

Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society
Meeting Minutes- June 20, 2019

1. TCBMS held a meeting June 20th, 2019 at Lapel Eagles, Lapel, IN. Start time 6:47pm.
-Members present were: Jeremiah Crafton, Melissa Crafton, Chris Mershon, Jordan Cook, Amber Ruddick, Karen Gilson, John Gilson, Jeff Wren, Marian Wren, John Blair
Guests- Sheri Browning, Lee Leiter, Cortney Smith

Previous minutes were read by Melissa and approved.

Treasurer's Report- As of today, bank balance is \$16,323.18. We took in: \$45 Jeff and Marian Wren dues, \$14.26 Ben Reed Dues (online minus fees), \$19.44 debit sales at On Tap (minus fees), \$3.52 bank dividend, \$30 Jason Crouse dues, \$30 Jordan Cook dues, \$71 cash donation/sales at On Tap. We paid out: \$50 Old Dog Whisker Club Category Sponsorship for Kalamazoo Parade of Whiskers-Best in Show.

1. Climate controlled storage unit for our instruments. Jeremy will have the space and instruments ready to move by the end of the first week of July. We received a response from Rick at Slick and he said just let him know a few days in advance when we plan to move them out of his space.
2. Anderson on Tap was June 1st. 1pm-5pm. The event was great, but obviously geared toward beer drinkers. Not too many "shoppers". Raised \$90.44. Cost was \$150 to set up.
3. The "Four Post 400" bed race- Saturday September 7th, 2019 in Greenfield, In. There were several club members that were interested in participating at last months meeting, after further discussion, it was decided that we will go together as a group and support this cause and to scope out the rules/regulations/bed designs in order to prepare for next year. Dinner after as a club was also discussed, location to be decided at a later meeting.
4. School Supply Collection through the end of July. Please bring your donations to next meeting. Box is located right inside the door of the Lapel Eagles.
5. NACBMA pins are in for those that ordered.
6. Fall Golf outing will be Sunday, September 15th, 9:00 am shotgun start. \$40 per person. Includes cart, green fees, and lunch. We need to start looking for sponsors now. Point person is Jeremiah Crafton. We will have a list for volunteers/sponsorship opportunities and such at the next meeting.
7. T-shirts are ordered from Main Street Threads. There will be a variety of styles, sizes and colors coming. We've told her to just print on extras that she has left over from previous orders. So we won't know the exact colors, sizes, or styles until they come in. You'll be as surprised as us. We will bring to next meeting, or have them at LVF if they're in by then.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Support Member applicant: Ben Reed- Co-Founder of The Distinguished Bearded Gentlemen Social Club. Dues paid online. Approved.
2. 5th Annual "Beards for Band; Mustaches for Music"- Saturday, October 12th, 2019. Discussion regarding Category Sponsors- \$50 per category, we have 12 total. If others want to sponsor competition door, bathroom doors, registration table, slideshow tv's, raffle table, judges table, trophy table, TCBMS table, or something else of that nature, that's always an option! Melissa makes a motion to allow category sponsors. Jeff Wren, Chris Merson, Jeremy Crafton 2nd. All in Favor. Approved.
 - a. Main Sponsorships were also discussed, with Slick Music Center being our Main Sponsor for the event. They have provided 5 years of instrument storage for no cost, discounts on instrument repair and more to our organization. Jeremy Crafton makes a motion to give Slick Main Sponsorship status as well as the sponsor for a best in show trophy (new this year for the 5th annual). All in favor. Approved. Banner, information table/lesson prices etc. at competition for Slick to be discussed at a later date.
 - b. Jeremiah Crafton makes a motion to increase the price of admission and spectator for our competition. We have by far, been the cheapest competition the last 4 years. Average competition price is \$20, give or take the fees if online. Old prices were \$10 per competitor, per

category, and \$5 for spectators. NEW PRICES: \$15 for first category for competitors, \$5 per additional category, \$10 spectators. Jeff Wren, Chris Mershon 2nd. All in favor. Approved.

- c. Raffle tickets- many members have expressed the awesomeness of the sheet raffle tickets. You only have to keep track of one ticket number per sheet, instead of individual ticket numbers. Melissa will look to see the cost of these tickets as well as how many tickets per sheet. Then we will decide at a later meeting what we will charge per sheet for raffle. A
 - d. Trophies- Melissa still has a lot of wooden blocks left she could create trophy bases out of. She would like to see if the guy Marian referred, that does metal casting, art and such, would be willing to make some music note trophy toppers. 24 toppers, (12 first, 12 second) one best in show.
 - e. Ladies, Melissa has started handing out canvases for the "Mystery Boobie Garden" auction. Please get with her if you'd like a canvas!
3. Atlanta Earth Festival- September 28-29 (Saturday, Sunday) they sent us our booth assignment- #618 same spot as previous years.
 4. Lapel Village Fair- July 12-13 (Friday, Saturday)- Melissa will be there Friday Morning to set up, Jeremy in the evening and both of them will be there on Saturday. Feel free to come and visit!
 - a. Members suggested at a previous meeting that we should have something fun at our booth at the LVF, specifically a board that includes pictures of members of the club, and for a \$1 donation, they can vote on who has the best beard in the club! Once they donate, they will be automatically entered into a free drawing for a pair of Kings Island tickets. Winner of the beard contest gets Bragging Rights. Jeremiah Crafton makes motion to do this, Chris Mershon, Jordan/Amber 2nd. All in favor. Melissa will print some pictures of the club members that would like to participate. Please have those to her by next week.
 5. Sample bottles of product were discussed. There were mixed feelings on this, John Blair explained in depth the drawbacks. No vote taken, just a discussion. Members were reminded that if they'd like to have product on hand for people to smell and purchase, just let us know. Share the posts, tell people to come see us when we're at festivals. Jeremy suggested a man purse to the fellas haha. We aren't a product, but a charity, however it's always good to remind others that we do have product and that is a way to support the organization, even if they do not want to become members. Oils and t-shirts were removed from website due to lack of movement and shipping packaging and options.
 6. Melissa Crafton, Brad Anderson, Jen Anderson, and Sean Harper attended Kalamazoo Parade of Whiskers. Jen and Sean were judges. Brad brought home 3rd in Styled Mustache, Melissa brought home 1st in Ladies and Best in Show! Congrats! This was their first year having a competition, and it was quite fun! It was outdoors, plenty of room, tintypes, photos, raffle, and kid friendly to boot. They did a heck of a job! Their meet and greet was also going on the same time as the arts festival downtown as well as Pride, so there was plenty of things to do in the area for the weekend.

2019 COMPETITIONS/EVENTS WE KNOW OF SO FAR (that are near(ish))

*August 2-4th - TCBMS campout

*August 31-Sept 1- 6th Annual Ohio Bearded Sinners Campout/Comp- Mantua, OH

*September 7th- Four Post 400- Bed race, Greenfield, IN

*September 15th- Fall Golf Outing- Grandview- Anderson, IN

*September 28th- Beard Barons- Big Whisker Revival- Newport KY

*October 5th - MV Monsters Ball- Pennsylvania

*October 12th - OUR COMP

*October 12th- STL Arch Classic

*November 2nd – Circus of Whiskers- Murder City- Detroit, MI

*November 9th- NATIONALS!! Chicago!

Being no further business, meeting was officially adjourned at 8:38pm