

Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society
Meeting Minutes- November 15, 2023

TCBMS held a meeting November 15th, 2023 at Lapel Eagles, Lapel, IN.

Start time: 7:03pm

Members Present: Jeremy Crafton, Melissa Crafton, Chris Mershon, Shannon Ross, Austin Brownfield, Aaron Rose, Jean Lloyd.

Treasurer's Report- As of 11/15/23 total bank balance is \$23,879.52

We took in: \$52.00 Fortville Feeders category sponsorship, \$1640.00 Boobie Art, \$1215.00 raffle cash, \$250.00 50/50, \$885.00 registration/merch cash, \$435.00 registration/merch debit, \$100 club sponsor 2024 prepay- applied tree services, \$113.00 pizza comp night cash, \$4.52 pizza rebate, \$37.41 kroger rewards, \$1.02 october bank dividend, \$120.00 trivia November.

We Paid out- \$28.12 zettle fees comp day, \$1.07 dollar general tablecloth, \$81.18 dollar tree baskets, fillers, etc, \$113.09 pizza, \$181.50 Eagles tab for musicians, judges, etc, \$400.00 tips for 4 bartenders and 4 cooks comp day, \$100 Eric Baker donation for making boobie garden shelves to be used at Boone Farms, \$1640.00 breast cancer cause from boobie art, \$10 atm fees, \$60.00 ladies auxiliary eagles ½ trivia November.

**Leo Hensley owes \$100.00 for boobie art- Melissa reached out to him before meeting. No response yet.

OLD Business

- Boobie Garden monetary donations (TABLED FOR NOW, BUT KEEPING IN MINUTES UNTIL FEB/MARCH)—we're moving away from Susan G Komen.. 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 there on the interwebs please! Tell ALL the peoples!
- Zettle sent us the fancy barcode scanner terminal and 3 additional handhelds for competition.
- Competition went well, although we had half of the number of people attend. We raised a total of \$5452.00. Kitchen ran smoothly, haven't heard any complaints so far. Only suggestion that we have heard is we need better sound on the competition side, especially with music going simultaneously with competition. Aaron Nicely mentioned we should let him do all sound on competition day. Other Suggestions? Something we could do better? Complaints?
- Discussion of members that have a vote that have not competed in or attended a competition in their membership year. See new business for updates.

New Business

- Circus of Whiskers was 11/11/23. They raised \$5,569 for DAWG! Melissa was a Judge, Sean Harper was an Emcee, Jeremy placed 2nd in Freestyle and Stage Presence for Full Beard Styled Mustache, Mark Enstrom placed 1st in Beard 8-12, Carrie Enstrom placed 2nd in Creative as well as Stage Presence in Creative
- Club Sponsors are supposed to start today—but we haven't picked a color. Melissa will post a poll for everyone to vote on the member page, and once we have a clear winner, by the end of the weekend, we will announce. 3 colors to choose from: Dusty Blue, Navy Blue, Maroon.
- Photos from competition: Still waiting. Photographers wife was ill in the hospital, and shortly after, her father passed and they have been out of state. Jeremy was told that they are done he would have them on Monday.
- Christmas \$100 donations for our 3 counties. Melissa made a motion to keep the same as 2022- Chris and Shannon 2nd--- Henry county- Humane Society, Hancock County- Utilities, Madison county- Lapel Food pantry- approved
- Beard Holiday Party "Regiftsma's"- usually held on 2nd or 4th Saturday of January. (the 13th or the 27th) However, there are some issues going on at the Lapel Eagles, specifically with who is in control of the banquet room booking- so at this time we cannot book anything until they figure the mess out. As soon as we hear something, Melissa will create an event on FB.

- 10th Annual “Beards for Bands; Mustaches for Music”, however IS in the book for 2024. Saturday, October 19th, 2024. 2 weeks after Cincinnati Beard Barons competition. Discussion about Beard Brunch- it STILL wasn't gravy!!! Melissa made a suggestion to have it at the Lapel Bulldog next year, instead of Smoky's....
- 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—this is going to be a great time! If you have any music suggestions, let us know and we will get them to Jen. So who's going?!
- Derby City—Louisville, KY. They are trying to have their competition in January as it's been in the past. This was always a fun comp--“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.
- Elections: We did not have them this month as scheduled. We will do them at December meeting. If you plan to run for a position, let Jeremy know ASAP. You must be a Standard or Founding member, have a vote, and have been a member of TCBMS for a year, to be eligible. –We have also realized that we have been doing elections incorrectly for almost a decade, as our current and all past bylaws state that only Sentinel, and both Recruiter positions are to be elected...Yikes...
- 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.

Meeting adjourned at 844pm

2023/2024 COMPETITIONS/EVENTS WE KNOW OF SO FAR (that are near(ish) or online)

- All of November-- No Shave November- Honest Amish- online competition
- 11/25/2023--Stop Traffic Beard Battle 2- online competition
- 12/15/2023- 2nd Annual Gingerbread House competition—online competition
- ANY day(s) in December- max of 3 days—Bearded Hero Scavenger Hunt—online submissions, but in person shenanigans to complete your tasks with your team
- 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

November- Chris Mershon(30), Amber Cook(30), Shannon Ross(30)

December- John Blair(30), Justin Schadler(30)

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