

MABS BOT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008
Landmark Inn Boardroom 6pm/6:30pm

Attendees

Terry Klavitter, President, absent
Elizabeth Letts, Vice-President
Sue Schenk-Drobny, Secretary, absent
JoAnne Maki, Treasurer
Larry Letts, Events Chair
Wayne Dickinson, Sponsors, Grants and Development, absent
Mark Maki, Archives
Walt Lindala, Blues News and Promotion, absent
Tom Buchkoe, PR
Marshall Killian, Educational Outreach
Dave Crum, Vendor Guy, Fest Grounds
Mark Stonerock, Fest Director, absent

Others attending – Jim Drobny, Bill and Lois Brazier, Deborah Duquette, Gerry Peterson.

NOTE: Sue thanks JoAnne for again recording the minutes in Sue's absence!

Elizabeth ran the meeting in Terry's absence. She asked each person to introduce themselves and explain how they were involved with MABS, as there were several new folks in attendance tonight. Copies of the by-laws were also available and given out to new and current members Deborah, Bill and Lois.

Tom moved to approve the agenda, Dave 2nd, all in favor.

Marshall moved we approve the October minutes, Mark 2nd, all in favor.

Public Comment: Elizabeth noted Don D. from Laniappe may come to the December meeting.

Officers Reports:

President: Terry left a report for Elizabeth to read. He would like a formal notice made to the members about how many board members are up for election. He thought it was 7, and would like the info in the Blues News. Nominations are made at the December meeting; any member can nominate any other member, but the nominee has to accept the nomination, either verbally or written, prior to the January meeting. Board positions open at this time are VP (Elizabeth is not returning), Secretary (Sue Schenk Drobny out on term limits, and not running for BOT), Treasurer (JoAnne Maki out on term limits, and not running for BOT). Those running again will be Dave Crum, Marshall Killian, Walt Lindala, Mark Stonerock.

Vice-President: Elizabeth reported there were 5 renewals and no new members since last month. The current membership stands at 134. There are 4 members up for renewal the end of November, a paper report is attached.

Secretary: Sue was not in attendance, but did email in a report. Looked into BOT insurance policies; Gerry Peterson said he could help clarify any confusion with our insurance carrier.

Treasurer: Paper report attached. Checking shows \$5304.46, Money Market \$34236.21, total \$39540.67. Dave still checking on the UP Electric bill from the Fest, so it has not yet been paid.

LSCP membership renewal \$156 for 2009 (was \$149 last year): motion to pay membership renewal by Mark, 2nd by Larry, discussion. Question on whether we are linked to their website, we may want to utilize this. Vote: all in favor.

Approval of financials—motioned to approve by Tom, 2nd by Marshall, all in favor.

Standing Committees:

Educational Outreach: Marshall noted Fruitland Jackson's website has a lot of info on his Blues in the Schools curriculum for various grade levels; however, he is booked through next year. Marshall to check with Peter White Library to see if he could run videos or some sort of program there...spoke about the presentation on the Blues that Walt did in October. Marshall wants to put out an email to all members for help, and contact local teachers, he needs direction, will start monthly meetings in December. He also discussed adult education through the schools, and the possibility of contacting the libraries in Ishpeming and Negaunee.

Blues News and Promotion: Walt was not in attendance, but the latest edition is slated to be out soon.

Events: Larry laid out contacts for a February 20 (Sled Dog weekend) winter event. Landmark would charge \$600, or \$350 if we bought food and beverages. Skyboxx would be free (and was Larry's preference). Mark motioned we go with the Skyboxx, Marshall 2nd, all in favor. Details to follow at the December BOT meeting. Also a discussion on if MABS would populate a checkpoint this year or be involved with the sled dog races some other way.

Merchandise: No report, too early for the Fest. Elizabeth briefly explained her duties as head of Merchandise (she does not plan to return this year). Mark thanked Elizabeth and Sue for their work in this over the past years.

Festival: Mark Stonerock not in attendance, no report. (A Fest meeting was held Nov 3 at the Stonerocks, and will be held all winter the first Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted—check the web page!).

Old Business: None.

New Business: Deb Duquette will check on info for the sled dog races to see if there are any locations that need crossing help on Saturday. Add to the December agenda.

Good of the Order: December BOT meeting GIFT EXCHANGE: \$15 limit, bring a gift if you want to participate.

Planning session for Performance Sessions in Negaunee if you are interested in attending: call Gerry Peterson at 475-7700, ext 11.

Dec 1: Fest meeting at the Stonerocks' in Harvey, potluck at 6:30, meeting starts around 7 pm.

Next BOT meeting Wednesday, Dec 17 at the Landmark Inn Boardroom, 6:00 social time, 6:30 meeting starts.

Dave won a Watermelon Slim autographed Christmas ornament.

Marshall motioned we adjourn, JoAnne 2nd, all in favor.

Respectfully Taken by,

JoAnne Maki

Treasurer

Substituting for Sue Schenk-Drobny, Secretary (thanks again, I owe you big time!)

Paper Attachments: VP report, financials