



Minutes: Meeting of the Bourbon Republic, Sunday, March 23, 2025. Athens Grill.

After an hour of general socializing which included a welcome drink and appetizers, Andy called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

There were a number of announcements:

- Kyle reported that the Golf Outing netted the Carbone Cancer Center a bit over \$12,000. Since it was the first one, they were aiming for about \$4000. He and the volunteers were congratulated. It was voted to remain at Lake Windsor Golf Club, if possible. A tentative date was agreed upon: Wednesday, August 27. Green fees might be higher at that date. It was suggested to try to find a local, smaller charity.
- Membership: Membership is growing and President Andy welcomed a number of new members. Some advantages for membership were reviewed. Simply put, the group is there for camaraderie, conversation, to drink good bourbon and eat great food. There are other aspects. Members can buy shelf bottles at only 10% over cost at meetings. During the week, all bottles are 10% off for members.
- June 8 will be the next meeting. The current plan is to have Wollersheim present.
- Last year's Sugar River Bourbon Festival was a huge success and plans are underway for another this year, probably during the first week of August. Andy will not be participating as much as he did last year.
- Barrel picks: we still have an inventory of single barrel picks from last year. Talks are underway with Driftless Glenn for a barrel pick this year sometime. More as that develops. J. Henry will also commit to a barrel pick. And we still have a few bottles of Garrison Brothers.
- We might organize a tour of Driftless Glenn with a lunch at J. Henry's – all in one day.
- Perhaps there should be a limit on the number of participants at these meetings. Yes, a larger number brings in more money. But a smaller number seems to encourage more discussion at conversation. The number that was suggested was 26.

Andy led a very informative discussion about the bourbon tasting this evening before dinner.

1. E.H. Taylor small batch at 50%
2. Penelope Toasted Rye at 50%
3. Blanton's Gold at 51.5% with 15% rye aged 6-9 years
4. Old Rip Van Winkle, Black Butte at 47%
5. Ekuha Craig 60.1% (C921)

The dinner followed. It was amazing as usual.

The Raffle began at 7:26 pm.

The members started disbursing at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Garfield, Secretary and Web Editor.

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