

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

1) Call to Order –

20:35 President Mark Schnepfer

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

Minutes APPROVED

CALENDAR

- 3-13: Second Wed Social, Malthouse 8 pm
- 3-20: Education: Death's Door tour/discussion. Middleton 7 pm.
NOTE: EARLY TIME and possible entry fee.
- 3-27: Social: Ale Asylum 8 pm. Beercard subsidy until gone. Board meeting 7pm
- 4-3: Business meeting: Wil-Mar 8:30 pm. March Madness Homebrew Tournament!
- 4-10: Second Wed Social: Malthouse
- 4-17: Education: "Comeback Wisconsin, The Beer Movie", Wil-Mar.
- 4-24: Fourth Wed Social: Vintage Brewery. Board meeting 7pm.
- 5-5 GT Ticket sales
- 5-11: Grumpy Troll Challenge, Mt Horeb.

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer – Last meeting we talked about how to replace a resignation. MHTG follows Robert's Rules of Order, so Vice President, Mark Schnepfer, was appointed President, and Mark Alfred, was appointed Vice President. The Board appointed a new Board member at-large. The Board member at-large vacancy was filled by choosing the candidate from the previous election with the highest total votes that was not elected. That candidate was Brian Philips, who accepted the position.

The board and the Membership Committee both would like get wording into the by-laws regarding how to handle this in the future, even if that wording simply state Robert's Rules of Order are to be followed. We will discuss this further in Unfinished Business.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Alfred – 313 active members. Was just installed Vice President last board meeting, and will have more to report next meeting. New members will be getting name tags, but until then, please feel welcome to attend the events. Welcome!

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Gave financial report. New cd, 25 k. Have about 125 k. Not much new activity.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite – No report

4) Committee Reports – Board Liaison - Chair

CIDERS and MEADS – Cheri Carr – Les Hoffman – No report

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andrusz – Steve Ensley – Getting a new ladder, heavy duty.

COMPETITION – Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – May 11th is Grumpy Troll Challenge. We are looking for judges and stewards. The on-line entry is open. The second annual March Madness Homebrew Challenge tournament will be held during next month's business meeting, on April 3rd. Bring homebrew to be judged by the members present, which will lead to bracketing and moving winners on until we end up with a champion. Bob Paulino will be sending an e-mail with more information.

EDUCATION – Mark Garthwaite – Tony Jaques – This month's Third Wed Education night on March 20th will be at Death's Door Distillery. There will possibly be \$10 co-pay which will likely include a couple of cocktails as well as the tour.

FINANCE – Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Met tonight.

GIVING – Kate Stalker – Carl DuRocher – Met in Feb, passed four recommendations to the board. Carl discussed these contributions and the charities.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP – Fred Swanson – Fred Swanson – No report.

HOLIDAY PARTY – Mark Alfred – Mark Alfred – No report.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Alfred – Greg Younkin – Met in Feb and talked about the vacancy on the board, and the Membership Committee recommended language for the by-laws. The committee is looking at recognizing senior members, and is also working on the membership manual.

OKTOBERFEST– See Mark Schnepfer if you are interested in this committee.

WEB – Eric Schoville - They will meet soon, looking into what direction this committee will go.

5) Special Orders

A) Homebrewer of the Year Award

Dave Pagelow presented the HOY Award. This award started in 2008, and its purpose is to encourage members to brew and to share brew, enter competitions, and be active in the brewing committee. The club sponsors members to send beers to competitions, and the club awards points to homebrewers for entries and placing.

For 2012 we had 26 entries in 20 competitions.

First: Shaun Neimeyer

Second: Mike Frischman

Third: Charles Hall

Honorable Mention: Jeff Wala, and Patrick Hutton.

Congratulations!!

We had many first place awards by our club members!

6) New Business - none

7) Beer Break

8) Unfinished Business

A) Succession and By-law plan review

Under state statute, The club defers to Roberts Rules of Order (since we do not have it written in the by-laws) which state the Vice President assumes the Presidency upon resignation of the President, and the Board can then elect a person to fill the remaining vacancy on the Board.

Technically our procedure is covered by default, but the Board and Membership Committee would like to have it written in the by-laws to some extent, so that future Boards won't have to try to sleuth it out like we did.

Dan Bush who has professional knowledge regarding this topic spoke, stating it would be good to have something written down, even if we do not technically need it. Mark Schnepfer stated the Membership Committee would like to see it solidified. Members came up with several ideas, and Greg Younkin discussed the ideas and options regarding succession.

Mark Schnepfer said there is wording regarding removal of an officer that reads there would be a special election, but nothing is written for a resignation. Time frame of a vacancy, length of time an election would take, and time of year are all factors to consider, as how to proceed with filling a vacancy. Officers such as Treasurer would need to be replaced in a timely manner.

Changes to the by-laws need to be approved by two thirds of the members present. Dan Bush stated that as we decide on how to proceed with changing by-laws, we need to keep site of both the culture of the organization regarding good collaboration between the members and the Board, as well as if the Board has been acting as good stewards of judgment. A club can have as many or as few rules based on these factors. IMPROMPTO STRAW POLL VOTE: Do we want to codify what is in the statute? Meaning the VP moves up to President, and other positions will be appointed by the Board. *Majority raised hands*. The Membership Committee will continue to work on the wording for the by-laws, with this direction.

Appointing of czar positions for the club functions is also not listed, but appointing committees is, so we would like to add to that sentence to include individuals in roles. Is everyone in agreement that this is an acceptable? Or, is it acceptable the way it is, since we could consider an individual a committee of one? Perhaps we do not need to add anything. There is no rush on these actions, since we are currently covered by Roberts Rules. If we do vote at a meeting, we will publish it well in advance.

9) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 21:35

Respectfully Submitted 3-13-13 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.