

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
4 June 2014
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order

20:36 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer –Has been working on website stuff, it is working out fairly well. We will be doing a demo this eve.
Announcement of homebrews present!

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – Previously the report contained membership numbers, but with the new system, the numbers change almost on a daily basis because of payment on-line creating new members and members dropping off. Counts would be only approximate. We will be talking about new members more and answering questions in the reports. Introduction of new members. Welcome! The membership numbers on the website may not be accurate at this time because the website is still in progress. Expiring and renewing is happening, but the ability to pull out numbers for a report is in progress. Question came up regarding membership involvement and if we keep records on involvement, for purposes of reaping club benefits such as grain. Jim Mayhew stated that all members should be treated equally. Mark Alfred echoed that sentiment. Mark Schnepfer said that there is some wording regarding grain that club involvement can be rewarded with grain benefits. It was brought up that there should be limits regarding grain amounts if it is a problem. Mark Alfred stated that he can help Mike Sproul with questions about members and if members are exceeding a reasonable amount of requested grain. We can set some standards for grain.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Nice month! Ticket sales went very well. 331k income this month, ticket and group sales. Paid for a bus trip to Tyrana, opened a new cd for one we cashed in Aug. 441k in cds. Monthly reports were previously sent out but this will change to being posted on the website, under documents. Thank you to all the ticket sales people. Great job!! The money and bookkeeping came out nearly perfect. Fantastic!

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – no report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – Sold 6k tickets! We will have a beer festival. We will be having some meetings with the city coming up. The footprint should remain basically the same as last year. Brewery numbers will be about the same,

if not slightly up. We will get into more planning meetings next month. One new city person will be involved with parks, but most of the city park people have been around a couple years so will now be familiar with the event. Fire department wants to be involved. We may have an ambulance on site during the event and fire dept may require it, we will find out. This may cost us more but is a good idea.

Happy Birthday Mr. Chairman, Happy Birthday to you!!! ☺

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Cider pressing will be THE LAST FULL WEEKEND (previously reported as third weekend) in Sept, and it is a big pressing on Saturday Sept 28th with camping and a big potluck on Saturday night. It is a beautiful site and a wonderful event.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – For the new people, we have a facility on the Eastside by Hwy 30 where we have the brew system, a small office, and storage and usable space. There will be a club space meeting at 8:00 on Saturday morning before the garage sale. We are having a garage sale Saturday at 10 am.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – The Grumpy Troll Challenge had 111 entries. The Best of Show went to Clint Smith with an APA. Dave Worth and Mike Frishman won the honor of brewing at the Grumpy Troll Brewery. Congrats!! The Grumpy Troll competition is to choose the two top beers to be brewed, sold to their patrons who will choose the top.

Next weekend is the Wisconsin Beer Lovers Festival in Glendale. We will hire Hop Head Tours to transport judges and stewards. We have close to capacity, which is 14, on the bus, but check with Peter Steinberg. This competition is not a 50 point score sheet, so if you are interested in getting into judging this is a good one to try. If you want to go we can take you on the bus if there is room, you get to go to the festival for free. The festival is all Wisconsin beer and also has a food pairing. It is a nice event.

Brewpalooza will likely be in the fall this year due to everything going on.

Badger Brew-Off is in early Nov, and we will need judges and stewards. We have Stan Hieronmous from St Louis booked to speak at BBO.

EDUCATION – Brian Phillips – Tony Jaques – This month we have Hess Cooperage talking here on the third Wed, at Wil-mar at 7 pm, note EARLY TIME. July and Aug we will be off for summer. Sept we have a tentative WI brewing tour. Oct we have Steve Piatz talking about his new book on mead making. Brian will send something out to see what people are interested in seeing in education. Any new members or any presentation ideas are welcome. It doesn't have to be professional. Some ideas that have come up are deconstructing beers, beers

abroad/sharing travels, beer trivia game with educational component. E-mail ideas to Brian Phillips, or see the website.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight trying to put together a review process so that we have some oversight on the financial procedures. This is a way to increase transparency and to be sure we are doing everything correctly.

GIVING – Brad Zulick – Carl DuRocher – For the new members, we have a budget for charitable contributions. We are trying to get a time when people can meet, sometimes we meet via e-mail. Steve Andreusz recommendation the Beer Hand Brewery for a donation because the brewer has a health issue that is costly and we would like to help. Meeting soon to work on standardizing our process and will be creating a form that members can use to apply for a donation to a charity. We would like to get it downloaded on to the website. Mark Schnepfer can do that. When we went to the \$60 ticket we added 5k to giving budget. Charitable contributions should go to charities that have a member's involvement who is active in the club, and can have a beer related aspect, and part of our local community.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Haven't met recently.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – TBD – will do a little demo with Wordpress, which seems to be working well.

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5) Beer Break

6) Standing Reports - none

7) Special Orders

Wordpress/Mailman Demo

Mark Schnepfer showed the website.

Email: you can use two email addresses now, but Yahoo is causing problems, so if you have a different account please use it! Mark S is deleting all yahoo because it is being marked as spam. Go on to your user profile and you can change your email address. The mail client is separate, so you can use as many emails as you want, but in the members directory is where you will list the email that you want to use for people to use to contact.

You must enter some info for you to show up in the directory. You need to go in and re-enter your information!! It did not carry over. If you have problems contact Mark Shcnepfer and he can help you. But it should be straight forward.

Some lists you need approval to join, others like beer chat, anyone can join. There is a "join" feature on the public area. There is a members only area that you have to log on to. It has the meeting minutes and other things not available to the public. For the chair people and board liaisons you need to use the mailman feature.

8) New Business –

Ralph Kuehn said he is in charge of Orton Park Fest, and wonders if anyone is interested in giving a beer brewing presentation on one of the days. If so contact Ralph. What about a No Crap on Tap? We would love this but it is an ordeal to put together. He will send an e-mail out.

Ted Gisske reported on the No Crap on Tap, We got booted out of the Basset neighborhood by the condos but in the new location we made more money and \$17,500 in beer!! Had to go get more kegs two times. On behalf of WORT thank you!!

Club Garage sale this sat 10-2, we have a lot of surplus stuff plus members are selling items. We will have some snacks and beer. If you have stuff you want to sell, bring items that are beer and spirit related. We have old GT items. Lots of glassware, etc.

9) Unfinished Business - None

10) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 22:05

Respectfully Submitted 6-10-14 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.

A) CALENDAR

6/11 Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm

6/14	GLENDAL BEER COMPETITION
6/18	Beer Education, Gary Hess, Hess Cooperage, 7 pm Wil-Mar
6/25	Fourth Wed Social <i>tentative Ale Asylum</i> . Board meeting 7
7/2	Business meeting 8:30 Wil-Mar GT Planning
7/9	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
7/16	Summer Break (may have a social)
7/23	Fourth Wed Social TBD
7/30	Board Meeting 7 TBD. Social 8 TBD
8/6	Business Meeting GT meeting
8/9	GREAT TASTE OF THE MIDWEST
8/13	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
8/20	Summer Break (may have a social)
8/27	Fourth Wed Social TBD
9/3	Business Meeting 8:30 Wil-Mar
9/10	Malthouse Second Wed Social, 7 pm
9/17	Education <i>tentative Wisconsin Brewing</i>
9/24	Fourth Wed Social TBD
9/27-28	STONE FENCES CAMPING TRIP/CIDER PRESSING
10/8	Steve Piatz Mead Education at Wil-Mar (switching with Malthouse)
10/15	Malthouse Second Wed is THIRD Wed this month