

# Meet *your* MHBA board



2021

# Meet President Nick Aschbrenner

Brewing since: 2006

In the club since: 2018

Favorite style to make: dark mild

Brewing flex: BJCP National with mead endorsement

Interests outside homebrewing: dad-ing, running marathons, spinning, and reading

Two truths and a lie:

- I vomited at Coors brewery
- I drank my first beer in Oberammergau, Germany
- I drank Bell's Two Hearted Ale before proposing to my wife



# Meet Vice President Josh Mahoney

Brewing since: 2008

In the club since: 2013

Favorite style to make: All the meads

Brewing flex: Once my cider won 1st place at the Minnesota State fair, beating both Chris Smith and Brett Glenna

Interests outside homebrewing: Being a dad, cooking, gardening, hiking, advanced lawn chair relaxation

Two truths and a lie:

- Former AHA Meadmaker of the Year
- Voted "Most Confused" in high school
- Have been interviewed by Kare 11 and CNN



# Meet Treasurer Jon Hunter

Brewing since: 2007

In the club since: 2011 or 2012-ish, probably

Favorite style to make: Whatever's next, but I have probably spent the most time working on adjusting porter recipes to find what I like the most

Brewing flex: blending in some aronia berry mead

Interests outside homebrewing: baking bread, foraging for fruit or the occasional mushroom, gardening

Two truths and a lie:

- The first mead I entered into a competition was because Al Boyce had tasted it at an MHBA event and told me it was "a medal winner" (he was right).
- I am close to perfecting a recipe for pale porter.
- I don't perceive any particular flavor when Cascade hops are used in a beer.





# Meet Secretary Matt Johnson

Brewing since: 2016

In the club since: 2021

Favorite style to make: Belgians and Sours

Brewing flex: I once brewed a beer that actually tastes good (maybe more than once)

Interests outside homebrewing: Traveling, all things cooking / baking / BBQ, Baseball, Football, spending time with my 115 lb dog and wife

Two truths and a lie:

- My wife and I did our engagement photo shoot at a craft brewery
- I only brew 10 gallon batches
- I've seen a World Series clinching baseball game in person



# Meet Member-At-Large Al Boyce

Brewing since: 1991

In the club since: 1999

Favorite style to make: Irish stout

Brewing flex: I once brewed a beer whose ingredients included an animal body part

Interests outside homebrewing: Guitar, Scouting

Two truths and a lie:

- I met Charlie Papazian
- I met Michael Jackson
- I met Sam Adams



# Meet Member-At-Large Adam Bystrom

Brewing since: October 2018

In the club since: March 2019

Favorite style to make: Session meads

Brewing flex: Back-to-back BoS Mead at MN State Fair 2018/19

Interests outside homebrewing: Being a dad, brewery hopping, burger hunting, Twins baseball, reading, collecting random things

Two truths and a lie:

- Has nearly 100 different types of honey samples
- 2020 AMMA National Mead Maker of the Year runner up
- Has never tried a hard seltzer





# Meet Member-At-Large Kurt Lawton

Brewing since: 2017 all grain, with some extract brewing back in the 1990s

In the club since: 2020, but Facebook fan since 2017

Favorite style to make: Perfecting my porter and west coast IPA recipe; next maybe a Munich Dunkel and play more with spicy and coffee beers.

Brewing flex: Haven't entered a contest; three quality beers in keezer is always the goal!

Interests outside homebrewing: meat smoking, craft brewery hunting, photography, hiking, fishing, kayaking, Utepi's investor, MN Twins, ISU Cyclones.

Two truths and a lie:

- Award-winning agricultural editor and photographer
- College dorm floor beer chugging champion
- Global beer hunting traveler





# Meet Member-At-Large Nathan Steigman

Brewing since: “Decently” as of 2012. Before then, it was a rustic batch of utter chaos in perfecting my college year’s stouts.

In the club since: 2012 (see above for reason)

Favorite style to make: Truly, can’t decide. Ironically, also the reason why I don’t have tattoos. If pressed, I’d say it’s the one creative take on a style that no one has thought to make yet. I like beers, meads, ciders, wines and experimentation.

Brewing flex: Recovering competition addict. Winning an NHB medal for my first traditional mead in late 2018 followed by 2019 BOS at Domras Cup and BOS at Minnesota Mashout in a first serious year of mead-making created a slight itch. I have an abundant wall of clanging, ribbonny stuff and I’m not quite sure what to do with it all. It keeps asking for more friends.

Interests outside homebrewing: My Kids, Music, Gardening, Growing Hops, Honey Sampling - it’s a thing, Hunting for Fish, Collecting Air Jordans, Drinking the home-brewed creations of others, Cooking, Grilling, Baking Bread. A Sauna.

Two truths and a lie:

- I’ve had the joy of upscaling two of my beers commercially.
- I’ve played the lottery a few times and actually won.
- My brew bucket list is complete.



# Meet President Emeritus Dave Matson

Brewing since: July 2014

In the club since: Joined Nov 2015, At-Large 2016-2017, Prez 2018-2020

Favorite style to make: Any Belgian Style

Brewing flex: Normal brewday is three all-grain batches

Interests outside homebrewing: Tennis, snowmobiling, fishing, wakeboarding, harmonica, grandkids

Two truths and a lie:

- Last movie seen in a movie theater was A Bug's Life
- Own twelve 20# propane tanks
- Have had three beers on tap at a commercial brewery

