

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

December 2024

I. Call to order at 8:36 by Paul McGuire, President

II. Approval of minutes– Submitted by Laura Hall

- A. Motion by Mark V, second Greg Y. Motion passes

III. Officer Reports

A. President – Paul McGuire

- i. This is our last meeting of 2024. I am excited to see what we are doing in 2025.
- ii. Thank you Greg Y. for bringing the snacks. We have Beer Nuts in honor of a pit stop made on the Goodwill bus trip. Thanks to Colin for setting up our tap beer. Also thanks to Colin for setting up draft system at 6:15 in the morning for the trip even though he didn't go on the trip, and then showing back up when we got back!

B. Vice President – Nick Balazs

- i. We have 329 total members, and 33 here tonight.
- ii. Call made for any new members in attendance, and Dylan introduced himself. Dylan brews mead and is looking for feedback on what he brought tonight.
- iii. Several members talked about what they brought to the meeting tonight. Dylan brought a elderberry, lemongrass, and earl grey mead. James brought a bock and a spruce tip czech pilsner. Ryan brought a scotch ale. Bryan brought Wild Rice dark mild and Hefeweizen.
- iv. Nick thanked everyone for letting him serve as Vice President. He will not be returning next year.

C. Treasurer – Ryan Mallet

- i. Budget is done. Get reimbursement items in soon.
- ii. 2 passes for National Brewing Museum in Potosi are up for grabs for the donation we made. Please see Ryan to grab the passes.

D. Secretary – Laura Hall

- i. No report.

E. GT Chair – Great Taste Steering – Doug Randall

- i. Brewery lottery has been sent out. We invited 20 extra breweries do to attrition. We have had 140 breweries accept so far.
- ii. The Goodwill trip went well. For those who have not been, check it out for next year.
- iii. We have a s glass selected again and will use our same artist from last year, our member Eric Peterson who is in attendance tonight.

F. At Large Directors

- i. No report.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Cider and Mead

- i. Has not met.

B. Club Space/ Facilities

- i. Met last month. Brian Schmandt is the chair. Making progress on the one-barrel system. Electrical box is in. Mounted a fan on the club space. Ducting has been ordered.

C. Competition

- i. Badger Brew off was held in in November. Bryan Antoniuk won with his Dark Mild, which is here tonight.
- ii. February we are planning a Dark Beer competition – likely before the Business Meeting. Bring 6 bottles, one to judge and 5 to share. Judging will take place.
- iii. March Mashness – head to head competition
- iv. April Cider and Mead

D. Education

- i. Colin is the new chair.
- ii. Please sign up for the Education Committee email list if you would like to joint our meetings.

iii. Calendar

- a) January 15th – Style Tasting (tentatively bock)
- b) January 22nd Old Sugar
- c) 29th Young Blood

E. Finance

- i. No addition report. Will be presenting the budget during Business.

F. Giving

- i. No report.

G. Membership

- i. No report.

H. Technology and Social Media

- i. No report

V. Business

A. Presentation of 2025 Budget

- i. We have a reserve of \$150,000 as a self-insurance in case we ever need to cancel the fest. We also have some reserve to cover our budgeted losses, which is reflected
- ii. Motion to accept the budget by Greg Younkin. Second by Doug R.
- iii. Thank you to the Finance Committee and Board who always spend a lot of time working on these numbers.

B. 2025 Board of Director Nominees

- i. We had 338 eligible voters, and 160 ballots were submitted.
 - a) Results
 - President: Paul Maguire
 - Vice-President: Greg Tatusko
 - Secretary: Laura Hall
 - Treasurer Ryan Mallet
 - Great Taste Chair: Doug Randall
 - At-Large Directors: Gary Lockwood and Ryan Schmandt
 - b) Thank you to Tom who is in his first year running the election.
 - c) Motion to accept results, not to publish the vote totals, and make the totals available to members on demand. Second by Colin.
 - d) Thank you to Nick for your 6 years on the board.

VI. Announcements

- A. Reminder that if your membership lapses, you will fall off of any mailing lists you are on

and need to re-join them. This can be done on the website.

B. Looking for homebrew for the holiday party.

C. We are doing our Holiday Party on January 4th. We will be looking for volunteers. It will be a potluck for desserts but otherwise a catered event. We are aiming for attendance of 200 people. 6 pm to midnight at Capital Brewing. Holiday beer exchange (member wraps a bomber or 6 pack, leaves one and takes one). We will be collecting money at the door for second Harvest and to tip the staff, typically \$5/person for each initiative.

D. Thank you to Colin again, and to Bob for making 8 dozen deviled eggs for the Goodwill trip!

E. Mikael says “Nice haircut Nick!”

VII. Adjournment at 9:19pm

A. Motion to adjourn Tom by Nick. Motion Passes.

Members are encouraged to attend business meetings, bring their ideas to the board, and participate in our various committees. The club functions at its best when members are active. More information and our club calendar can be found at MHTG.org.