

Summary of the Midwest Morris Ale Association board meeting, 7 p.m. April 9, 2021.

In attendance: board officers, representatives from Capering Roisters, Maroon Bells Morris, Marquette Morris, Ramsey's Braggarts, Braintrust, Bells of the North, Minnesota Traditional Morris, Uptown on the Lakes, Pullman Morris and Sword; also members of the Nominations Committee, Events Committee, 2021 Ale planning team.

The treasurer reported the organization is in good financial health.

Committee reports:

Maintaining a Respectful Environment: (MRE) has been working on internal documents to be prepared for upcoming virtual events. The committee is looking for new members. Anyone interested should email [president@midwestmorrisale.org](mailto:president@midwestmorrisale.org).

Events Team: The August 2020 event attracted 90 registrants, and the February 2021 virtual event had 140 people registered. About half the registrants come from Midwestern teams, and half from Morris communities elsewhere in the country or around the world. The committee is thinking about what role virtual events will play in the Midwest Morris community as more teams talk about returning to in-person events.

Ale committee: The Perseverance Ale, in honor of the Mars Rover and general community spirit, will include participatory events with dancing and singing, community discussions and non-screen activities.

The May Jig Festival will be a collaboration between the Midwest Morris Ale and the Marlboro Ale communities, with instructors from both groups.

The committee asked the board to approve a \$2,500 budget, and said they plan to ask for an optional Ale fee at registration. Registration opens May 1.

New business

This year's slate of candidates, elected by the board, included the board secretary and representatives from Maroon Bells; Uptown on the Lakes; Oak Apple; Marquette; Roisters; and MTM. For more information on the election schedule, check the MWMA website.

Archiving proposal

The president formed a committee to discuss and start work on the organization's archiving projects, including the creation of a searchable index of the American Morris News and website work to build space for teams to create and host their own team histories. The committee will return to the board with a budget proposal at a later date.

If you have questions about the recent meeting, ask your team board rep, or email [secretary@midwestmorrisale.org](mailto:secretary@midwestmorrisale.org).