

MHTG Business Meeting Agenda

February 2024

I. Call to order at 8:45 PM by Paul McGuire, President

II. Approval of minutes- Submitted by Laura Hall

1. Motion by Doug R, second by Bryan A. Motion passes

III. Officer Reports

A. President - Paul McGuire

1. Thank you for coming to our first business meeting of 2024. We will try to make this our best year yet!

B. Vice President – Nick Balazs - absent

1. No new members known to be present at the meeting tonight.
2. We are estimated to have 325 members.
3. Discussion of beer on tap and homebrew. There are beers present that were left over from the Big Beer tasting event.

C. Treasurer – Ryan Mallet

1. Year-end numbers are not ready as we are still waiting on invoices from the City of Madison.
2. Both the Finance committee and the Board recently approved investing in new CDs, and the paperwork is being finalized. These are 6-month term CDs that will mature just before the Great Taste. We will plan to continue doing CDs in order to earn more money on our deposits. This year we are doing \$150,000, at a rate of 5.1%.
3. We have received some thank-you cards from businesses we gave to in Giving last year.

D. Secretary – Laura Hall

1. Please send agenda items to secretary@mhtg.org

E. GT Chair - Great Taste Steering – Doug Randall

1. 2024 Great Taste planning is underway! Some of our organizers met with City of Madison at a Safety Symposium, and we were told us we need 44 “certified crowd managers”. This training has been sent out to all organizers
2. We are looking at streamlining volunteers as well as how we are selling tickets.

3. Glassware and art choices have been finalized.

F. At Large Directors

1. No report

IV. Committee Reports

A. Cider and Mead

1. Mike Vandersnick is the new chair.
2. Looking to finalize dates for social and technical pressing.
3. Next meeting is 3/20 at 6pm at Wil-Mar.

B. Club Space

1. Reminder to sign up for monthly club space cleanings. They fall on the Sunday after the Business Meetings.
2. New chairman is Ryan Schmandt.

C. Competition

1. Peter Steinberg and Jeremy Bergener are co-chairs.
2. In two weeks, February 21st, we will have our smoke/spice/gruit competition in conjunction with Education at our scheduled Education night.
3. Not club related, but judges are welcome for Flannel Fest competition. See Gary Lockwood if interested. Sunday February 18th.
4. March cider and mead competition in conjunction with education night.
5. In April we will hold March Mashness.
6. Working on setting date with Potosi for a brew day.
7. May we are working on doing on a Big Brew Day.
8. June Reinheits Revolt with Starkweather.
9. July we will encourage members to start brewing for Great Taste eve.
10. August we are thinking of doing a competition for those who do brew beer for Great Taste Eve.
11. September will be a competition making all the same recipe. Dark Mild.
12. October mystery hops.
13. November Badger Brew Off
14. If you are interested in judging opportunities outside of the area, please contact Peter Steinberg or Bob Paolino.
15. If you brew but haven't brewed for Great Taste eve before, please consider doing so. It is much appreciated.

D. Education

Wednesday, February 7th, 2023

1. We are resurrecting having a Brewery or Style of the Month at our Business Meetings. Beers will be placed on the tables for consumption.
2. No social meeting held last week, will be rescheduled for later in the year.
3. Next week Malt House social. 2/21 is competition/ commercial beer tasting of spiced/gruit/smoked beers. 2/28 Vintage on Whitney Way social. 3/13 Malt House, 3/20 cider competition and tasting, 3/27 Cider Farm tentative. We are looking at Prost possible for April or May.

E. Finance

1. Bob Harvey is chair for next year.

F. Giving

1. Meeting proposed for February 20th at 7pm via Zoom.
2. We have one current proposal to review.

G. Membership

1. Have not met. No report.

H. Web

1. Have not met. No report

I. Other/ Ad-Hoc

1. Wild and Sour group homebrew collaboration is almost ready. We blended 3 beers together on peaches and blueberries. Currently conditioning in bottles.

V. Business

1. **Homebrewer and Judge of the Year.** Please note that points will now be given out if you bring beer to club meetings.
 1. Judge
 - a) 3rd Doug Randall, 2nd Peter Steinberg (only half point off from first), 1st Bob Paolino
 2. Homebrewer
 - a) 3rd Gary Nidetz, 2nd Gary Lockwood, 1st James Teslow

VI. Announcements

- A. Member Carl F's father died this week. Carl gave the tour at Three Floyds for the Goodwill trip this year.

VII. Adjournment.

- A. Motion to adjourn by Bryan. Second by Colin. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM