

MWMA fall board meeting was held at 4 p.m. Oct. 20, 2019

The treasurer said the operations account held about two-thirds of the cost of running an ale, a little short of the organization's goal of maintaining a bank balance that would be able to cover the costs of the event in case of cancellation. The treasurer also reviewed costs of the 2019 Ale and said there were plans to meet with General Hardware and Oak Apple to talk about the 2020 Ale, including the budget.

Committee reports:

The Bylaws committee asked for more time to present revisions and agreed to make another report at the spring meeting.

The Tech Team said they were moving most of the MWMA business to GSuite, which should have no substantial impact on most people.

Finance committee said that although there was no official report, the organization did have the money to think about funding other projects, such as archiving team histories on the website, or pursuing the opportunity to host the Tony Barrand video archive, depending on community interest and available volunteers.

The Maintaining a Respectful Environment committee said they had no official report, but were investigating some reports of code-of-conduct violations from that year's Ale. They said a report could be expected by spring 2020.

Ale site 2020:

General Hardware said they were setting up a meeting with Oak Apple to start planning the Ale.

Ale site 2021: Pullman said they were interested in hosting and had made preliminary inquiries into availability and price at Roosevelt University for renting dance space and the youth hostel for renting rooms. Colorado had also expressed an interest in hosting, but doesn't want to use the Decker site again.

Other business:

There were some questions from the floor:

Q: Does a person have to be on a board-eligible team to be an officer?

A: No, just be a member in good standing.

River Rats' rep asked about a point in the bylaws that says there is a 20 person limit on the board. Ann Arbor rep suggested that officers could also serve as their team rep; River Rats' rep said the person who is running the meeting, e.g. the president, cannot vote. Members generally agreed to abide by the current system - if a person becomes an officer, their team has the option of adding another rep.

For more information on this meeting, contact your team's board representative or email secretary@midwestmorrisale.org

