

MHTG Board Meeting Notes

October 2024

I. Call to order at 7:25pm by Paul McGuire, President

Approval of Sept minutes: approved by the board via email, as submitted by Fred Yingling.

Board members present

A. Paul McGuire, Nick Balazs, Doug Randall, Ryan Mallet, Laura Hall, Gary Lockwood, Greg Tatusko, Justin Kuehn

II. Officer Reports

A. President – Paul McGuire

- i. Thank you all for nominating others.

B. Vice President – Nick Balazs

- i. Our cooler has been recalled. We have reached out to the company.
- ii. 329 members.

C. Treasurer - Finance Committee– Ryan Mallet

- i. Police invoice was under budget.
- ii. We need to reconcile the steering budget yet and get the YTD budget out.

D. Secretary – Laura Hall

- i. Thank you so much for Fred for taking notes for me last month!

E. GT Chair – Great Taste Steering – Doug Randall

- i. Steering has settled on a budget for 2025, and has submitted to finance.

F. At Large Directors

- i. No report.

III. Committee Reports

A. Cider and Mead

- i. Apfel Fest was two Saturdays ago, with great weather. Technical Pressing 10/19.

B. Club Space/ Facilities

- i. Bottle washer, flow meter, and some new outlet have been installed. Shadowboxes with Great Taste t-shirts have been installed and will eventually be hung. Ryan S. is working

on getting final meeting set up.

C. Competition

- i. Met yesterday, mostly revolved around planning for Badger Brew-Off coming up the second weekend of November. Drop-off points will be Wine and Hop Shop, club meetings, and club space. Judging to be held at Starkweather Brewing Company. Member Jeremy Bergener did a great job at getting prizes for the event.
- ii. Next event likely in February, which may be a dark beer competition. March Mashness in March. Cider and Mead in April. May SWACCC.

D. Education

- i. October meetings include checking out Lone Girl's new taproom 10/23 and a social at Awildan 10/30.
- ii. Jeremy, the long-time chair, is stepping down. Liaison will make sure things keep running during the transition. Need to check on pending November 20th plan for Distilling Process and Associated Terminology Presentation. December will be a light month with a Cellar Night on the 18th and then nothing on the fourth Wednesday as it is Christmas.

E. Giving

- i. Met on 9/17 to discuss how to use up the rest of the funds we have available in the giving budget. We ran out of submitted requests so have looked at other entities we have given in the past.
 - a) Grace Food Pantry \$1000, River Food Pantry \$1000, Oregon Food Pantry \$1000, Mount Horeb Food Pantry \$250, St Vinny's Food Pantry \$1000, Porchlight \$1000, Tellurian \$1000, Wil-Mar \$3000, Luke House \$950, Dane County Humane Society \$500. Motion to approve all made first Nick, second Justin. All in favor and the motion passes.
- ii. We gave \$1250 to the Madison Public Library Foundation, and they gifted us 4 tickets to their Ex-Libris event on November 8th. We will follow up with members who have expressed interest.

F. Membership

- i. No report.

G. Technology and Social Media

- i. Working on getting photo gallery up on the Web page.

IV. Business

- A. Cease and Desist letters for Waunakee Community Foundation Great Beer Taste, and Black River Falls Athletic Boosters were reviewed. Both will be sent.
- B. Discussion around member conduct expectations.
- C. Board Dinner planning.
- D. Holiday Party will be January 4th. Discussed ideas proposed by the coordinator.

V. Announcements

- A. Club trip is happening the second to last weekend in November and already has 28 people interested out of 40 total seats.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn by Laura, second by Doug. Motion Passes. Adjourned 9:07 pm.