

MHTG Board Meeting Agenda

September 2023

I. Call to order - 7:08 PM by Paul McGuire, President

II. Approval of minutes – approved by email

III. Board members present:

1. Paul McGuire, Nick Balazs, Doug Randall, Ryan Mallet, Laura Hall, Duane Buscher, Gary Lockwood, Fred Yingling, Greg Tatusko

IV. Officer Reports

A. President - Paul McGuire

1. Mark Leiterman's bequest should be here in a couple weeks,
2. Big Brothers Big Sisters have reached out about partnering, but it turned out to be a solicitation for funds. Information on our charitable giving program was provided.

B. Vice President – Nick Balazs

1. Sent last two months of members for approval via email.
2. 339 current members.

C. Treasurer – Ryan Mallet

1. Two dozen brewer payments to go.

D. Secretary – Laura Hall

1. Please continue to send business items to secretary@nhtg.org

E. GT Chair - Great Taste Steering – Doug Randall

1. Starting the 2024 budget next week.

F. At Large Directors

1. No report.

V. Committee Reports

A. Cider and Mead

1. Apfelfest is coming up on September 23rd. Testing out an expansion of the event. All members are encouraged to attend.
2. Club Pressing October 15h

B. Club Space

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1. Thank you to Justin the Quartermaster and his team for putting up the new racking.

C. Competition

1. All 10 of the test takers are known to have passed the BJCP exam.
2. In conjunction with education, we are having a mystery hop competition on October 18th.
3. November 4th Badger Brew-off. It is limited to 200 entries. Call for entries will be sent out soon. Farmhouse, Wine and Hop, Starkweather and Full Mile will be drop-off locations.
4. January will be the callout for brewer and judge of the year.
5. February smoked malt competition.
6. Late march Reinheist Revolt.
7. SCWAKK competition June 1st.
8. There will be a wort transformation competition later in the year, partner TBD. Preliminary discussion held on preferred volume, etc.

D. Education

1. Fourth quarter events are all planned. September 20th Cider and Mead presentation at the Wil-Mar with the Cider Farm. September 27th State Line Distilling Social. October 18th single hop tasting. October 25th Awildan Distilling in Burke for a social.

E. Finance

1. Committee chairs were reached out to last week to initiate their budget requests. Hoping to have them by end of October. Steering will start discussing their budget next month.
2. Finance committee meeting October 25^h. Should be sent to board in November and given to membership for their acceptance at the business meeting in December.

F. Giving

1. Discussion on potential to increase budget. Further discussion would need to wait until after all the Great Taste expenses from this year are known. Will address new request during a business meeting.

G. Membership

1. Have not met

H. Technology and Social Media

1. Overhaul of website. Updated out of state software.
2. Social Media will be addressed by Steering.

VI. Business

1. Giving requests – Nick motioned to approve all recommended amount. Paul second. Members voted. All recommended amounts below were approved.
 1. Frank Allis
 - a) Food for PTA conferences– committee recommendation of \$500
 - b) Art supplies – recommendation of \$1000
 - (1) Board is wondering if there are any other donors or are we the sole source.
 2. River Alliance of Wisconsin. Committee recommended \$2000
 3. Madison Rec Hockey. Committee recommended \$500
 4. OccuPaws Guide Dog Association – Recommended \$250
 5. Pink Boots Society – Recommended \$1000
 6. WORT Backporch Community Radio – Recommended \$8000
 7. Wil-Mar – Recommended \$3000
 8. Madison East High School MTB Team – Recommended \$1000
 9. Collaboration Project – Recommended \$250
 10. WayForward Resources - has not gone to committee yet
2. Brewer behavior/ misc issues at Great Taste
 1. Potential incidents
 - a) Discussion on issues with brewery bringing water made with THC.
 - b) One brewer was rude to our volunteers at the front gate on Friday.
 - c) Brewery becoming aggressive with staff, changing table location, etc. Chairman to reach out to their owner/ management.
 - d) One brewery did not have producers on site at their table when checked.
 - e) We may need to establish a code of conduct to make expectations clear. Will send to Steering Committee for create a code of conduct to disseminate to everyone in the park. First by Paul, second by Fred. Motion passes.

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3. Pink Boots - Discussion on collaborating with them on a future even or social.
4. Discussion on possibility of greater branding of MHTG at Great Taste. Motion to have things such as club branded stickers, increased signage, incorporating logo onto merch. Motion by Ryan, second by Duane. Motion passes. Will send to Steering to come up with plan.
5. Club trip should be on next Steering agenda.

VII. Announcements

- A. Board dinner will be held at the Tornado Room on December 13th. 6pm drinks and 7pm dinner.

VIII. Adjournment.

- A. Motion to adjourn by Gary. Second by Nick. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM