

**MHTG Business Meeting Minutes**  
**7 March 2012**  
**Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center**

**1) Call to Order - 20:37 President Eric Schoville**

**2) Approval of last meeting's minutes**

- Minutes APPROVED

**3) Officer Reports**

**PRESIDENT** – Eric Schoville – Announcements: The board met last week. Reviewed minutes, which have been distributed to the membership.

**VICE-PRESIDENT** – Mark Schnepfer - 246 active members. There have been some issues with retrieving new members from the website, so if you have not been contacted about your new membership, see Mark.

**TREASURER** – Jim Mayhew – We have money. Been spending fast, which is typical for this time of year. \$753 in dues came in. \$6000 in donations went out, also Badger Brew-off expenses Ticket sales will be coming up, thus adding to the capital. Get your expenses to Jim. Financial report was e-mailed today. We would like to continue to e-mail them prior to the meeting so everyone has a chance to look them over, which also eliminates the need to print them out for everyone each meeting.

**SECRETARY** – Cheri Carr – Thank you for covering notes while I was away.

**GT CHAIR** – Mark Garthwaite- 156 days 16 hours etc..... until the Great Taste gates open! If you are a czar who wants to resign or relocate your position in czar-land, see Mark to discuss a transition. Some balls are rolling, thank you to everyone getting on top of things. Mark states he is also being educated.

**4) Committee Reports – board liaison - chair**

**CIDERS and MEADS** - Cheri Carr – none yet – Will be meeting soon, probably associated with a Wed cider school.

**CLUB SPACE** – Steve Andruz- Steve Ensley – Ralph Kuehn reports brewing is happening, some will be brewing again Sunday. The new brewing system is awesome! There seems to be a podium type lattice from GT that may belong to

Bucky's. Bags of food left open at space, please keep clean!! Munich and Vienna malts are available, see Mike Sprowell.

**COMPETITION** - Mark Schnepfer – none yet – We will be hosting the Grumpy Troll Challenge on May 12 this year. Anyone can enter, and the top two beers get to brew a batch of beer at the Grumpy Troll and compete for higher sales. The beer with the high sales wins the competition. Will elect a chair. Tonight meet Bob Paolino if you have beer for the March Madness brew challenge that we are going to do tonight.

**EDUCATION** –Mark Garthwaite – Tony Jaques - Wed Mar 21. NOTE : Gail Ambrosius, with a New Holland chocolate nib beer for chocolate and beer parings CANCELLED. Will now be CIDER [inserted here post-meeting by secretary].

**FINANCE** - Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Our taxes are underway. At the meeting the Environmental Impact Statement and ticket sales were discussed.

**GIVING** – Kate Stalker - Carl DuRocher – Gave a lot away recently, \$6000 already. It may make more sense after ticket sales come back, after May proceeds.

**GOODWILL CLUB TRIP** - Fred Swanson –Fred Swanson – The benefit tasting at Dexter's a couple Sundays ago for Breast Cancer Recovery made \$7,500 this year, over twice as much as last year! Thank you! The club contributed \$2,500, plus people in this very room bumped it to \$4,000 with additional donations.. you know who you are... thank you. For the trip, there will be five options to be voted on, and the top two will be this year and next.

**HOLIDAY** – Mark Alfred – none yet – Not yet met.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Mark Alfred – none yet – Met and laid out goals. The name badges work well, although we don't feel that we need to get them there for everyone, so now people will need to keep track of you own. Be sure to bring it, it is needed for the beer subsidy. Some places may know you, like the Malthouse, but many places' bartenders do not know you are a member, and do not need to be made to keep track of each member.

**OKTOBERFEST** - Eric Schoville – none yet - Not met

**WEB** - Eric Schoville – none yet – Transitioning off of drupal content management system, if you are interested in being involved, see Eric over beers. There was a great turnout for the meeting, with 4 or 5 wanting to be content editors. Anyone else who is a web person and is looking to do some front end work, there could be tickets, or beer. Who will work for beer? Some of this year's

GT has been has been updated, ticket info will be coming, dates are updated, ticket numbers, etc. Keep watching for current info about locations etc.

## **5) Special Orders – None**

## **6) Unfinished business**

**A) Growler Coolers** – Dan Gustafson not here, will discuss later.

**B) SB 395 Update**

Passed senate, did not get passed by assembly, did not get to it yesterday. Special session for Tuesday. Hopefully they will get to it. If they do not, we need to evaluate our homebrew competitions. CALL YOUR REP! Big challenge is the Tavern League, not sure if they want to pass the amendments, fairly minor, except for “licensed established”. What about writing the Tavern League? Tell them we frequent their establishments? Enforcement will be under Dept. of Revenue what ever passes.

**C) 2012 committees**

Still time to join committees. *(Go to the website and sign up for the committee list and you will get the e mails).*

## **7) New Business**

**A) March Madness Beer Competition Tonight**

Homebrew present tonight was divided into flights, sampled, advanced to the next flight until we had a winner. Fun! Thank you Bob Paolino for putting this together.

**FIRST PLACE: Brian Phillips with a Weisenbach**

**RUNNER UP: Dan Hedtke and his Coffee Stout**

**THANK YOU ALSO TO: Mike Firschmann (Pale ale), Steve Krieger (Christmas ale), Ralph Kuehn (Rye IPA), Mark Schnepfer (Black IPA), and Calvin Thorne (Schwarzbier).**

## **8) Adjournment**

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 22:09

Respectfully Submitted 03-18-12 by Secretary, 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.*