

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
4 December 2013
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order –

20:35 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – New members were introduced. Welcome! Homebrews (and other fermented beverages) present were introduced! Thank you for bringing items to share! The language on the by laws is going back and forth between the committee and the board. Needs to be brought back to the board and then will be brought to the membership. We normally don't meet in January so we can go over it in February.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Four new members 324 total. Wrapping up elections.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – There was not much happening in November. Goose Island paid for their education tent at GT, expenses for club pressing and Badger brew off. Club trip came in under budget. Financial info was sent via the membership list. Questions email to Jim.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No Report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – The GT has been sold to a large Belgian brewing conglomerate. April Fools in Dec.

4) Committee Reports – *Board Liaison - Chair*

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – There will be a Cider and Mead tasting event Sunday, Jan 12th at 2 pm. This will be at Les Hoffman's house on the NE side of Madison by Cherokee Marsh

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – No report

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off occurred and was successful. There were 160 beers, and Peter Steinberg announced winners (see website). This just in: Isthmus wine and food show wants to do an elite entry tasting, and is asking for us to brew for it. See Peter S for details. It is the 18th of January. Brew for it now if you want! Peter will put out an e mail about it in the very near future.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Tony Jaques – Did the survey and got good feedback. Will be setting up events. Brian will be meeting with Wisconsin Brewing to plan some events. We have December 18th as a date to go there.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Committee met recently, worked on budget that will be discussed later this meeting.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – Committee approved and recommended to the Board the following: \$750 to River Alliance, \$1,000 to Sheltering Animals of Abuse Victims (SAAV), and \$1,335 to the Salvation Army local homeless shelter. This brings the total to 25K of giving for 2013. There are a couple other proposals that we will start with in 2014. For new members, the criteria for giving are: Is there a club member involved in it, How active Is the club member in MHTG, Is it local, and does it have to do with beer. The last one is often hard to establish, so we look at the four criteria together and try to meet as many as possible. Bring your proposals to the committee. If you are looking for a place to be involved in MHTG try the Giving committee!

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – *absent* (we did go to St Louis and had a good time).

HOLIDAY PARTY – Mark Alfred – Mark Alfred – Will take place January 4th this year, next year we will go back to the second Saturday in December. The party is to celebrate our achievements and to give an opportunity to the members to bring their families to an event, and to celebrate our good fortune in general. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the party, the day of, and especially the day after to clean up. There will be more details coming in an email. There will be a block of rooms and a travel plan with taxis so that people do not have to drive. It is a potluck with lots of beer and cheese, too.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Elections results will happen shortly. Give your ballot to Mark Alfred. We are always looking for people to help with the committee, and will try to announce upcoming meetings. We deal with elections, member recognition, and any other membership issues.

OKTOBERFEST – Brian Phillips – Steve Krieger – No report

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – TBD – Have migrated the email to a new platform and the content will be moved soon, moving along slowly. Check your membership,

we have some rolling membership dates, and if you are not getting e mails, see Mark Alfred.

5) Beer Break

6) Special Orders –

A) Election Announcements

MHTG 2014 Board of Directors:

President - Mark Schnepfer

Vice-President - Mark Alfred

Secretary - Cheri Carr

Treasurer - Jim Mayhew

Great Taste Chairperson - Mark Garthwaite

1-Year At-large Director - Brian Phillips

1-Year At-large Director - Fred Swanson

2-Year At-large Director - Steve Andrusz

2-Year At-large Director - Brad Zulick

MOTION THAT THE CLUB ACCEPTS THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION. MOTION CARRIES. 117 members voted in this election.

7) New Business –

A) 2014 Budget Review

Finance committee has completed the budget and presented. Jim Mayhew went over the budget proposal. The budget has been approved by the board and now seeking member approval. 413K proposed revenue. GT costs have gone up significantly, by about 30K due to police, new brewer costs, rental costs up, glassware and other supplies cost is going up. Shuttle costs are up as well with the brewer shuttle (although brew pubs pay for the shuttle from their establishments). Last year was 279K projected, and 289K actual. We are increasing this by 30k to cover these costs. Other expenses for the club in general include equipment, education, home brewing, and the holiday party – which for this year there will be two reflected in the budget since 2013 is in Jan.. Also transportation costs are up due to the bus tours on Wed nights. For income we raised the ticket price by \$10 to \$60, which will increase revenue by 60K so that we can cover the extra GT expenses and build up the reserve so we will balance in the future. We will hold this ticket price for three years. The event gets more expensive, 120k in beer alone this

year. We cannot increase over 6000 tickets sold. The number of breweries has increased and that is our largest expense for the event.
MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET. MOTION CARRIES.

8) Unfinished Business

A) Succession and By-law plan review

Will be brought to the membership soon. It is a matter of cleaning up the wording and making sure it says what we want. It has been going back and forth between board and committee.

9) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 21:59

Respectfully Submitted 12-11-13 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:

12-11	Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
12-18	Beer Tour: Wisconsin Brewing in Verona 7 pm. Board dinner/meeting Quivey's 5:30 pm
12-25	Christmas day - <i>No MHTG events</i>
1-1-14	New Years day - <i>No MHTG events</i>
1-4-14	HOLIDAY PARTY

(No Business meeting in January)

**note: Malthouse changing to 7 pm on a regular basis, all other events to remain the same*