basically had many of the same comments that they have every year, such as there are intoxicated people walking, etc. The meeting went well. Will meet again in March to begin preparations for next year.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Will be having a cider and mead tasting at “Hoffman House” (Les and Susan Hoffman's) Feb 15th 1:30.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Mark Alfred – No report

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off went very well. 220 entries. Best in show went to David Worth and Ted Gisske won the mead category. There are beers here left over from the competition so please help yourself.

Page has offered to have a pro-am competition at House of Brews. Members only for this challenge please. Belgians or ales only because nothing can age over a month. Peter Steinberg will have the full rules in an email on the website tomorrow. Page Buchanan from House of Brews talked about this pro-amateur section of GABF. The beer must be able to be made commercially available. Can't be too high of gravity or a lager, they will take too long. Page said any really far out recipes that you want to try, please contact Page through House of Brews to see if it is something he willing/able to do. The proceeds will help to pay expenses to get the homebrewer out to the festival. Must be able to be scaled from 5-10 gal to 10 barrels, because it doesn't scale exactly.

Tex Tubbs is doing a contest in March, and the winner will brew at One Barrel. We will have a brew-in at the club space at the end of Jan.

The holiday party needs people to brew also, it is the tenth of Jan.

Also have three MHTG brewers are involved in the competition part of the Isthmus Beer and Cheese Fest. They got over 30 responses, and three were chosen. Dan Hedtke, Nick Balazs, Kyle Markman will be brewing and the winner will be brewing with Kirby at Wisconsin Brewing. This is not an MHTG event, but we have members involved. Jan 23rd.

This month's Grain and Grape magazine has pictures of the Badger Brew-off.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Tony Jaques – Going to have an American Sour presentation Dec 17 at 8:15. Jan's education eve will be a trivia night at 8:15, also a can vs bottle tasting. In Feb we will do a wet run on the club system to show members how to use the equipment, including the mill. If you have any suggestions for program ideas email Brian. We will be getting some video programs that we can present, and hope to do a travel presentation. Mark Schnepfer said we would like to get a projector, so if you know anything about one email Mark S or Brian.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight, working on the task assigned by the board of going through the recommendations of the audit committee.

GIVING – Brad Zulick – Carl DuRocher – Wrapped up the year by spending the last of the 30k. Carl sent out an email detailing where the money went this year. We have some thank you letters here tonight, come see them.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Has election results. 405 invitations to vote to the current membership and 4 emails bounced. It is not known who does not use active emails and who may have not seen the email because of this. We had 172 total voters. All officers were reelected (Schnepper, Alfred, Mayhew, Carr and Garthwaite). Brian Phillips and Steve Krieger were elected to the two two-year at-large officers. Peter Steinberg came in third and was elected to the one-year term vacated by Brad Zulick. Congrats!

We are thinking about ideas for member recognition and other membership ideas, if you have any ideas, email Mark Alfred.

WEB – Mark Schnepper – Mark Schnepper – Haven't met. Nothing new to report.

5) Beer Break

6) Standing Reports

CLUB TRIP: Well received. Very nice trip. When you run a beer festival like we do, the brewers enjoy having us visit and love to show us around. Unfortunately the brewer at Sam Adams in Cincinnati passed away just before the trip. Our condolences go out to the Sam Adams Brewery family. Next year is the West side of Michigan.

HOLIDAY PARTY: We will have the holiday party on Jan 10th at Capital Brewery. Will be looking for volunteers to help set up and also and most importantly, tear down and clean up. We are organizing now. Invite a friend, family member if you would like. It is a potluck, with much cheese and beer provided.

GRAIN: There is lots of grain, so send your orders to Mike Sproul at Grain@mhtg.org

Sunday Nick will be working on the pumps on the system, 1-4, stop by if you can help.

7) Special Orders –

A) Election Results are in! Presented in Committee reports.

8) New Business – none

We used to have a party called Fire and Ice, where we would build a big bonfire on the lake, and have a big potluck and hang out by the fire on the lake. If we could find someone that lives on a lake (not in the city of Mad) we continue the tradition.

9) Unfinished Business – none

10) Adjournment

MOTION AND ADJOURNED 21:20

Respectfully Submitted 12-3-14 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

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>
1/7	Board meeting for GT Advisory committee planning, Wil-Mar 7 pm
1/10	HOLIDAY PARTY, CAPITAL BREWERY
1/14	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
1/21	Trivial Night Wil-Mar (Can vs Bottle Blind tasting) 8:15
1/28	Fourth Wed Social Dane East (<i>tentative</i>)
2/4	Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30
2/11	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
2/18	Education event: Running the Brew System, Club Space TBD
2/25	Fourth Wed Social Old Fashioned (<i>tentative</i>)