

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
07 Nov 2012
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order –

20:35 President Eric Schoville

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Eric Schoville – Board meeting, we talked about implementing a rolling membership, from month of joining rather than from Jan to Dec. Since we started on-line membership, about 90% of new membership is now on-line. We talked about giving committee, we will discuss this later in meeting, but stating now that we decided not to donate as a club to Grain and Grape magazine, but if individual members want to do so, that is great.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – 335 active members. We are talking about the way we are doing membership, and looking into the method, and want to encourage on-line membership

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Some cider pressing expenses are coming in, some Badger Brew-off expenses, and some dues income. The club is still sitting on a good chunk of cash, GT stuff wrapping up.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – No report

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Cider and Mead tasting at Les Hoffman's house on Sunday at 1:00. Bring cider or mead, commercial is fine to bring, it is a club event, come join us. There will be cheese.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – Mark Alfred – Inventory happening.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Badger brew off was last Saturday and was very successful. 250 entered, and 243 were there (meaning some entered and never made it). Peter announced prize winners. Results will be on website soon. Presentation was good, also. Robin Shepherd talked about beers and his books. He writes a column for the Daily Page too. Thank you judges and stewards and everyone.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite – Tony Jaques – No beer school third Wed. due to Thanksgiving.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight and doing budget. Getting close to complete and it will go to board and membership next month.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – Made recommendations to the board . See board minutes for details. The president asks if the giving committee can get the proposal to the board ahead of time, so that it can be published prior to the meeting, which would allow the board to vote at that time. This also allows for members to come talk if they can see it on agenda.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – Next weekend is the trip. We will visit 15 breweries, 2 distilleries, 1 cheese place and one meat place. Friday night we will be in Green Bay, Saturday night in Wausau. You can meet us somewhere and join us if you like. E mail Jaquie Rice to arrange this.

HOLIDAY PARTY – Mark Alfred – Judy Kusek – Will be held Dec 8th at Capital Brewery. Need help for set up and break down, also decorations and things. For new members, we have a big party with a huge cheese spread, pot luck, homebrew, also Capital Brew on hand. Very nice event! If you are interested in helping, see Mark A or send him an e mail.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Morrison – Meeting next week to get the Christmas party invites and ballots together. Mark will send a reminder. Mark A. is working on the membership guide and asks If you could get your parts to him if you are working on something.

OKTOBERFEST– Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – Oktoberfest was lots of fun. Give feedback to Eric. Eric has organized for five years, and if someone else would like to take over to plan, Eric is happy to hand it over to a new planner. This was the fifth annual. Thanks to everyone that helped including Joe F. cooking.

WEB –Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville – Meeting on Monday. Eric will send out an e mail to get comments from members. Content will be split into different domains, which will be nice, hopefully by end of year.

5) Special Orders – None

6) Unfinished Business

A) Elections

Nominations will be closing as of this at this time. MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. MOTION CARRIES. Candidates made statements. Candidates that want to should make statements via e-mail soon, as ballots go out soon and start coming back very soon also. We are talking about an on-line balloting system. Thoughts?

7) New Business

A) GT Tee shirt sales/orders

Keith S. will take orders, we also have some left over from the GT that we will be liquidating, and can order others.
We also have 25th Anniversary books for sale to club members at \$10. We will have them at future meetings as well.

Mike Sproul has lots of club grain, so do some brewing!

Our thoughts go out to Judy Kusek who is battling cancer and Mark Morrison who is always by her side.

8) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 21:16

Respectfully Submitted 11-09-12 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.