

District Michigan Meeting Minutes
21 March 2019
New Holland Brewing - The Knickerbocker, Grand Rapids, MI

President: John Stewart called to order 10:45am

Request motion to accept minutes from January 11th, 2019 meeting. John Mallet 1st motion. Seconded by John Stewart and approved.

Treasurer Report: presented by Tim Gossask

Chase Savings: \$12,753.13
Chase Checking: \$16,982.41
Paypal: \$80.47
Cash: \$199.61

BOG Report & Updates: John Mallet

No new action on Board of Governors.

Update on Communities of Practice forum on MBAA community website (community.mbaa.com):

A new way for the organization to connect members around specific areas of interest. Current one started covers container quality.

Tim Lozen (Bell's Technical Packing Manager) has posted on it and shared that it covers topics on keg quality/repairs, glass defects, canning, can liners, etc. John encouraged members to post on the discussions. Overtime, multiple communities will develop on different topics of interest that are relevant to the members. MBAA is looking for people to moderate those groups. If interested, MBAA is super interested to hear from you. It's a great way to link members and keep relevant in the community.

Election results for new BOG rep:

113 votes for Alec Mull

43 votes for Joe Thorner

Alec Mull: appreciate your support

John Stewart: did the survey used to vote for the BOG work well? Response from room was that it worked well and the feedback was positive.

Scholarship Update: Brad Stevenson

Brad was unable to attend meeting to give an update.

Technical Committee Update: Alec Mull, Louwrens Wildschut

Alec: We don't have anyone lined up for the October fall meeting. We need input on what and who you want to hear from. Likewise for the January meeting. Have to coordinate with the MI Brewers Guild for the January meeting.

Summer Social Committee: Debbie Smith, Karl Glarner

Debbie: Summer Social is July 13th at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. We're about to send an email to volunteers and tickets will be for sale in 2 weeks. We had a great turn out last year and would still like more members to attend. Every time you attend a meeting including the summer social, your name goes into the scholarship

drawing. The drawing takes place at the summer social. In order to receive a scholarship you have to be present at the summer social. We have a new fourth scholarship for books.
The park is rented. Pit Stop BBQ is doing the pig roast.
If you'd like to donate beer, reach out to Louwrens.
Please bring some fun swag for the auction. It's how we pay for scholarships.
Sponsorships: there is no limit on the sponsors we'd like to pursue.
Same weekend as the car show again.

Other Updates:

HACCP class 2019 update:

Alec Mull: Dustin Helsel is all booked for 2019 and unable to offer a HACCP course. There is a HACCP course being offered at the National Convention in Calvary. There may be a possibility to offer one right before the next winter conference in January.

Upcoming Events:

Summer Social July 13th Fitzgerald Park

Fall meeting location: Arbor Brewing Company. October 24th

If anyone is interested in hosting future spring/fall meetings, we welcome that. The space needs to accommodate up to 100 people.

John Stewart moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am.

Talks:

Brewing Hoses, Fittings and Inspection Techniques – Rob Williams, Alliance Hose & Zack Burkeen, Bell's Brewery

Practical Safety and Maintenance Considerations for Draft Packaging – Steve Bradt, Eastern Sales Manager, Micro Matic

Attendees: