

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes
4 April 2012
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

1) Call to Order - 20:36 President Eric Schoville

2) Approval of last meeting's minutes

- Minutes APPROVED

3) Officer Reports

PRESIDENT – Eric Schoville – announcements

We had a board meeting last week. Dan's wife had a baby!! Congrats. Minutes have been distributed to membership. Calendar is set up through Aug., and will be on the calendar on the webpage. Upcoming events includes Alchemy, Columbus Hydro Street Brewery, Great Dane Garden, New Glarus on a Friday (if you want to camp, there is a state park there, but reserve early), Wollersheim Winery, Capital Brewery, et al.

We have received thank you letters from some of the charities we gave to, Eric has the letters to see if you want to see them.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Mark Schnepfer - 259 active members. Bring your own nametags to events. Pick yours up. We are in charge of our own now.

TREASURER – Jim Mayhew – Not spending much, will change after ticket sales. New tap box was purchased and is at the club space.

SECRETARY – Cheri Carr – No Report

GT CHAIR – Mark Garthwaite- 128 days 16 hours 18 minutes and gates open! Ticket sales info is now up on website. Sent out an e mail about Dwolla as a payment option, ask Mark if you have questions.

4) Committee Reports – board liaison - chair

CIDERS and MEADS - Cheri Carr – none yet – No report

CLUB SPACE – Steve Andruz- Steve Ensley – no report

COMPETITION - Mark Schnepfer – Peter Steinberg – Mark is ordering a bulk order of grain. The club purchases grain and hops, send an e mail to

grain@mhtg.org. Mike Sproul talked about how we buy grain and hops, yeast, we can do extract too, we try to do now and then. Currently we have Vienna and Munich on hand. Give Mike Sproul four or five days notice for grain ordering. If you are a very active brewer, going in on grain is a great deal. Recommend using club grain for more specialties, and buy your own base grains. The understanding is that if you use club grain program, you share the beer with the club at a club event, recommend one growler or six pack per five gal made with club grains.

Grumpy Troll Challenge is May 12. You may enter any BJCP style except for sours or breads (it is bad to bring these yeasts into the brewery so not allowed). The top two will be brewed in the brewery and put on tap, the one selling out first being declared the winner.

May 19 will be Brewpalooza this year at Robyn Klinge's place. Come over and brew, we will be brewing many batches, we like to use these for obtaining GT pre-party homebrews to share with the brewers, who love to try homebrews. If you want to bring club system to Brewpalooza, see the Club Space folks to arrange.

Between the Bluffs Competition (LaCrosse) is coming up, Mark is collecting entries. Need by April 11.

Green Bay Titledown Open is also coming up. Entries need to be to Mark by April 18.

Homebrewer of the year competition is underway, see the rules that Dave Pagelow sent out.

We can also help ship judges to competitions! We can help with travel expenses. The more you judge, the better you become as a judge. It is a good educational experience to judge other competitions.

EDUCATION –Mark Garthwaite – Tony Jaques –Gail Ambrosius will do a beer and chocolate pairing for Education meeting this month. There will be limited admission, and we will have another event happening for those not attending Gail's. This will take place April 18. There will be an e-mail going out in the next few days, first come first serve.

FINANCE - Jim Mayhew – Jim Mayhew – Looking at new procedures for moving money around.

GIVING – Kate Stalker - Carl DuRocher – \$750 donation to Special Olympics suggested, and the board will be getting the info to vote on it soon.

GOODWILL CLUB TRIP - Fred Swanson –Fred Swanson – later this meeting we will be voting on trips.

HOLIDAY PARTY – Mark Alfred – Judy Kusek - nothing yet.

MEMBERSHIP – Mark Schnepfer – Mark Schnepfer – Haven't met yet, but are going to be looking into the membership goals and also looking at ideas for recognition of long-term members.

OKTOBERFEST - Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville - not met

WEB - Eric Schoville – Eric Schoville - looking to have accounts linked to website, g-mail, hotmail, etc. looking at what our members use, and also looking at the possibility of accepting credit card payments on line. Renewal will be easier this way, and we will be trying this for a year. If a lot of people like it and use it, we may go to a rolling membership from date of joining, rather than renewal of all on January. We will be using Dwolla for ticket sales. We have a good committee this year.

5) Special Orders – None

6) Unfinished business

A) Growler Coolers

Dan Gustafson looked at a couple of vendors for these. There is a single growler style and a double growler style, and approximate price is about \$25 for the single and \$30 for the double. We are looking at a one color silk screen logo because the club logo with all the colors may not work. But, we may be able to get the fabric to Pantera for embroidery prior to manufacture. This would cost about \$5 more.

B) SB 395 Update

Gov Walker signed on Monday so we will be legal July 1! Ask Eric about his fun story regarding a pen.

7) New Business

A) Pilsner Urquell Challenge

Tyler Peters from Tenth and Blake spoke to the club about this challenge. Tenth and Blake will be cold shipping real Pilsner to the states for the first time. This challenge is an opportunity for everyone who wants to brew a Pilsner Urquell. The Challenge will be June 18th. The winner of this will advance to the Chicago round, and whoever wins the Chicago round wins a trip for two to Pilsen this fall! The details for entering the challenge were sent out today. This beer is a triple decoction, and remember, Pilsen water is super soft!.

B) Club Trip

We are voting tonight on the trip itineraries and the top two trips will take place this year and next.

Voting on:

- Michigan
- Eastern Wisconsin
- Omaha
- St Louis

Winner! This year, Eastern WI, next year St Louis!

Additional Items: Wisconsin Brewers Guild has asked us help with Beer Barons from Milwaukee to help judge and volunteer for a best of show competition. It will be Wisconsin brewers and volunteers will get in for free. June 16, 1-5 in Glendale near Milwaukee. Fred Swanson will put out an e-mail. We run a huge event that depends on volunteers, so let's step up and help our fellow brewers clubs.

From board meeting minutes:

CALENDAR:

1st Wed Business Meeting

2nd Wed of each month: Malthouse

3-28 House of Brews (with the board meeting at club space)

4-18 Beer school @ Ambrosius (limited tickets)

4-25: Social Alchemy Café 8:30 (Board @ 7pm Dexter's)

5-16 Education (TBD)

5-19 Brewpalooza

5-23 Columbus Hydro Street and Kurth Brewery

5-30 Great Dane Garden downtown 8:30 (Board @ 7pm)

6-20 Education (TBD)

6-22 FRIDAY Field Trip to New Glarus Brewery

6-27 Union Terrace 8:30 (Board @ 7pm)

7-4 Malthouse social (Switching with business meeting due to 4th)

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7-18 Education: Wollersheim Winery Tour and Roxbury Tavern 7pm

7-25 Capital Brewing 6:00 EARLY!! (Board @ 7pm)

8-1 GT planning meeting (meeting in the park in lieu of business meeting)

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8-11 GREAT TASTE

8-15 Education: Grumpy Troll Brewery Tour 7pm

8-22 Eddie's Ale House, Sun Prairie

8-29 Masons (Board @ Big 10 Pub 7pm)

8) Adjournment

- MOTION and ADJOURNED 22:12

Respectfully Submitted 04-13-12 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.