

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
4 September 2013
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order –

20:32 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – We are going to start something new, we want to highlight the homebrew members bring, so we will start the business meetings with members talking about what they have brought to share. Show and tell! We hope it can help us utilize the grain program and generate discussion.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 325 active members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Busy month, sent out an end of month statement via email to the membership. Took in 30k, paid out 227k this month. GT expenses are mostly paid. 113k in brewer payments, meaning, that much in beer! Looks like it will come in close to budget. We had extra brewers, bigger tents which will add a bit of expense.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No Report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – *absent*

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. Pressing on the 28th, and dinner that eve. Apples will be plentiful and inexpensive.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – This Sunday at noon, we will have a meeting, talking about the space and best ways to use. It. Steve E. is back from the hospital. Welcome back!! Cider committee may want to be there because of equipment stored there, and also signage person so we can make decisions.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger Brew-off is Nov 2nd, there is grain available for brewing.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite – Tony Jaques – A couple new things on the calendar. Brett beer tasting and discussion for Education on Sept 18th at 8:15, and Goose Island will have a food pairing, tentatively in October. The later event will require a small contribution for the food, and space will be limited.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight and started budget for next year, all committees and chairs need to get your budget in for next year. If you have any budget items as a member of committee, see Jim.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – We received acknowledgement for charitable contributions in the mail and you can see them here tonight, including one from WYOU. No requests this month. There is approximately 4k to give for rest of year.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – Committee will be meeting soon.

HOLIDAY PARTY – Mark Alfred – Mark Alfred – Looking for people to volunteer to help set up the event and we may do some things a little differently this year. Give Mark A your ideas for the party, be it theme or other ideas. The event takes place in January this year.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Hope to have the by-laws hammered out in time for the election. We may have to do snail mail voting but hope to change to on line soon. Voting starts in Oct.

OKTOBERFEST– Brian Phillips – Steve Krieger - October 5th at Garner Park. Brian and Steve will be meeting next Wed 9-11 at 8 pm at the Malthouse, if you would like to help plan see them.

WEB – Mark Schnepfer – TBD – Will be meeting, still having some problems with on-line payments, we are working on it.

5) Beer Break

6) Special Orders

A) Awards for beer guesses

Total beers/meads/ciders: 1168

1st at 2 under: David Worth

2nd at 4 over: Brian Phillips

3rd at 5 over: Peter Steinberg

7) New Business

A) Credit Card Discussion

There is concern that the debit card can compromise our bank account when used for on-line purchases or some other purchase types, and a credit with a low limit to be paid off every month is a safer way to handle on-line transactions without having as much at risk. The board has decided that this is a good idea, and the finance committee agrees as well. The card will have a limit of \$2,500. The board wanted to bring it to the membership for further approval, since we would be acquiring credit. We use the debit card for local purchases and we use it a lot for the Great Taste. Discussion: What about eliminating the debit card and using the credit card exclusively? Would this protect us further? The credit card charges will be checked each month by the finance committee.

B) American Homebrewers Association

2014's national competition event is in Grand Rapids MI, (finally back in the Midwest-we hosted the regional competition a couple years ago). Steve Krieger stated he would like to see an MHTG club booth for the homebrew club night. If anyone is interested in going and having a booth, let him know. Mark Schnepfer stated it has come up in a board meeting as far as budgeting to have some folks go and show our presence, and also judging. We could maybe subsidize rooms. Brian Phillips had brought it up, and either the Education or Competition Committee could organize. The club has a membership to the AHA, It is a good organization, and if you are thinking of going to the event next year you might want to join.

C) Wisconsin Brewer's Guild thank you letter

Fred Swanson read a letter from them happy with our help at the Glendale Beer Festival. Kudos to Bob Paolino and Peter Steinberg.

8) Unfinished Business

A) Succession and By-law plan review

Mark Alfred reports that they hope to have this to the board shortly, and should be just a few lines to tighten up what happens in the event of a board member resignation.

9) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 21:34

Respectfully Submitted 09-13-13 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:

9-18	Beer Education Brett Beers 8:15 Wil-Mar
9-25	Board Meeting 7 pm Jordan's Big 10, Social 8 pm Brasserie V
9-27-29	STONE FENCES Cider Pressing and Campout, Dousman, WI
10-2	Business meeting, 8:30 Wil-Mar
10-6	OKTOBERFEST Garner Park (Sunday this year)
10-9	Malthouse Second Wed Social 8 pm
10-16	Beer Education <i>Tentative</i> Goose Island food pairing, Wil-Mar TBD
10-23	<i>Tentative</i> beer trip Sweet Mullets, Oconomowoc TBD
10-30	<i>Tentative</i> Old Sugar Distillery Board Meeting 7 pm, Social 8 pm
11-2	BADGER BREW-OFF
11-6	Business Meeting 8:30 Wil-Mar
11-13	Malthouse Second Wed Social 8 pm
11-20	Beer Education TBD
11-22-24	GOODWILL TRIP St. Louis
11-27	Board 7 pm TBD, Social 8 pm TBD
1-4-14	HOLIDAY PARTY