

MHTG Business Meeting Minutes

May 2025

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

II. Approval of minutes – Submitted by Laura Hall

A. Motion by Doug, second by Justin. Motion passes

III. Officer Reports

A. President – Paul McGuire

- i. Thanks to everyone who brought mead and cider for our competition tonight, as well as the judges.
- ii. In the back of the room we have a case of mead and cider as well as “big beer” from the club stash for members to enjoy.

B. Vice President – Greg Tatusko

- i. 339 members
- ii. Call for new members. David introduced himself. He is a brewer and brought a homebrewed extract APA.
- iii. Who else brought homebrew to share? Dylan brought many ciders and meads. Bryan lager. Colin Martzen. Fred cider. Jason brought a couple of ciders and we also highlighted his recent award for 2025 recipient of The Cider Institute's Peter Mitchell Award for Educational Excellence! . Steven brought an assortment of cider and mead. Page brought some ciders from the club pressing. Fred Y. German pils. Paul brought ciderkin.

C. Treasurer – Ryan Mallet

- i. We sold Great Taste tickets this past weekend. Thank you to all the sellers, as we switched out our online payment system for the third time and it went well. Our current system will also allow us to accept card payments at the merchandise table at the fest.

D. Secretary – Laura Hall

- i. Please send agenda items to secretary@mhtg.org.

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

- i. We are halfway through the lottery. Our target for tickets to sell via lottery is 3413.
- ii. We sold 2436 tickets in person. Thank you to Greg Tatusko for being the Team Lead and overseeing all the in person sales. There were 57 DD tickets purchased. Much credit also goes to the social media team. Thank you to everyone for sharing our social media posts.

F. At Large Directors

- i. Justin K is working on club merch. He has some mockups here at the meeting and would like feedback on styles and colors. Tariffs are not affecting prices too much so far. We are selling to members at cost.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Cider and Mead

- i. Thank you to all the entrants tonight.
- ii. On April 12th, we had a bus tour and went to three ciders and a brewery.
- iii. Next meeting June 10th at Delta Beer Lab at 7pm.

B. Club Space/ Facilities

- i. No report

C. Competition

- i. Bryan Antoniuk reviewed several opportunities for judging. See him for more details.
- ii. November 8th is the club-sponsored Badger Brew Off.

D. Education

- i. Met on March 5th.
- ii. In April, we went to Karben 4 for a shelf life demo (14 participants) , then Hidden Cave (11 participants), then our bonfire at Hoyt Park (27 participants).
- iii. Please sign up for brewing for GT Eve.
- iv. Kirby Nelson and Randy Hughes will give a talk in June or July.
- v. This month we have The Science of Distilling education on May 21st , and Viking Brew Pub social on May 28th.
- vi. We are looking for homebrewers to participate in a hop aroma wheel education night.

E. Finance

- i. We have a total \$251,000 in assets not including what is coming in for ticket sales. We

are self-insured for the fest.

- ii. Under club documents you can find our current summarized budget, as well as the last 3 years. These are confidential, so please keep within the club.

F. Giving

- i. We have only received one request this year. Please submit requests on the website for your charitable organization of choice.

G. Membership

- i. If you would like to join the committee, please do!
- ii. We are considering switching over to a Zoom model for our meetings.

H. Technology and Social Media

- i. We don't have official business, but at the board meeting last month we discussed finding members who want to use their skills and build more structure into this committee.
- ii. The website has been maintained and there has been a refresh, but we are looking for people to contribute their skills and make the committee more structured.
- iii. Please remember this committees is separate from The Great Taste social media group.

V. Business

VI. Special Business

A. Cider and Mead competition

- i. 14 entries (7 ciders, 7 meads)
 - a) Cider
 - 1st place: Jason Cassidy - New World Cider #2
 - 2nd place: Jason Cassidy- English cider
 - Honorable mention: Dylan Smith- passion fruit
 - b) Mead
 - 1st place: Steven Keller - cyser
 - 2nd place: Dylan Smith– dandelion mead
 - Honorable mention: Steven Keller - raspberry

VII. Announcements

- A. The full logo of the club is the only thing on the merch mockups so far, but if you have any other ideas for images please let Justin Keuhn know.

VIII. Adjournment 9:20pm

- A. Motion to adjourn by Lee, and second by Mark L. 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.