

Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society
Meeting Minutes-December 20, 2023

TCBMS held a meeting December 20, 2023 at Lapel Eagles, Lapel, IN. Start time: 7:30 p.m.

Member's Present: Jeremy Crafton, Melissa Crafton, Chris Mershon, Shannon Ross, Jordan Cook, Justin Shadler, Austin Brownfield, Patti McDermitt

Treasurer's Report- As of 12/20/23 total bank balance is \$24,521.96

We took in: \$100 Leo Hensley Boobie art payment, \$30 Chris Mershon dues, \$30 Shannon Ross dues, \$30 John Blair dues, \$40 Shellie hoodie, \$100 Shellie business logo sponsor, \$30 Welch sponsor, \$60 Herr sponsor shirt, .97 November bank dividend, \$140 December trivia, \$515 Sponsor shirt cash so far, \$30 Crafton sponsor shirt.

We Paid out- \$2.99 PayPal fee for Leo Hensley payment, \$75.00 storage fee, .90 PayPal fee for John Blair's dues, \$1.20 PayPal fee for a hoodie, \$2.99 PayPal fee for Shellie's business logo sponsorship, .75 and .30 PayPal fee for the Welch's, \$1.50 and .15 for Herr's PayPal fees, \$100 Lapel Food Pantry in Madison County, \$100 Hancock County Utilities, \$100 Henry County Humane Society, \$7.75 USPS shipping for Shellie's hoodie, \$70-half of trivia paid to Eagles Ladies Auxiliary.

OLD Business

• Boobie Garden monetary donations (TABLED FOR NOW, BUT KEEPING IN MINUTES UNTIL FEB/MARCH)— Options that have been researched for donations are as follows:

1. **IBCAT-Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust**

2. **IWIN-Indiana Women In Need**

3. **Community Hospital Foundation-** need a more information

--If there are any other suggestions/ideas on the where to send leftover funds, once we pay for boobie tattoos to cover mastectomy scars, please bring them to a meeting.

• We'd greatly appreciate it if members shared our posts from the main TCBMS page. We don't post a ton, but when we do, get the word out on the interwebs please! Tell ALL the peoples!

• Club Sponsors are up and running! Color is Navy Blue—Gather those Club Sponsors!!

• Photos have been posted from competition.

• Christmas \$100 donations for our 3 counties. Henry county- Humane Society, Hancock County- Utilities, Madison county- Lapel Food pantry- Melissa will get checks out

• Beard Holiday Party "Regiftmas"- Saturday, Jan 20th! See event on Facebook for more details. Bethany Welch will be providing all of the games this year. We will eat around 4 p.m. A Facebook event page has been created. We will have fried chicken (all voted yes), everyone will bring a side, gift spending limit is \$15.

• 10th Annual "Beards for Bands; Mustaches for Music"-- Saturday, October 19th, 2024.

• Beard Prom- Bearded Hero event. We are the Main Sponsors, as well DJ and splitting with Steel City BMC for Snack table. Mark the calendar for Saturday 5/18/2024 in Fort Wayne!!

• Derby City—Louisville, KY. They are trying to have their competition in January as it's been in the past.

"Whiskermania"—however, they have a much smaller space now that the other place shut down. We are unsure of any other details, but should know more by the end of the month- no news yet. Our club has been formally invited.

• Elections: Held this meeting. Results in New Business

• We will be working on bylaw revisions to address the above regarding elections, as well as duties of officers to be more specific, and stipulations that will cover what happens when a Standard Member with a vote, or Standard Member without a vote, does not attend/participate a beard and mustache event in their membership year. Other items TBD if necessary.

New Business

•we are considering a new photographer for next year's competition. Thoughts or suggestions?

•Elections were held. There were no oppositions this year. Positions are as follows: Jeremy Crafton: President, Melissa Crafton: Treasurer, Jordan Cook: Vice President, Chris Mershon: Sentinel, Shannon Ross: Secretary, and Justin Schadler: Recruiter.

•We received Indianapolis Zoo tickets after the competition in October. It is a \$75 value and consisted of- 2 admission tickets and a parking pass. Good until November 30, 2024. Any suggestions on how these shall be used?

- Melissa received an email stating that our club has received a \$1500 grant from the Lapel Police Department. On 12/8 she received correspondence from Lauren Muelling from Enterprise Mobility Fund stating paperwork has been mailed. Will need to register by March 1, 2024 and submit contribution receipts. Reach out if we have not heard anything by January 1, 2024.
- We will be bringing back the annual newsletter!! Be on the lookout.
- We all voted for certain application/verbiage/bylaw changes. Jeremy has copies available for all who are interested in the updates. The biggest change is to the verbiage of bylaw 10. It will now state- “the society shall hold an annual facial hair competition and/or charity event open to the public”. We have also changed the stipulations for Standard Members. You are now required to attend one beard and mustache charity event and/or competition **IN PERSON** in your membership year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

2024 COMPETITIONS/EVENTS WE KNOW OF SO FAR (that are near(ish) or online)

- Derby City—Trying for January 2024—TBD
 - 4/6/24- Clash of the Bewhiskered- Plymouth, IN- Hiram’s Beard Club
 - 4/26-4-28- Hoosier Beard Alliance- Pop Con- Indianapolis
 - 5/18/2024- Beard Prom- Bearded Hero- Fort Wayne
 - 6/22/2024- MANE street comp- Madison, IN
 - 8/10/2024- Bearded Theatre 2- Beard Mobb Indiana- Columbus, IN at the Crump Theatre
- Be sure to check out www.thebeardcalendar.com for ALL the beard and mustache competitions and events for charity.

Members that have Dues upcoming

January- Shellie Sanford(15), CJ Sanford(30), John Gilson(15), Karen Gilson(15), Eric Wertz(30), Cyndi Duffer(15), Bryan Wray(15)

February- Matt McGuckin (30)

March- Brandon Crouse (15), Patti McDermitt (30), Austin Brownfield (30)*, Sean Harper (15)