

MHTG Business Meeting Agenda

December 2023

I. Call to order at 8:39 PM by Paul McGuire, President

II. Approval of minutes- Submitted by Laura Hall

1. Motion by Doug R., second by Peter S.

III. Officer Reports

A. President – Paul McGuire

1. We have had a great year. I will be serving again as President.

B. Vice President – Nick Balazs

1. We have 31 members here tonight. No new members in attendance known.
2. Review of homebrew brought by members. We have witbier, Oktoberfest, etc
3. 332 total members are in the club as of today.

C. Treasurer – Ryan Mallet

1. All of the Giving checks have gone out.
2. Tax filing is complete. Our advertising is now taxable, so we did have to pay in some taxes this year.

D. Secretary – Laura Hall

1. Reminder to send business items to secretary@mhtg.org

E. GT Chair - Great Taste Steering – Doug Randall

1. 2024 GT Brewers Lottery has been completed and initial invites sent. Regrets were also sent instead of delayed to better inform brewers of where they stand. Our goal was to send out invites prior to the start of 2024 to give brewers more time to budget for the even

F. At Large Directors

1. No report.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Cider and Mead

1. No report.

B. Club Space/ Facilities

1. Final meeting of the year will be on December 12th. We are looking for members to join and will be electing a chair at this meeting.
2. We have made significant progress on the one-barrel system at the club space.
3. Please sign up for club share cleaning.
4. The lock had failed, but a backup is in place and the space is now accessible.
5. Congrats to Justin who will be on our Board of Directors for 2024.

C. Competition

1. Badger Brew Off results

a) Best of Show- Beer

- (1) Lincoln Souzek- George Kreisler (8B: Schwarzbier)
- (2) Tom Miller- Bishoff, co-brewer Cory Hamilton – Bumbling Bruin (26D: Belgian Dark Strong)
- (3) Allen Kent – Astronaut College (7B: Altbier)

b) Best of Show – Mead/Cider

- (1) Anthony Ries – Tart Cherry Melomel (M2E: Melomel)

c) Standard

- (1) Allen Kent – Astronaut College (Altbier)
- (2) Ross Stuart – Hanella Hazy (Hazy IPA)
- (3) Lincoln Souzek – Schmatzi (Kolsch)

d) Belgian

- (1) Tom Miller- Bishoff, co-brewer Cory Hamilton – Bumbling Bruin (Belgian Dark Strong)
- (2) Gary Lockwood – Tony D and Grand Cru (Belgian Pale)
- (3) Gary Lockwood – Old Quad (Belgian Dark Strong)

e) Oddities (for Gary)

- (1) Eric VandenAkker – Barley Wine (Specialty Wood-Aged Beer)

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- (2) Josh Regenold – Lime Sour (Wild Specialty Beer)
- (3) Tom Miller- Bishoff, co-brewer Cory Hamilton – Rosie Cotton (Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer)

f) European

- (1) Lincoln Souzek – Georg Kreisler (Schwarzbier)
- (2) Gary Lockwood – Brass in Pocket (Best Bitter)
- (3) Tom Miller- Bishoff, co-brewer Cory Hamilton- One Way Ticket (Weizenbock)

g) Mead

- (1) Anthony Ries – Tart Cherry Melomel (Melomel)
- (2) John Tobin – Aronia Cherry Mead (Melomel)
- (3) Eric VandenAkker – Black Currant 2.0 (Melomel)

2. Smoked, spiced, and gruit competition will be held in February.

D. Education

- 1. Meetings planned for first quarter based on survey responses.
- 2. Jeremy Kaukl has been reelected as chair.
- 3. December Malt House 13th, 20th Cellar Night, 27th Orphan Christmas at Cask and Ale.
- 4. 47 people responded to the survey. High responses for Giant Jones, Working Draft, Vintage, etc.
- 5. We will do a bus trip this year. Fox Cities, Galena, etc.
- 6. Homebrewing focus popular topics were hop comparison, same recipe with different yeast, water comparison,

E. Finance

- 1. Presentation of budget as approved by the board will happen during Business portion of meeting. Encouraged members to review the printed material just handed out.

F. Giving

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1. We fulfilled our goal of donating part of Great Taste proceeds to some charitable organizations.

- a) Common Wealth Development – \$1,000
- b) Madison Area Land Trust - – \$1,500
- c) ABA Museum Foundation – \$1,000
- d) Breast Cancer Recovery – \$3,000
- e) Groundswell Conservancy – \$1,000
- f) Frank Allis Elementary School Art Supplies– \$1,000
- g) West Madison Special Olympics - – \$1,500
- h) River Alliance of WI – \$3,000
- i) Frank Allis Elementary School PTO conference food – \$1,000
- j) Madison Rec Hockey – \$500
- k) OccuPaws Guide Dog Association – \$1,000
- l) Pink Boots Society – \$1,000
- m) Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center – \$3,000
- n) WORT – \$8,000
- o) Madison East High School Mountain Bike Team – \$1,000
- p) Collaboration Project – \$5000
- q) WayForward Resources – \$1,000
- r) Luke House – \$1,500
- s) River Food – \$1,500
- t) Goodman Center Thanksgiving baskets– \$1,500

G. Membership

1. BOD requested a flyer for the club, and this has been completed. Draft went through a round of edits and a final copy will be returned to the committee.
2. Election results were completed last month as everyone was running unopposed. The board will meet in January, no meeting in December.

H. Technology and Social Media

1. Request for a depository for media storage as well as recipes.

V. Business

A. Presentation of 2024 Budget

1. Discussion and questions:

- a) We are conservative on our income for the fest, based on where festivals are headed and past attendance. We have increased our budgeted ticket sales for next year.
 - b) When budgeting for expense, we are looking at increase in price of goods overall. For example, tent prices have at least doubled from where they were several years ago. Our tent company really came through for us this year with the weather event.
 - c) Increasing Giving and increased prices of tents have contributed to operating at a bigger loss.
 - d) Question: Why were our ticket sales so much higher than expected?
Answer: We budgeted very conservatively. We did also receive more entries in our lottery. We will continue to look at a pattern of interest.
 - e) Question: Has the topic of ticket increase come up? Answer: Yes, it is in discussion for the future.
 - f) Question: What about online sales for merch? Answer: We may start doing targeted catalog as a presale and then order based on sales. We are not interested in shipping, but looking at orders that can be picked up at the tent.
 - g) Question: In the past, we were only allowed to sell merch on certain days. Does that still apply? Answer: There was a law passed several years ago that increased thresholds that would allow us to sell on many additional days. We are also looking at the possibility of merch at our Great Taste eve sites.
 - h) Question: Do we have enough cash on hand? Answer: Yes, we feel confident we are in a good cash position.
 - i) Question: Are we looking at CDs, etc for our money to earn interest?
Answer: Yes
- 2. Please consider this sensitive information. If you want to keep the printed information, please consider this business confidential. A copy will be available on the website.**
- 3. Motion to accept first by Bob and second by Tom. Motion passes.**

VI. Announcements

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- A.** This year's holiday celebration will be a Maifest again. Will be April 27th at Capitol Brewing.
- B.** We will likely have the rest of the bottles used at spirit tastings as the Maifest, so please come help us drink it!
- C.** No business meeting in January. Next Business meeting will be first Wednesday in February.

VII. Adjournment.

- A.** Motion to adjourn by Member Peter. Second by another Greg. Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM