**ACF Upper Michigan Chapter**

**General Membership Meeting**

**March 28, 2022 – 7:15 pm.**

**The Courtyards – Chris Durley, Host**

**Present:** Mark Ammel, Dave Cotanche, Christopher Durley, Nichole Durley-Rust, Derek Estes, Loganne Glendening, Eric Juchemich, Dan Lynch, Alex Palzewicz, Susan Tollefson, Angela Verburg

**Guests:** Westan Bellefaulk, Charlie Peterson, Erin Turner, Trixie Maguan Jacobson, Sam R

**Presenter:** Sam Reese**,** Upper Hand Brewery, Escanaba, MI

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Juchemich at 7:15 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. A quorum was determined
4. Introduction were made by those present.
5. The minutes of the February 28th. A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Derek) to accept the minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.
6. Educational: Sam Reese from the Upper Hand Brewery in Escanaba gave a presentation on “Fermenting Hot Sauce”.
7. Committee Reports:
   1. Certification: There is one small change to certification, see Juke for further details.
   2. Membership: Derek Estes – Derek has flyers for distribution and is working on mentors for new members. We have one new member: Jordan Green from The Landmark Inn. Welcome, Jordan!
8. Unfinished Business:
   1. Meeting Host for June and September. Mark Ammel graciously offered to host both meetings. Thank you, Mark! Mark said he will provide the venue, and food and drink, but will need someone to do the education presentation for both meetings.

There was a concern that we may not have enough members to hold a May meeting. This will be discussed further, and a decision made at the April meeting.

* 1. By-Laws. Chris D. will explain the amendments to the existing by-laws and each area will be voted on separately. A two-thirds majority is needed to approve.
     1. All references to “he/she” will be replaced by “they/their”- Chapter 6 Article 2, Chapter 7 Article I, Chapter 8 Article 2, Chapter 12 Article 10. A motion was made and seconded Mark/Loganne to approve this change. Motion carried unanimously.
     2. All references to “Active Member”, in reference to the old membership, will be changed to “Professional Member”- Chapter 2 Articles 1,2; Chapter 3, Articles 4,5; Chapter 4 Article 2; Chapter 5 Article 3; Chapter 6 Article 7; Chapter 7 Article 1,2; Chapter 8 Article 4,5; Chapter 9 Article 1,3; Chapter 10 Article 2; Chapter 12 Article 10. A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Alex) to approve this change. Motion carried unanimously.
     3. Chapter 2, Article 1. Constitution Amendments. Change “three senior chefs” will hand out ballots” to “the secretary will hand out ballots”. Motion was made and seconded (Mark/Alex) to approve this change. Motion carried unanimously.
     4. Chapter 3, Article 1-12. Adding “Military” and “Property Membership” to membership levels. A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Derek) to approve this change. Motion carried unanimously.
     5. Under Constitution and By-laws change “senior chefs” to “professional members”. A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Dave) to approve this change. Motion carried unanimously.
     6. Chapter 9, Article 1. Quorum. Reduce quorum by two and adding “VP” under “President, or **VP,** or Chairman of the Board”. A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Derek) to approve this change. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Derek) to change quorum requirements for meetings from “two (2) members of elected offices, one (1) other board member, and four (4) professional board members” to “three (3) elected board members and three (3) non-elected paid members” (including the President or VP or Chairman of the Board). Motion passed unanimously.
     7. Chapter 9, Article 5 & 6. Changes to the structure of the general membership meeting, change order of items. Delete “Pledge of Allegiance”; move Educational to the beginning of the business portion, a report on Chapter Demographics, Certifications held and Financial Report deleted (will be sent to membership via separate report before the meeting). A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Derek) to approved these changed EXCEPT the Pledge of Allegiance. A friendly amendment to the motion was made (Mark/Derek) to include “citing of the Culinary Code” to replace the Pledge of Allegiance. Another friendly amendment was made (Mark/Derek) to approve the ability to add or make adjustment to the agenda at the opening of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Chapter 12, Article 10. Change “Chef of the Year” to “Culinarian of the Year”. A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Juke) to approve this change. Motion carried unanimously.

Changes to qualifications for COY were explained by Chris. Including: reducing minimum attendance at regularly scheduled meetings from 75% to 50%; limited to professional members, have not won in the past three (3) years, work in a food setting, handling or overseeing food operations on a day-to-day basis and have attended one (1) ACF sponsored event in the past year.

A cookoff of the top three eligible members will be held. Judges will consist of the top nominees from the previous year.

Several questions were raised including inclusivity, logistics, cost (who pays for it) and facilitating a cookoff. Any thoughts or suggestions will be appreciated.

A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Juke) moved to postpone discussion on the COY Cookoff Competition until April when it will be voted on. Motion carried unanimously.

A question was raised about the definition of “military” member: Any military member who work in the food industry **IN** the military.

* + 1. Include “Heart of Hospitality” award. Change “medal” to “award”. Also indicate that the secretary will send out ballots. A motion was made and seconded (Mark/Juke) add this award and to approve these changes to the wording. Motion carried unanimously.
    2. Chapter 13. Award of Merit. Strike out this entire language. A motion was made and seconded (Alex/Mark) to approve this change. Motion carried unanimously.

A HUGE thank you to Chris Durley for the countless hours he spent on these by-laws! Great job!

* 1. BrewFeast. The event is scheduled for September 19, 2022 at the Ore Dock. This was a successful last year, however, this year we will need to reconsider who we donate a portion of the proceeds and how much we donate. If anybody has a local charity, wants to be on the committee and/or prepare a dish for the event contact Chef Sturzl.
  2. BBQ Competition and COY celebration. This event is slated for June 12th – Sunday at the Barrel and Beam. Volunteers to serve on this committee thus far include: Chris (Chair), Mark, Juke, Alex and Loganne (consult). We need volunteers to cook at the event. It is a fun competition which will be a kick-off for a BBQ Competition next year. We will get community members as judges. Mark has volunteered to host a BBQ Competition in Escanaba next year.
  3. Summer Picnic is July 17th and will be a potluck. It was originally scheduled for Al Quaal Recreation area, but after receiving the contract, Derek noticed they included “No alcohol beverages allowed”. Chris D. offered to host the picnic at his backyard (pending approved of his better half). This is open to family and friends. Bring a dish to pass and BYOB.
  4. Blueberry Fest is scheduled for July 29th. Registration is $35 and Mark A. generously offered to pay this for the Chapter. Thank you, Mark! Don Durley, Lagniappe, is allowing us to use his facility for set up again. Juke will check to see if we can again use the Border Grill chef kitchen.

1. New Business
   1. We received a notice announcing Michigan ACF meeting at the GFS food show in Grand Rapids hosted by the Greater Grand Rapids Chapter. This will be a social event.
   2. Patches – Juke found a someone local who will create Chapter badges The cost is $25 set up charge and $8 for each patch. She is working on doing caps and other items. Mark said he would pay the $25 set up charge. Thanks again, Mark!
   3. The national convention is July 25th and 26th in Las Vegas. They are doing summits throughout the month of April. Go to Dallas or some of them are on-line. You will get continuing education credits. Check out the National Website.
   4. UPtober Fest in Escanaba– October 8th. Talk to Mark if you are interested in helping him out at the event.
   5. Loganne asked about keeping the certification of the Jacobetti Complex kitchen for testing after the renovation is complete. She would love to be the host and wants to keep this going. This needs to be kept on the radar to discuss with Chef Sturzl.
   6. Mark was approached by a Michigan Works employee regarding internship program for students to learn culinary practices in a real-world environment. They are taking preliminary steps towards that goal as they have just received funding for it. Loganne suggested that maybe NMU and Michigan Works could collaborate on this project.
   7. Juke extended this thanks to our Hospitality Management students in attendance in advance for hosting us next month. The meeting will be at Chez Nous in the Jacobetti Center.
   8. Mark asked about getting a lifetime membership status for Charlie Peterson. Chris told him to submit a letter to the Board and the Board will act on it.

50/50 drawings:

Angela donated a gift bag: Mama Wanna medicinal elixir, two shot glasses and some white sand/shells. All from Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

50/50 – gift bag – Charlie Peterson

$24.00 – Juke

A motion was made and seconded (Angela/Mark) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tollefson, Secretary