

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I--PURPOSE

Section 1 - Purpose

The purpose of this club is to enjoy and promote the art and science of homebrewing.

Section 2 - Goals

- To learn more about the science and art of homebrewing beer, mead and cider, beer tasting and beer judging, based on our shared knowledge and experience.
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- To promote the hobby and enjoyment of homebrewing art.
- To promote the responsible use of alcoholic beverages.
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- To engage in enjoyable social activities focused on the common foundation of homebrewing.

ARTICLE II--MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Eligibility

All persons of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages in the state of Missouri are eligible for membership.

Section 2 - Acceptance

The only criteria for membership acceptance is a genuine desire to learn about homebrewing, adhere to the club bylaws, and keep annual membership dues current.

Section 3 - Rights and Liability of Members

The members of the club shall not be liable for the debts or obligations of the club. No member shall receive compensation for services rendered to the club except as otherwise approved by the officers of the club. A club member may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred on behalf of the club, if approved by the club officers.

Section 4 - Guests

Members may bring guests to club meetings and functions. If the guests intend to consume alcoholic beverages they must comply with Article II, Sections 1 and 7.

Section 5 - Membership Year

The membership year of the club shall be the calendar year, January through December. The fiscal year, for the purposes of dues, shall coincide with the calendar year.

Section 6 - Non-Discrimination

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Club membership shall not be denied to any individual on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation.

Section 7 - Hold Harmless

Participation in this club is entirely voluntary. Members and guests know that participation in club activities often involves the consumption of alcoholic beverages and this may affect their perceptions, health, and reactions. Members and guests shall accept responsibility for their conduct, behavior and actions and absolve the Missouri Association of Serious Homebrewers of responsibility for their conduct, behavior and actions. Participation includes any guests that may be present at club activities, wherever they may be held.

Section 8 - Types of Membership

All members are subject to Sections 1 and 2 of Article II. The club Treasurer will maintain the status of all members as well as maintaining the current status of members' dues and club finances.

Membership is open to all persons as provided by Sections 1 and 2 of Article II. The amount of annual individual and family dues is set by the officers and approved by a vote of the club (see Article VI: Section 1). The family membership is for all interested and eligible family members residing in their domicile. Fees will be prorated, per Article VI, section 1, from July through December.

Section 9 – Insurance

The club shall maintain a "Commercial General Liability" insurance policy, as well as a "Liquor Liability" insurance policy. Both policies shall include a minimum of \$1 million/occurrence and \$3 million aggregate coverage that covers both club meetings and club-sponsored events.

ARTICLE III -- VOTING

Section 1 - Eligibility

Members in good standing have the right to vote on club matters.

Section 2 - Items Put to Vote

The club's officers shall decide what and when items shall be voted on by the membership. Any member may petition any officer for issues to be brought to a vote.

Section 3 - Quorum

A meeting consisting of at least one officer and one-third of the regular club members is to be considered a quorum.

Section 4 - Election Dates

Elections are held yearly in December with the new officers taking office in January.

Section 5 - Nominations

Nominations shall be made by the nomination committee or from any member. Individuals may volunteer to hold an officer position as well.

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Section 6 - Voting Method

Voting is by controlled ballot of members in good standing only. A valid election to an officer position requires a quorum majority vote.

ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS

Section 1 - Officers

The following positions make up the entirety of the club's officers:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Section 2 - Officer Responsibilities

President - This officer will normally conduct the meeting. He or she may be responsible for securing the meeting place. Often, the president is the one who plans the meetings and arranges for an interesting demonstration or discussion. This officer reviews the financial records of the organization quarterly or as needed.

Vice President - This officer assists the president. This person will organize the tasting portion of the meeting and insure that there is an adequate supply of beer. The Vice President is responsible for planning and executing club events (i.e., club competitions, Oktoberfest, Christmas dinner, Homebrew pub crawl).

Secretary - This officer keeps the minutes of the meetings, edits them, and publishes the club minutes as appropriate. The Secretary also maintains the club membership contact list (i.e., e-mail, address, phone number), maintains control of and distributes the list as appropriate. The Secretary also maintains the annual Homebrewer of the Year (HOTY) Competition scores and is prepared to announce the standings each month.

Treasurer - This officer handles the club dues, sees that they are deposited in the club's account, and keeps the financial records. The Treasurer maintains the membership dues list and the status of the members. The Treasurer reports on the financial status of the club at least quarterly at a club meeting. The treasury records are open for review to any member in good standing.

Section 3 - Removal

Any officer of the club may be removed by the vote of a quorum majority of the members. Such a vote must be recommended by a club officer. Notification to members that an election will be conducted on the removal of an officer must be included in the monthly meeting notice.

Section 4 - Officer Resignation

Upon the resignation of an officer, the remaining officers shall select a person to take the responsibilities of the officer who left and this person shall serve out the remainder of the resigned officer's term.

Section 5 - Officer absentia

Any club officer may, on the absence of another officer, assume the duties of the absent officer for the completion of their assigned responsibilities (i.e. dues collection, HOTY point scoring, conduct the monthly meeting).

ARTICLE V -- NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - Nonprofit Status

The club is declared as a nonprofit organization. This does not give it tax exemption status under the rules of the United States Department of Internal Revenue Services (IRS) unless applied for and received at a later date.

ARTICLE VI -- DUES

Section 1 - Calendar

Dues are paid annually in January or before for the ensuing calendar year. The dues amount is proposed by the officers and approved by a vote of members in good standing. A 2/3 majority vote of members present is required to change the dues amount. When current members pay their dues, they must pay dues for the full year.

New members are charged full dues if they join in the first half of the fiscal year. New members who join after July 1st pay 50% of the full-year rate.

Section 2 - Form

Dues will be collected by the treasurer and may be paid in cash or personal check (preferred).

ARTICLE VII -- MEETINGS

Section 1 - Meetings of Members

Members shall meet monthly unless otherwise instructed by club officers.

Section 2 - Meeting Procedure

In transacting official business, the rules of Parliamentary Procedure contained in Robert's "Rules of Order" shall generally govern all meetings of the club.

ARTICLE VIII -- BY-LAW ACCEPTANCE CHANGES

Section 1 - Acceptance

These by-laws are accepted at the time of adoption by a quorum majority vote of full members.

Section 2 - Procedure for Changes

Any member may petition for a change in the by-laws. When changes are suggested, the petition must be presented in writing and introduced at a regular meeting of the club. The proposed changes shall be introduced and will be voted on at the next regular club meeting, providing a 30-day waiting period has been met. A vote of the majority of the club's current members that are eligible according to Article III Section 1 must approve a by-law change.

Ratified: (provide date)

-----*End of Bylaws*-----

Homebrewer of the Year Competition Rules

1. Homebrewer of the Year (HOTY) Discussion

Any homebrew club has, as one of its principle purposes, the promotion of home brewing. To do this, a club should strive to encourage all members to brew the best homebrew they are capable of and provide information that will assist these brewers. One way to support this is to involve club members in a competition for the club Homebrewer of the Year award or the "HOTY".

The following outlines the basis of the competitions that will support these efforts, as well as the standard Club rules for the execution of the different contests.

2. Competition Outline

Club members in good standing can earn points throughout the year that will count towards the MASH Homebrewer Of the Year award. Points can be earned in the following ways:

- by personally bringing homebrew to scheduled Club meetings
- by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any intra-club competitions
- by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any external BJCP/AHA sanctioned competition
- by participating and actively representing MASH at a public beer festival or similar event
- by providing beer to represent MASH at a public beer festival or similar event
- by hosting a MASH meeting, including being a stop at the Pub Crawl
- by delivering a homebrew presentation during a MASH meeting
- by authoring a published article that promotes the MASH club and/or homebrewing in general such as in a newspaper or magazine

The HOTY Competition will run January thru November of each calendar year, with the winner announced and awarded at the regularly scheduled December meeting. Total points will be accumulated, calculated and posted by the MASH Secretary after each regularly scheduled club meeting.

3. Obtaining Points

A. Any member personally bringing a homebrewed beer, homebrewed mead, or homebrewed cider (hereafter simply referred to as homebrew) to any scheduled MASH meeting will be awarded one point for each meeting that homebrews are brought. Only one point will be awarded for any meeting a homebrew is brought regardless of the number, type or volume brought. Points are also awarded if a member cannot attend the meeting, but sends the homebrew with another member. They may send a homebrew with a friend up to three times in one year and still have the points accumulate towards the HOTY, just as if they had attended. You must attend the meeting, or send homebrew with a member up to three times a year, to receive credit for "personally bringing" homebrew. Any member not bringing homebrews will not be awarded points, nor will points be awarded for any commercially produced libations. In order for points to be awarded, the homebrew must have been brewed by the club member. Total number of points possible for this category will not exceed the total number of scheduled club meetings for the year (one point for each scheduled meeting). It is the responsibility of the homebrewer to ensure the Secretary is made aware of the fact that a homebrew was brought to the meeting. It is also incumbent upon the Secretary to make sure they have a full accounting of those members bringing homebrew.

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B. The club will schedule periodic intra-club competitions. These competitions will be scheduled as decided by the Competition Committee. Anyone entering a homebrew into these MASH sponsored intra-club competitions will receive one point (maximum), in addition to points awarded for placing. Winners of the competitions will receive points as described below:

AHA Style Comp	Taster's Choice Comp
1 st Place- 4 Points	1 st Place- 3 Points
2 nd Place- 3 Points	2 nd Place- 2 Points
3 rd Place- 2 Points	3 rd Place- 1 Points

Teams/Couples - Members in the same home or team brewers can bring a homebrew to a meeting and/or competition(s) to receive joint credit points. A husband and wife or team can bring one homebrew and each member receive the corresponding points for that homebrew provided the homebrew was made by all members of the team, and not just one spouse or teammate. Section 3.A. applies as well.

C. One point will also be awarded for any BJCP or AHA sanctioned competition in which the homebrewer placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. Only one point can be earning per competition. A maximum of four (4) points may be accrued this way towards the MASH HOTY award score. It is the responsibility of the homebrewer to provide proof of the competition and place to the MASH Secretary.

D. One point will be awarded for a member participating and actively representing MASH at a public beer festival or similar event (such as an Oktoberfest celebration, a Harvest Festival, or a Beer Festival). The member must actively represent the club for at least one hour to obtain a point.

E. One point will be awarded for a member providing a reasonable amount of homebrewed beer (or beer-like beverage), mead, or cider to represent MASH at a public beer festival or similar event.

F. One point will be awarded for hosting a MASH meeting, including being a stop on the Pub Crawl, up to a maximum of two points awarded per year.

G. One point will be awarded for delivering a homebrew presentation during a MASH meeting, up to a maximum of two points awarded per year.

H. One point will be awarded for authoring a published article that promotes MASH and/or homebrewing in general such as in a newspaper or magazine.

4. Competition Scorekeeper

The MASH Secretary is the HOTY competition score keeper. It is the responsibility of the scorekeeper to keep track of points awarded to each club member. At the conclusion of each regularly scheduled meeting, the scorekeeper should post updated standings in the HOTY competition. It is the responsibility of the homebrewer to ensure the scorekeeper is aware of any homebrews brought to regularly scheduled club meetings and placing in external competitions.

5. Score Discussions

Tie scores for the HOTY will be decided using the number of regularly scheduled meetings that the member brought homebrews to and received points for. The homebrewer that has accumulated the largest number total points for this category will be declared the winner. In case of a continuing tie, the member with the highest points accrued in the intra-club competitions (AHA/BJCP Style and Tasters Choice) will be declared the winner.

Club Competition Rules

A. Eligibility

1. Club competitions are open to all members of M.A.S.H.
2. Commercial and/or Brew-on-Premises (BOP) beers are not eligible.
3. AHA/BJCP-sanctioned competition standard rules apply, except for tasters' choice.

B. Competition Types

1. During the calendar year, M.A.S.H. will hold at least three separate intra-club competitions, usually consisting of a style competition and a tasters' choice competition.
2. Three times per year (usually May, August, and November) M.A.S.H. will host AHA/BJCP style competitions, where members try to brew a beer according to the guidelines found in the BJCP style guidelines. The member closest to matching the style guidelines, according to the judges, wins the contest. For HOTY points, 1st place is awarded 4 points, 2nd 3 points and 3rd 2 points. All members are awarded one point for entering a homebrew.
3. The Tasters' Choice competition is an open style competition, where brewers bring their best single style or type of homebrew. All of the attending members vote for their three favorite libations. The tasters' choice is awarded to the brewer garnering the most votes, or highest vote tally. 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd and one point for 3rd place. Members are not allowed to vote for their own entry. For HOTY points, 1st place is awarded 3 points, 2nd 2 points and 3rd 1 point. All members are awarded one point for entering a homebrew.
4. The style competitions for the upcoming year will be decided at the December meeting. The competition committee is responsible for conducting the style selection process.

C. Entry Requirements and Information

1. For AHA/BJCP Style competitions, submit two (2) bottles: crown-capped; 12 ounces; brown glass. Bottles must be clean, and free of inked or paper labels and other identifying marks. Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker. For each entry use a rubber band to attach one bottle identification form to each bottle. Do not use glue or tape. Entry fees and bottles will NOT be returned for disqualified entries.
2. For Taster's Choice style competition the following submissions are permitted:
 - A: (4) bottles: crown-capped; 12 ounces; brown glass. Bottles must be clean, and free of inked or paper labels and other identifying marks. Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker.
 - B: 22 ounce, unmarked bottles are also permitted following the same marking guidelines as above.
 - C: Growlers are also permitted.
3. A member may enter BOTH the tasters Choice and the AHA style competition at the same event, but no more than one entry per event (one AHA style and one Tasters Choice style).
4. Judges will use the most current BJCP Style Guidelines, available on line at www.bjcp.org to judge the style competitions. Refer to categories by number, and to subcategories by letter.
5. We will accept all BJCP beer, mead and cider styles, categories 1-28, dependent on Competition Committee determination of style for the AHA/BJCP style competitions.

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D. Entry Fees and Deadlines

1. There will be a reasonable entry fee for all contests. This amount is proposed by the officers and approved by a vote of the members. The entry fees are to recover the cost of materials used during the competition (cups, marker, paper products, awards, etc.)
2. All entries must arrive at the competition site, delivered to the competition committee members by the end of the regularly scheduled M.A.S.H. business meeting.

Rules and Policies

A. Judging, Storage, and Handling

Judging at the club meetings is something we take very seriously, but enjoy and have fun doing. Our competition staff does the very best to draw qualified judges and professional brewers to evaluate entries.

MASH encourages everyone to explore the numerous styles of beer and will assist in the education and qualification of our members through the BJCP system. Anyone interested should contact the competition committee or one of the judges. The competition committee will maintain a roster of qualified judges within the club and ask for their assistance prior to each competition.

B. Competition committee

The Competition Committee works hard to round up as many cool prizes as they can. At a minimum, all brewing category winners will receive custom-cast medallions or ribbons for first, second, and third place in each style competitions. Judges are solely responsible for determining whether an entry is deserving of a medal. The Committee will combine or split categories and/or subcategories as necessary to maintain competition integrity. In general, they require that there be at least six entries in a category before awarding a full set of medals. All decisions of the judges, competition staff, and organizer will be final, without exception.

C. Scores, Score Sheets, and Prizes Delivery

The winners will be announced at the conclusion of formal judging, when all scores have been tallied and issues adjudicated. The location is to be determined. Medals will be handed out along with scores sheets and any prizes.

The Committee will process all score sheets promptly. The results will be posted on the MASH website (www.mashbrewers.com) as soon as possible.

As presented by the MASH President, (provide date)

Ratified by the Membership (provide date)