

**MHTG Business Meeting Minutes**  
**5 June 2013**  
**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 – GT are sales over. We are making progress on the website and it is becoming more functional, will discuss this later.

**VICE-PRESIDENT** – Mark Alfred – 349 active members.

**TREASURER** – Jim Mayhew – Ticket sales are behind us so we are flush. 390k total. Mail orders are mostly in, and onsite sales are done. We bought some equipment for competitions and for the club space.

**SECRETARY** – Cheri Carr – No Report

**GT CHAIR** – Mark Garthwaite – GT report! We had a meeting with the Madison Parks Dept. regarding the event planning. Mitch Gelly, who has been the city liaison, will be passing torch to Dan Gustafson. The city requests an increase in traffic management after event, more fencing for safety and more officers for assistance. We asked if we would be able to expand layout of event to soccer area and they were receptive. We could relocate the Real Ale tent and some bigger breweries to that area. This will help minimize impact on the grounds which the parks dept likes. If you are a Czar that will be affected by major layout changes, think about what questions you have and how your duties will change because of it. Grounds, traffic, keg delivery and storage, location of front gate, cuing locations, signage, and cabs and shuttles will all be affected, to name a few.

**4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair**

**CIDERS and MEADS** – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Stone Fences campout and cider pressing is scheduled for Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CLUB SPACE** – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – New ladder, new grain mill.

**COMPETITION** – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Grumpy Troll had 133 beers entered. Thank you!! Congrats!! There were 30% more entries this year. Glendale Festival of Beer has invited us to judge or steward, and we will have a small bus leaving from the Malthouse for judges/stewards. You do not have to be BJCP but experience helps. It is next weekend. It is best of show type judging, so is not a score sheet based competition. End of June is Brewpaalooza at Robyn Klinge's house. This is fun day to brew, and please think about brewing for the GT pre-party on Friday night, so that we have beer to serve the brewers. If you want to use the club brewing system at this brew-in talk to Peter Steinberg and he can get you set up with it, we could have maybe two people use it. There is a subsidy for ingredients when you brew and share for the group. We can provide grains, wheat, get your hop order to Bob Drouth.

**EDUCATION** – Mark Garthwaite – Tony Jaques – No events over the summer. Watch your e mail for third Wed events.

**FINANCE** – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight and reviewed ticket sales, and discussed our financial situation.

**GIVING** – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – There were a couple recommendations to the board, one each to WYOU and WORT. The club will donate 2k to WYOU, and the WORT donation will be tabled for further discussion for amount that we want to donate. We have received lots of mail in the form of thank you notes from places where we have given. Carl has them on the table for sharing. If you have suggested donations, give to committee.

**GOODWILL CLUB TRIP** – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – Will be meeting in June. We are going to St. Louis this year.

**HOLIDAY PARTY** – Mark Alfred – Mark Alfred – We have the space at Capital Brewery for the first Sat in January this year which is January 4<sup>th</sup>. Next year we will be back on schedule with the first Sat in December. Capital shifted office staff and we fell through the cracks for this year. We will need volunteers to set up and clean up.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Met and talked about ideas for the succession plan. We also talked about recognition ideas for longevity of members and past members that contribute. Two items came up for ideas. Past president getting gavels with the year of office, and also 20 year membership pins and reviewing members at five year increments.

**OKTOBERFEST**– Brian Phillips – Steve Krieger - October 5<sup>th</sup> at Garner Park.

**WEB** – Mark Schnepfer – TBD - We met and have some people that know Ruby on Rails, and it looks good, they can move forward and build on what we have

started. We'd like to improve the content and the appearance. We are asking what we want the web to do for us, including asking chairs, liaisons and officers, what they need. If you have ideas, let Mark Schnepfer know. We have domains for Badger Brew-off and Great Taste as well as the MHTG site.

## **5) Special Orders**

### **A) Event Recap**

No Crap on Tap Sold over 13k in beer! WORT thanks you!!

The Lake Louie brewery trip went well. The bus worked out well, and we were good guests, and Tom Porter was a great host.

## **6) New Business**

### **A) Safe Ride**

We 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**

Membership committee met and discussed the issue. For the new members, here is a bit of background: This year the President stepped down. The Vice-President moved into the President role, and the Vice President was appointed from within the current board members. This has raised issue of having a succession plan. We looked into rules and regulations governing our type of group, as well as our by-laws. The VP oversees membership, so Mark Alfred is working with the Membership Committee.

The main focus will be that first we'd like to get on-line voting for ease of electing leaders. Presently we get about 30% voting, on-line may increase the turnout of voters. We would like to keep mail-in ballots as well, so that at the meeting we can continue to take ballots up to the time deadline. Some issues came up with security, double voting and confidentiality, so we will be working with web committee.

In regards to a succession plan itself, we felt that the President can nominate a position, and a quorum would be a viable way to replace an officer by board appointment, and if ratified by quorum, serve for one year only, regardless of term of position. E.g.: Board Member at Large, would serve for the remainder of one year, and then re-election at next election. In the case of the President, it is automatically the VP to assume the President role, and then can nominate the VP. Robert's Rules covers any place where it remains unsaid, but we would like to see this part of the Roberts rules in the by-laws for future clarity.

## **B) Website review**

We discussed the look and feel of the site, particularly for the non-member. We also discussed GT, social events, and Home-Brewing content. Do we have any other thoughts for non-member areas of the site? The website content is out of date, we would like to have committees and officers take care of their own portion of the site. We would like to automate membership information. With the growing number of members, this could streamline and reduce human error.

What do members want to see on the website? Ideas may include photo galleries, historical documents, minutes available, event RSVPs, and invites, to name a few. The calendar could interface and display the most prominent event, including social meeting locations. MHTG Google calendar can be synced to devices, FYI.

Email Mark Schnepfer with your ideas.

## **9) Adjournment**

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 21:42

HAPPY 50<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY, FRED!

Respectfully Submitted 06-21-13 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:**

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  
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9-27/29 STONE FENCES Cider Pressing and Campout  
10-5 OKTOBERFEST