

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

1 May 2013

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 – Had conversation with Eric about website. He wants to be relieved of the duties, so Mark is talking to folks that are interested in the system and the website. We received one comment about the website not looking that great. The previous group was trying to get it more functional and then move on to appearance. We will be talking about the holiday party, but one thing about moving it is that it is a huge amount of work, and moving it would increase that. We are looking at Lake Loioe tour, and maybe using hophead tours, but the bus is small, so maybe get a school bus. These items will be discussed later. Introduced new members. Welcome! We have a visitor tonight too.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 350 active members. Four new members this month. Nametags are here for the new members and those that requested them.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Gave financial report. Group sales ticket sales money is coming in. Our budget runs by calendar year, but the fiscal year ended this last month, and we have a little under 100K, which was our goal. We had this goal to cushion us should GT meet a tragedy or something, so that we have a financial asset. We can use some of the funds for increased giving.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – Thank you to Mark B. B. Garthwaite for taking minutes last month.

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Tickets go on sale this weekend! This will be the same as previous years, although Steve's on Mineral Point will not have the space for camping, so please refrain from camping there and spread the word. This location often draws large groups for overnight, but folks may get kicked out, as Steve's does not own that expanse of property any longer since they moved their location at the site. It will be posted as such but please help spread the word. Tyrannena Brewery in Lake Mills is the best for camping. Dwolla will be dropped this year. It did not work quite as well as we hoped. Following ticket sales, we will meet at Hilldale Great Dane at 3 pm for celebration and Barley

Wine and chocolate. Bring something chocolate, big Belgians or barley wines. For mail order sales, anything postmarked the 6th or after will be accepted, although if it is postmarked after the 6th, will not get tickets probably due to numbers received marked the 6th. The 5th is a Sunday, and if something does happen to get postmarked the 5th, it will likely be not turned down, and Sunday night is the best time to drop in mail. The glassware is ordered, artwork is in. Kate Stalker said that if there are things you think that could make ticket sales better.

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Stone Fences campout and cider pressing is scheduled for Sept. 27th – 29th. Oktoberfest had to be moved back a week to accommodate the Stone Fences location schedule. There is some Stone Fence's cider from last year here to try tonight!

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – Looking at some improvements to take place, sink and shelving for example. We did have a fire inspection, and have not heard back as of yet, so likely no pressing issues.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Grumpy Troll Challenge needing judges and stewards and takes place Saturday May 11th. Wisconsin Brewers Festival in Glendale on June 15th. They need judges and stewards, and if you volunteer, you will get free admission into the festival. June 29th is Brewpalooza at Robyn Klinge's house. Brewpalooza is a time for everyone to bring their set ups and brew together for the day. The committee is buying a scanner for the competitions so we can give results out quickly rather than mail them, which is how the larger competitions handle it.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite – Tony Jaques – No report

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – No report

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – Will be meeting soon to go over recent giving proposals.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – We are going to St. Louis this year.

HOLIDAY PARTY – Mark Alfred – Mark Alfred – We will discuss later.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Haven't met since last month. No update.

OKTOBERFEST– Brian Phillips – Steve Krieger - Will be October 5th at Garner Park.

WEB – no report

5) Special Orders - none

6) New Business

A) Holiday Party Date

The history of the holiday party is that we hold it at Capital Brewery and they let us use the cold storage for our multiple pallets of beer year round for free. It has always been the first Saturday in December, but this year they had a change in the staffing, and we fell through the cracks and they booked something else for that weekend. We are looking at alternative dates, and Mark S. sent out a survey to see what people prefer. As far as choosing a alternative location, we have looked in the past for other places, and have found that virtually all places do not allow us to bring in our own food, let alone beer. We do have a good relationship with Capital, they store all our beer for us, which is literally 12 pallets, and they enjoy giving us this room. They want to do this for our club and we don't pay for anything, and their top bartenders appreciate working it. It is a win-win for the club, and it would be hard to move the location and still want to keep all our beer there. In addition, we have a hard time getting sufficient volunteers for the event, and if we had to also move pallets of beer across town and back, this would create incredible difficulties for the committee and volunteers that do work on the event. We should keep all of these things in mind as we make a decision. We can get back to our normal date or a date in early Dec. after this year. An informal survey of members in attendance resulted in one of the first two weeks in January being the preferred date this for this year's event.

B) Safe Ride event transportation

Hophead Tours has an airport shuttle bus that seats 14. We thought we would like to patronize their new company by hiring them now and then, and this led to a conversation about safely transporting our group to tours and things, and we thought we could maybe use a bigger bus for bigger trips, such as the upcoming Lake Louie tour. What do people think of using safer ways to get us around? We can use the 14 seat bus for Glendale judge transport, to start. We could use a school bus that will seat 50 people for \$250 or \$300, and motor coaches with lifts for wheelchairs for about \$500. We can have beer on most all these options. We could budget for this in the future, and can use board approved funding for this year. The board thinks this is a good idea.

7) Beer Break

8) Unfinished Business

A) Succession and By-law plan review

We will wait until Membership Committee gives us some wording to review.

OTHER

See Dan Gustafson if you would like one of the MHTG growler coolers. A couple of them were ordered that were never claimed, and are now for sale.

NO CRAP ON TAP BEER GARDEN at the WORT Block Party. This year we will have a dozen breweries and 30 plus beers. This has been going on for several years and is always a success. Ted Gisske will be putting out a call for volunteers soon, within about a day or so. Watch your e mail. We raise about 15K for WORT with this.

9) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 21:33

Respectfully Submitted 5-02-13 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:

5-3-10 CRAFT BEER WEEK

5-8 Second Wed Social, Malthouse

5-11 GRUMPY TROLL CHALLENGE, Mount Horeb

5-15 Beer School, TBD.

5-22 Lake Louie brewery tour

5-29 Fourth Wed Social, Alchemy 8 pm, Board meeting, 7 pm Club space

5-5 TICKET SALES. Barley wine tasting following at Great Dane Hilldale 3 pm

6-5 Business meeting, Wil-Mar 8:30 pm

6-12 Second Wed Social, Malthouse 8 pm

6-15 WISCONSIN BREWER'S FESTIVAL, Glendale

6-19 Education TBD

6-26 Fourth Wed Social, Capital Brewery 8 pm, Board meeting 7 pm

6-29 BREWPALOOZA

7-3 Business Meeting Wil-Mar 8:30

7-10 Second Wed Social, Malthouse

7-17 Education TBD

7-24 Great Taste Planning

7-31 Great Taste Planning
8-7 Business Meeting night
8-10 GREAT TASTE OF THE MIDWEST