

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
5 February 2014
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order –

20:34 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – The by-laws are almost ready to be reviewed by the membership. We will be meeting board/membership to finalize and then present to membership, who will have some time to review. Minor changes include cleaning up wording and adding info about how to handle a resignation (which is why this came to the forefront).

The website is moving forward with Wordpress and will hopefully come together and in about a month we should have something more. We are using something called Mailman which will be helpful for using a variety of emails. We are looking at getting some more committee involvement for moderating lists. The people that are chairs and liaisons will be contacted by Mark S.

Homebrews present were introduced. Thank you for sharing!!

We are changing some of the party committees to standing business items rather than year round committees. (Holiday party, Oktoberfest and Goodwill trip, also adding Grains, Hops, and Club brew system)

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 301 total new members. Dec and Jan is a busy time since so many renew at that time. The rolling membership will begin to sway that. There were some glitches with the website, but things are straightened out, so it should be accurate now.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – There was not much happening in January. Took in 1k in membership dues, paid some bills, and had some expenses. Approved the 3k for the Beer4boobs benefit. Jim sent financial data out to the membership today via email.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No Report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – No report.

4) Committee Reports – *Board Liaison - Chair*

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – We had a nice cider tasting in January and about 30 people attended and tasted lots of fun and interesting fermented beverages.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – No report

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Grumpy Troll, May 10th. Any members interested in signing up for the American Homebrewers Assn. event is in Grand Rapids? You do need to be a member, but info will be sent out soon. We have trophies for the Badger Brew-off. David Worth won and was presented a trophy. Congrats!! Reminder for club members to compete in competitions. See the committee for details.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Tony Jaques – This month will be a yeast propagation clinic, next month will be about hop beers, and in April we will be at Wisconsin Brewing for a German beer presentation they will have a new release Mai Bock. Brian will send out an email invite to this event. If you want to participate in Education, Brian will be sending out an email regarding the committee. Still working off the survey to plan future events. Talk to Brian and see if one of our topics can be explored.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Committee met tonight and largely consists of the same membership. Jim was elected chair. They had some good ideas and good discussion.

GIVING – Brad Zulick – Carl DuRocher – 3 k was approved for the Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation. The committee has several recommendations for to review, including one for Wisconsin Parkinson's Association in honor of Michael Jackson, Beer Guru. Also considering the WORT donation figures. They will be forwarding approved requests to the board.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Same people in the committee mostly, and had a virtual meeting reviewing the by-laws. If you would like to join we would love to have you. We handle elections, membership benefits. We will have meeting here next wed at 7 pm to go over the by-laws. Feel free to attend. On-line dues payments will be happening,

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – TBD – we have to rearrange some web functions and modules to make the site happen. We will need to purchase some modules rather than free modules to ensure that they will be supported in the future. Members should be able to pay on-line in early spring.

5) Beer Break

6) Special Orders –

Fred Swanson: spoke about his heartfelt thanks for those attending the Beer4Boobs event this Sunday. Last year we raised 10k . There will be new brewers there this year.

Also coming up is Distill America on Feb 22nd.

26th of Feb we will be at House of Brews. Greenview is a new brewery working out of Pages brewery. Bring some folks!

On Mar 26th we will be at Great Dane Fitchburg we have beer card money to spend there.

On April 23rd we will be taking a bus trip to The Wood Shed Alehouse in Sauk Prairie by vintage BUS TRIP.

Also looking to go to Port Huron and also New Glarus to their new “funk” space for lacto-beer. Possibly also a trip to Monroe to the distillery, museum, etc.

Capital is starting a new beer fest and would like four homebrewers to join 16 other breweries. Fred will send out info.

Fred stated he continues to get positive feedback (including x-mas cards) from the brewers we visited on the goodwill trip.

HOP OR GRAIN REPORTS:

Hops: If you have some hops you would like and are not on the list, see Bob Drouth and he can shop around to see what we can get,. Will try to get some Wisconsin hops this spring. Bob is willing to search out some interesting things if you would like. Our previous long term supplier is increasing his minimum amounts so we are creating other methods of purchasing. Bob can put out an email for hops to see what is wanted. We never seem to exceed our hops or grain budget, so there is room for ordering.

Club Brew system: Nick Balazs will be overseeing the system and can use help taking care of things. He will have some authority to oversee maintenance and upkeep. Nick will be developing some instruction placards and information, and also help teach new people to use it. We now have a budget for it that can be used that is already approved to expedite needed upkeep.

A) Annual Meeting 2014

This is considered out annual meeting per club by-laws. Do you have any thing to bring up?

B) Homebrewer of the Year

in 2008 the club started to recognize members that brew and to award members that get other recognition. This is done by points awarded for competitions entered. You get points for entry and placing and other awards. Dave Pegelow has the totals and winners were announced for 2013:

First place: Shaun Neimeyer
Second place: David Worth
Third place: Mike Frischman
Honorable Mention: John Gunser

If you want to enter in competitions, we will ship out and pay your entry fee. If you know of competitions, email the group or Peter Steinberg.

7) New Business –

A) 2014 Committees

Discussed the function of the committees. If you have interest in committees, please contact the liaison or chair. We are always looking for good members of committees and appreciate an active membership.

Cider/mead: pressing events and equipment, big fun campout and pressing, and mostly active in the fall.

Club space: library, brew system, maintaining club space. Dave Pagelow maintains the library, contact him if you have suggestions or requests.

Competition: Oversees Badger Brew-off and Grumpy Troll Challenge, and Brewpalooza where we get together and bring your system and brew on the lawn. We use some of this brew to share with the brewers at the Great Taste brewers Friday before the event. Also works with Glendale Brewers Festival in early summer. We are trying to have some more little brewing events, and possibly some judges training. We have been having cider and mead categories in our Badger Brew-off, but are lacking judges, so may have to drop them. We may try to hold some BJCP classes for cider. If you are not certified but are competent at tasting ciders, we could use you.

Education: can always use suggestions on topics. We would like to have some mini judging before meetings to give people judging practice.

Finance: tasked with overseeing the financial aspects of the club. It is a closed committee because of the by-laws.

Giving: decides where the club should spend the charitable giving and reviews proposals from the membership for giving. There are some thank you notes from previous giving back at the table so check them out to see where we give. We give away 30k each year, so this is a big task. If you

are interested in being a part of this, we need people to oversee this giving who can attend and hold meetings where the membership can come and pitch their proposals.

Membership: are the party animals that love to read endlessly through by-law wording. This committee oversees the election process and membership, including dues and governance. Feel free to join!

Web: there might be some functions for people that are not designers; we need moderators and possibly other things.

Standing reports:

Goodwill trip: We plan a bus trip to visit the brewers from the Great Taste. We have people that plan aspects of the trip such as itinerary, lodging, etc. If you are interested talk to Fred Swanson. This is something that takes place in the fall.

Holiday Party: Celebration at end of year. It is a core group that plan, and we can always use people to help set up and tear down. We can also use feedback and ideas for the celebration. We have a great cheese and meat selection and much excellent beer. Meets late in the year.

Oktoberfest: takes place after the great taste in the fall. Brian Phillips will be sending out emails coming out after the GT for ideas and help. It is a once a year family event outdoors at a park. The dates have been varied; we will know what date later.

We would like to have a swap at the club space, and would like to arrange something, if you have interest in helping organize contact Mark Alfred.

8) Unfinished Business

A) Succession and By-law Plan

We will be meeting next wed at Wil-Mar at 7 to finalize. Feel free to show up if you are interested.

9) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 22:03

Respectfully Submitted 2-26-14 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:

- 2-9 BEER FOR BOOBS! Fund raiser. Noon-4 Dexter's Pub
- 2-12 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
- 2-19 Beer Education: Yeast Propagation 8:15 Wil-Mar
- 2-22 DISTILL AMERICA 6 pm, Inn on the Park (VIP 5 pm)
- 2-26 Social Meeting: House of Brews 8 pm. Board 7 pm Club Space
- 3-5-14 Business Meeting 8:30 Wil-Mar
- 3-12 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
- 3-19 Beer Education: Gorst Valley Hops, Hop presentation 8:15
- 3-26 Social Meeting: Great Dane Fitchburg 8 pm. Board 7 pm GDF
- 4-2-14 Business Meeting 8:30 Wil-Mar
- 4-9 Malthouse Second Wed Social 7 pm
- 4-16 Beer Education: Wisconsin Brewing, Verona. Presentation on German Beers 7pm.
- 4-23 Bus Trip: Woodshed Ale House (Vintage), Sauk Prairie
- 4-30 Social Meeting Karben4 8 pm. Board 7 pm Club Space.