



### **Minutes: Meeting of the Bourbon Republic, Sunday, June 1, 2025, Athens Grill.**

After an hour of general socializing which included a welcome drink (kinda Old Fashioned with bourbon and orange) and appetizers made by Tom, Andy called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Today's meeting is a bit different, with Justin and Brandon from Driftless Glen. The 6 different bourbons will be dropped on us immediately. Then there will be tasting before the talk.

There were a number of announcements:

- Golf outing will be chaired by Nick and Kyle and they're working to find a local charity. After a suggestion, Andy said that there could be a combination of charities. 144 spots. A single player cost will be \$150. There will be a foursome cost - \$500. It will be in September.
- Last year's Sugar River Bourbon Festival was a huge success and plans are underway for another this year, but it will be directed by 7 Hills. No date has been determined as yet. It will be announced when there are solid dates.
- September 28<sup>th</sup> will be our next meeting, Italian Harvest meal with Heaven Hill Distillery.
- We have been invited to Dancing Goat as a club trip sometime in July. Sunday, July 13, with spouse. It would be a social event (not actually a meeting).

Driftless Glen is in Baraboo. It has a 44' tower still. They have a complete gift shop and we were all invited to visit at any time. The group tasted all 6 and chatted about the various choices. Then we took a vote. Was it going to be Bourbon or Rye? Bourbon got the vote. Bourbon – Bourbon 3 (7.2 yr) was for the barrel pick. The price per bottle for the bourbon pick will be c.\$50. Just for fun, Andy took a vote for the ryes. Rye 1 and 2 were tied. It will be under \$50.

The dinner followed. It was amazing as usual.

The Raffle began at 7:20 pm.

The members started disbursing at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Garfield, Secretary and Web Editor.

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