



## Minutes: Inaugural Meeting of the Bourbon Republic, April 3, 2022

President Andy Ziegler called this Inaugural Meeting of the Bourbon Republic Social Club to order at Athens Grill in Westport at 5:30pm. He stated his hope was for an active and fun group and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

In attendance were: Bee, Kash, Jim, Dustin, Ted, Rick, Troy, Chris, Brian, Brandon, John, Joe, Jonah, Kyle, Dave, Aaron, Peter, Nick, Anna, Mike, Alan and Andy. Most of the members talked about their love of and experiences with bourbon, in general, and with Athens Grill, in particular.

The President of the organization will be Andy for the first two years. Andy started off the discussion with his wry smile and statement: "We're all here because we all love bourbon. How can we make this group a friendly and active group so that we can all get to know more, much more, about bourbon. We're a social club so our main rule is to respect everyone and their differences. We are here to have some fun."

Structure of the year will be quarterly with one meeting at New Riff in Kentucky. We will be tasting 13 different bourbons tonight. Our New Riff meeting/experience will be in Cincinnati (probably a 3 day, 2 night experience).

With your membership will come a 10% discount on bottles at Athens Grill. Everyone then recognized Sara, who until the first flight, was working hard behind the bar. She got a round of applause.

The Board will consist of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Event Coordinator, Communication. Everyone will be emailed these minutes and asked, if interested, to step forward for one of the Board positions. Jonah volunteered to be considered for Treasurer.

Sara, Mike and Kash brought out 4 tastings of bourbon for everyone. The first flight was: (1) bottled in bond bourbon, (2) bottled in bond rye, (3) Balboa rye, and (4) malted rye. At this point, Samantha from New Riff Distilling, Newport, KY, came online and introduced the New Riff product line and answered questions from the group. After her 15 minute intro, everyone gave her a round of applause. Clearly, this is a friendly group and the offering by New Riff was appreciated.

The second flight was: (5) bourbon 7275, (6) bourbon 5933, (7) bourbon 7213, (8) rye 4655, (9) rye 4518, and (10) rye 4651. While tasting the second flight, everyone was invited to eat. Cheese, barbecue beef and chicken, pretzels, and more – no one went away hungry. And the music, appropriate, was Kentucky country, with yodeling, fiddles and banjos.

The third flight was rye bourbon. (11) bourbon 4655, (12) bourbon 4518 (13) bourbon 4551.

Show and tell was Knob Creek 15 year bourbon. Very, very smooth (was the general assessment). Next meeting, Brandon will bring show and tell. 8 bottles were raffled off. The group (reluctantly) left around 8:30pm (amongst smiles and laughs).

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Garfield