**Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society Minutes**

**November 17th, 2016**

1. TCBMS held a meeting November 17th, 2016 at the Lapel Eagles #4323, start time 7:04pm.

-Members present were Standard: Jeremiah Crafton, Melissa Crafton, Tyler Chittum, John Blair, Michael Utt

New Support Applicant: Laurie Reynolds

2. Previous minutes were read by Melissa and approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report

- As of today, bank balance is $4,040.89. All fees paid for instruments (flute and sax repair $365)

Kokomo Comp: $61.60 profit! (minus $25 setup)

To Purchase: Entity report fee, better certificates, Wax Tins, logo buttons, possibly patches.

4. IAF presentation: Postponed until after the 1st of the year. Will revisit.

5. Ken Cook and John Rhodes III dues are due by end of this month, Kila Cook, Sean Smith, Caity Robertson, and Davey Avenatti are due by the end of December.

6. Boys and Girls Club in Anderson, Indiana update: They are in their new facility now! We had a piano donated to us that we delivered to the new facility. They love it! Plays beautifully! Larry and Rick said there are a few students who are working on the initial application for assistance for TCBMS.

7. Kokomo Beard Competition- November 12, 2016 at the Kokomo Eagles was an overall success although we didn’t bank well. Instead, connections were made with Howard County, Merlin Wagler, and other beard clubs such as Murder City Beard Club, Mad Viking Beard Club, Mercer County, etc. People were talking about our competition last month at the Kokomo Comp. That’s AWESOME! We’re getting there!

8. We are still after donations of merchandise for prizes and giveaways!! ALWAYS SOLICIT DONATIONS IF YOU CAN! WE NEED THEM FOR GOLF OUTINGS, BEARD COMPETITIONS, AND OTHER EVENTS WE PARTICIPATE IN!! We can get you copies of paperwork needed for 501c3.

9. 3rd Annual Beards for Bands; Mustaches for Music-- date suggested was October 21 (st louis comp already scheduled on the 14th) We could also do the 7th—let us know and we will revisit next meeting!! We will look into using Paypal for pre-registration. Possible entry fee change—will revisit when comp comes closer.

10. REMEMBER!! We now have Paypal so any payments for dues and such can be sent via paypal to [tricountybms@yahoo.com](mailto:tricountybms@yahoo.com). We are still on Amazon Smile for charity donations on purchases made on Amazon—remember to use our link! We also still have an online store via Kellie Graham (Main Street Threads) where you can order hoodies and such delivered right to your door.

11. SPONSOR SHIRTS- $25 get you a shirt with your name/business logo on the back. Orders will be taken until the end of December. Color this year is Safety Green. Hot color, bicyclists, joggers, bikers, safety can all wear on everyday basis.

NEW BUSINESS

* We have a new support member applicant! Laurie Reynolds. Jeremy motions to approve new applicant. Melissa 2nd.
* That brings our member count to 26!! 18 standard members, and 8 support! Fantastic!!
* Kokomo Comp raised $987 for each of the two charities!
* In addition, TCBMS brought home several trophies! Melissa placed 1st in realistic beard, Jeremy placed 2nd in Full Beard 4-8, Laurie placed 3rd in realistic, Marian placed 3rd in creative, John Blair placed 2nd in Full Beard over 10. Honorable Mention to a Standard Member in Training: Michael Utt’s son placed in the kids category! Whoo hooo!!
* Melissa has been asked to be on the judging panel at Bearded Hero 2 in Ft. Wayne. The date for that comp is April 8th, 2017. Jeremy and Melissa will be there Fri-Sun for Comp. They have requested another female to come on the day of the competition to swap out for her judging spot when Jeremy competes. Melissa cannot compete at this competition due to Judge duties, but the other female can. Please let us know if you’re available! This is such a fun competition! The folks who run this comp are starting their own 501c3 and we are extremely excited for them!! We will keep you updated.
* Jeremy and Melissa attended Beards and Brews in Noblesville on October 29th, 2016. Jeremy won by popular vote in the “walk up” category. Admission was a bit pricey, but we made a few connections there with the founder of Rugged Company out of Noblesville, he makes beard products, leather goods and such.
* Another upcoming Beard Comp on Wednesday, November 23rd, 2017 at Tappers Arcade Bar in Indianapolis. Melissa and Jeremy will be attending prior to the Stampede String Band/Rev Peyton show at the Vogue the same night. Let us know if you’d also like to go!
* Last Beard Comp of the year near us: Pints and Whiskers in Dayton, Ohio on November 26th. Jeremy and Melissa will be attending this as well. Again, let us know if you’d like to go!
* Each year the Eagles #4323 has families and children that we can adopt and Christmas shop for. TCBMS adopted children last year, and would like to do the same this year. Melissa 2nd.
* Already discussing Golf Outing dates for our Beards, Bogeys, and Mustaches for Music. Jeremy would like to do 2 this year, Spring and Fall. Spring Date suggested was April 23rd. Will Revisit.
* Jeremy would like to look into an actual venue for a cornhole tournament next year. Will revisit.
* Melissa would like to schedule a date for wine and canvas at the Eagles, after approval from ladies auxiliary and the mens meeting. Melissa will attend a womens meeting and we would suggest splitting profit with them 50/50.
* Ty has a lead on trophies in Muncie if we choose to have them made for next year. Sholin Kearney.
* There is now a DONATE button on our FB page! Send people there to donate at ANY time! They can do the same via Paypal.
* There are some AWESOME pictures online of our club members in their beards! Be sure to check them out!! We will also be updating the pictures on the webpage, so check it out!

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm