

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
6 February 2013
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order –

19:10 Board Member at Large, Mark Alfred, started meeting in absence of President.

Announcements: Eric Schoville, President, resigned. Mark Schnepfer will be acting as President for the interim, we will discuss later the options later.

Mark Schnepfer, Vice President (acting President): Arrived and took over meeting.

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

3) Announcements and Calendar

CALENDAR

- 2-13: Second Wed Social. Malthouse 8 pm
- 2-20: Beer School, Wil-Mar. Bottoms Up! Book talk 8:15 pm
- 2-27: Fourth Wed Social. Karben Four brewery tour, 8 pm. Board, 7 pm.
- 3-6: Business meeting Wil-Mar 8:30 pm
- 3-13: Second Wed Social, Malthouse 8 pm
- 3-20: Beer School, Death's Door tour/discussion. Middleton 7 pm.
EARLY TIME and possible entry fee.
- 3-27: Social, possibly Ale Asylum? Board meeting (or possibly earlier date because spring break)
- 4-3: Business meeting, Wil-Mar
- 4-10: Second Wed Social, Malthouse
- 4-17: Beer School, TBD
- 4-24: Fourth Social, Vintage Brewery. Board meeting 7pm.

Also:

2-10 Sunday: Noon-4 Dexter's "Save Second Base" Breast Cancer Fund Raiser. In memory of Judy Kusek. All money donated to breast cancer research. MHTG will be matching \$2,500. Bacon food contest.

2-21 Skiing at Devil's Head.

2-23 Saturday: Distill America 6 – 9 pm, 5 pm VIP ticket

4) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Eric Schoville – *Resigned last board meeting*

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Acting as president at this time. 309 active members.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Sent an email out, taxes are done, year-end budget was sent out. Went over the basic numbers. See the e-mail that went out for budget numbers. Committees were in budget, everything looks good, balanced. Ended year with 111K in the bank. If you have questions, e-mail Jim.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – No report

5) Special Orders- none

6) New Business

A) Succession Plan

The by-laws do not say how to proceed with a resignation. We will be discussing and deciding how to proceed, will be making recommendations to be discussed at the March business meeting. We will likely vote in April. 2/3 of vote required to pass. Vice President move into President is the likely outcome, and decide how to refill the vacant board position. We would like to have time to reflect and handle it effectively and thoughtfully. Discussion from members: Since we are Roberts Rules of Order, Mark Schnepfer (Vice President) becomes President automatically, and we can appoint another Vice President, or add a board member. Not obligated, but in power to appoint. Does the membership vote on new member? Membership committee discussed having the board appoint a member. Because the by-laws do not state a procedure, the statutory default kicks in, because of our non-profit status.

B) Tee shirts

If you want this year's shirt, see Mark Garthwaite. We may have enough in inventory that we may not need to order.

7) Unfinished Business

8) Committee Reports – Board Liaison – Chair

DISCRIPTIONS OF COMMITTEES

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – Cider event for the year is a large cider pressing camping trip. Our season is fall and apple harvest. We also have a tasting for meads and ciders.

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – Mark Alfred – We have a storage space, and a club brewing system. This committee oversees the space and facilitates the usage of the equipment, including the brewing system and grain mills. Join the committee if you want to be a part of this aspect of the club. You have to be trained to use the system, and lots of people are already using the system. People can pair up and brew large batches to split.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – The club holds two competitions each year, the Badger Brew-off in November, and the Grumpy Troll Challenge May. We sponsor membership for club members. The committee is also involved with the Brewpalooza event in the spring

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite – Tony Jaques – The third Wednesday of the month is reserved for the education committee who organizes a beer school event or perhaps a tour. The committee also holds beer judging exams and classes.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Advises board on financial issues, keeps track of the club finances. They By-laws dictate the committee members. Meet monthly.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – Recommends our donations to charitable organizations, which is 25K this year. We donate lots of money from the Great Taste. Organizational meeting will be Feb 13th prior to the social meeting at the Malthouse. We will be discussing the Burning Socks event which is a fund raiser for this environmental group. We will also be discussing the Breast cancer research matching gift for the fund raiser.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – Goodwill trip committee is open to anyone, we meet infrequently, and plan the bus trip which takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving. Each year we visit many breweries that attend the GT. This year we are going to St. Louis. We can always use more folks on the committee.

HOLIDAY PARTY – Mark Alfred – Cheri Carr – The club holds a big party at the Capital Brewery in December. We have lots of cheese, beer, ciders meads, and potluck dishes. We are always looking for folks to help with the planning, set up and clean up. We will put a note out calling for members.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Schnepfer – Oversees the elections, and is also currently putting together a membership guide.

OKTOBERFEST– Eric Schoville – Talks place usually the first part of October. Sausage cookout, lots of Oktoberfest beers.

WEB –Eric Schoville – If anyone has technical ability, get a hold of a board member. The chairperson will send out a call for members.

(Committee liaisons will put out a call for committee members.)

9) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 19:49

Respectfully Submitted 2-11-13 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.