



## Minutes: Meeting of the Bourbon Republic, July 9, 2023

President Andy Ziegler called this quarter's meeting of the Bourbon Republic Social Club to order at Athens Grill in Westport at 5:50pm. He started with the news about tonight's raffle with 16 bottles from Toki (House of Suntory), Legent (Beam Suntory), Hibiki, and Ao. (A bit of history, Suntory calls itself the Nature and Spirit of Japan).

The pre-meeting libation of choice was a very refreshing Lemongrass Samurai (made from Toki Whisky, Pineapple, Lemon Grass, and Ginger over ice with spearmint leaves).

In attendance were – Aaron, Andy, Bee, Brandon, Bryan, Jim, John, Jonah, Kyle S, Kyle F, Mike, Mitch, Nick H, Nick S, Steve Shanna, Joe, Ric, Jason, Brandon, Josh, Mark, Nathan, Mike M, Jason, and Alan. (I tried to catch everyone.) In the beginning, before the meeting began, folks introduced themselves to each other and talked about their experiences with various bourbons. The folks from Maker's Mark/Beam brought so much "bling" for everyone: red notebooks, Japanese highball pins, and more – to be auctioned/given away later in the evening.

Bee (with Brandon and John) brought out the hors d'oeuvres at 5:15pm and everyone dove in. Shrimp and Pork Dumplings with black vinegar/chili oil; Pork and Shitake spring rolls; Pork Dan Dan noodles; Kimchi BBQ chicken wings.

Jake (from Suntory) started out with a taste of Toki, followed by Hibiki. Andy summarized all the New Riff past info. Raffle tickets were distributed and folks who win the raffle have the chance to purchase the bottles in the back at retail.

Whisky trip in October was announced. Brandon and Bee talked about it, October 19 – 22. The plan is to visit Old Forester, Rabbit Hole, Angels Envy, Kentucky Cooperage, Michters, Peerless and Old Carter. Everything is in Louisville. Capacity is open, whether we rent a small coach or individually drive. All the distilleries are within a 2 block area, so we can walk from one to another.

Discussion of Black Friday activities. Sugar River Bourbon Festival will be at 7 Acre this Fall – during a Sunday in October - bourbon and barbeque.

Dinner was beef tenderloin laarb, cucumber salad, Vietnamese rice noodle salad, cumin lamb skewers, sweet soy port belly, tandoori chicken, peppered shrimp, sweet sticky rice, and coconut halo halo rice pudding. WOW. Does Bee ever sleep??? The meal was amazing.

The group gave Bee a round of appreciation applause. After dinner, the raffle started and everyone seemed to win (just look at the pics). The group, quite full and very happy (if you know what I mean), left around 8:35pm (amongst smiles and laughs).

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Garfield