Meeting summary MWMA 5/27/23

In attendance: representatives from Maroon Bells, Uptown-on-the-Lakes, River Rats, The Braggarts, Oak Apple Morris, Minnesota Traditional Morris, Pullman Morris and Sword, Braintrust Morris, Ann Arbor Morris, Bells of the North, General Hardware.
6:55 p.m. meeting called to order

Treasurer's Report:
The treasurer said the ale may lose "a couple thousand dollars" this year, which is not unexpected, in part because the 2023 location, Camp St. Croix, has a stricter cancellation policy than other venues.
The organization is in good shape for future ales and has enough money on hand to make a deposit on next year's site.
The donations account is strong. It had about $14,000 before the Ale, half of which was spent among 34 applicants for the 2023 event.
Other sources of income are t-shirt sales and the business credit card cash-back program, which generates about $700 a year.

Old business:
Current ale - The Minnesota Traditional Morris rep and Ale Czar said the event was running smoothly. He said other agencies have moved to a model of personal responsibility for Covid testing, expecting people to handle their own testing and vaccination compliance.
He introduced a motion to change the MWMA Covid policy to a recommendation-only policy.
Board passed a motion to table the motion until representatives could talk with their teams and agreed to vote on policy language by July 8.

Archiving and history:
The archiving and history committee said they had created a Morris wiki with a link that was available for teams to use. Committee members asked representatives to tell their teams about the wiki and also publicize it via the MWMA email list.

Maintaining a Respectful Environment:
The committee reported that more volunteers are necessary to share the work. There is an orientation for new members.

Nominations:
Representatives from the River Rats, The Braggarts and Braintrust Morris agreed to serve another term. Pullman Morris and Sword will bring a candidate forward at the next meeting to replace their outgoing representative. A new president was chosen.

Social media
The committee said there were too few members to record mass dances and mass stands at the ale and they would like to add two or three members.

Ale 2024:
The Oak Apple rep said if the organization decided to use Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville, WI every year, we could shift to a model where we rotated event planners.
Other suggestions included Ann Arbor hosting for 2025 and the Braggarts hosting for 2026, as well as a potential Colorado site being researched.

Meeting adjourned: 8:46 p.m.