

1988 Midwest Morris Ale, Ann Arbor

Dear Fellow Morris & Sword Dancers,

20 September 1988

It has been a long summer after this year's Midwest Ale, and now we are finally closing the books. The cost of the Ale came quite a bit under budget because of a last minute change of bus company, saving the Ale about \$1000, and sold-out Redwood housing. In round numbers the total Ale operating budget was \$11,000, and the expenses were \$9,800:

Income:		Expenses:	
Registration	\$8,950	Camp Fee	\$1,600
T-shirts	1,075	Food	4,200 <i>620</i>
Redwoods	750	Buses/Tours	1,750
Late Fees	75	T-shirts/Publicity	1,000
Bag	150	Contra Dance Band	100
	<u>\$11,000</u>	Beer	375
		Registration Costs	420
		Refunds	320
		Telephone	35
			<u>\$9,800</u>

Refunds listed above were for those who paid their money and then couldn't come. Registration costs included postage, buttons, airport transportation costs, signs/bulletin board supplies, and miscellaneous. T-shirts ordered after the Ale are not included here because they were handled separately.

The profit from the Ale is \$1200, from which we contribute \$200 to the existing \$300 seed money. (\$500 was sent to Colorado earlier this summer.) The remaining \$1000 is herewith returned to the 199 participants (\$5 per person). One check was written for each participating team, and adjustments to the number of people per team were made for those not attending the whole weekend (i.e., not paying the whole registration fee). The extra \$5 covers postage. If you disagree with the way this was figured, just send the check back and we'll keep it. The actual cost to attend the 1988 Midwest Ale was therefore \$41 per adult for the weekend. We hope you all had a good time; we did (mostly).

Our team is eagerly looking forward to next year's Midwest Ale in Colorado. We hope that nobody will have to go through Hell to get there....

Best regards,

Greg
Greg Meisner

Foreman, Ann Arbor Morris & Sword