

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

February 2025

I. Call to order at 8:34 by Paul McGuire, President

II. Approval of minutes – Submitted by Laura Hall

A. Motion by Bryan. Second by Justin . Motion passes

III. Officer Reports

A. President – Paul McGuire

- i. Welcome to our first Business Meeting of 2025. There have been changes in some committees and we have some exciting activities in store this year.
- ii. Thank you to Aaron Eicher for being cellarmaster tonight. And to Greg Younkin for bringing snacks.

B. Vice President – Greg Tatusko

- i. 333 total members, around 35 here tonight.
- ii. Call for any new members at the meeting to introduce yourself and your favorite style. Andrea's favorite style is Fruited Sour, Aaron's favorite is lager, Colin just recently turned 21 and is excited to try new beers.
- iii. Homebrew brought by members tonight: Dylan – passionfruit melomel. Paul - english style blonde. Jordan - Bourbon masala pumpkin. Taps: Black Ipa Ryan M, Festbier James T, Pale double red ipa from Duane B. Next to taps we have leftover bock beers from the last Education meeting.

C. Treasurer – Ryan Mallet

- i. 2024 financials are mostly resolved. Total income \$629,000. Net income \$30,000. Final year end numbers will be put on the website.

D. Secretary – Laura Hall

- i. Please send agenda items to secretary@mhtg.org. Feel free to sent any ideas on you would like discussed at meetings.

E. Great Taste Chair and Great Taste Steering Committee – Doug Randall

- i. Steering met in January.

- ii. We have 199 breweries who have accepted our invitation. Total invitations were 210.
- iii. We are expanding our social media footprint.
- iv. Support your local brewery – we have been made aware of several breweries that have closed. Many club members are going to Cercis on Friday before they close.

F. At Large Directors

- i. No report.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Cider and Mead

- i. Will have a competition in April.
- ii. Working on a tour in on April 12th. There will be signup for the trip sent to members.
- iii. Mike V. is the chair for 2025.

B. Club Space/ Facilities

- i. Have not met this year. We have several small projects going. Will make instructions for how to use the brewing system. We have information on use of RO water and grain mill at club space in the membership guide.
- ii. Rich F. is the club space chair for 2025.

C. Competition

- i. We are accepting submissions for Homebrewer and Judge of the Year.
- ii. Flannel Fest judging takes place on Sunday Feb 16th at Club Space, and we are looking for judges.
- iii. We are gauging interest in a judging class. Please send email to Peter Steinberg if you are interested.
- iv. March Mashness will be held at our March Business Meeting. Please bring any fermented beverage you would like to submit, and then judging takes place in rounds by our members during the meeting.
- v. Another Big Beer Tasting will be held this Sunday at Malt House. Sign-up is on the website.
- vi. Peter Steinberg reported on several opportunities for judges in competitions both in-state and out-of-state. Please reach out to him directly for a list.
- vii. Aaron Eicher gives an extra verbal highlight for the Flannel Fest Festival and

opportunity to judge. Flannelfest has both homebrew and commercial beers to sample. Multiple members have homebrews pouring at the fest. Judging of homebrews is at our club space on 16th. The actual Flannelfest event is then held the next week in Janesville on February 22nd, with the homebrew winners announced during the event. -

D. Education

2/19 Gueze style tasting @ Wilmar 7-10 pm
2/26 Social @ Hop Haus Fitchburg 7-10 pm 3 for \$2 subsidy
3/12 Mead and Cider Tasting @ Wilmar 7-10pm
3/26 Social @ Bierock 7-10 pm 3 for \$2 subsidy
4/16 Shelf Life Demo @Karben 4 7-10 pm
4/23 Social @ Hidden Cave Cidery 7-10 pm.

E. Finance

- i. No additional report.

F. Giving

- i. Greg T is chair, but looking for new chair as he is serving as V.P.
- ii. Next meeting 2/15 on Zoom at 7pm.
- iii. Please fill out form on website for any charity you would like the club to give a donation to.
- iv. We have received several thank you notes from the charitable organizations we gave to in 2025, which are on the table during meeting for members to review.

G. Membership

- i. No report.

H. Technology and Social Media

- i. No report.

V. Business

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment 9:04 pm.

- A. Motion to adjourn by Nick, second by Bryan. Motion Passes.

Members are encouraged to attend business meetings, bring their ideas to the board, and participate

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

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.