Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2010
Landmark Inn Board Room (First Floor)
Marquette, Michigan 49855

Board Members presents – Tom Buchkoe, Dave Crum, Wayne Dickinson, Deb Duquette, Marshall Killian, Terry Klavitter, Larry Letts, Walt Lindala, Mark Maki, Bill Perron

Absent - Mark Stonerock and Terry Surrell

Other members present - Mark Hamari, Jeff Kallery and JoAnne Maki

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Terry Klavitter

Welcome and introductions: President Terry Klavitter welcomed everyone to the meeting

Approval of the Agenda
Wayne Dickinson moved, Larry Letts second to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried

Approval of the meeting minutes for November 2010 meeting
Walt Lindala moved, Mark Maki second to approve the minutes with additional information provided from Larry Letts, noting the actual total profit of $498.70 from the Lurrie Bell event. Also that the Blues Show noted on Fridays is on 98.3.
Motion carried

Public comment: None

Officer's reports:
President (Terry Klavitter) - Thanked all who have served on the Board the last two years.

Vice President (Wayne Dickinson) – Noted that the membership has remained the same as last months written report and he is in the process of updating the records to turn over to the new Vice President in January 2011. He will also be making some comments on the challenges and changes to improve membership's involvement and interest. A membership list once compiled will be e- mailed to all Board members.

Secretary- (Mark Stonerock) (not present due to scheduling conflict) - No report

Treasurer- (Ded Duquette) - Noted that she still has merchandise in her basement pending a new merchandise chair.
Presented a financial report as follows:

Checking Account Balance $160.58
Money Market Account Balance $25,277.89

Mark Maki moved, second by Larry Letts to approve as presented.
Motion carried

Standing Committee Reports:

Education outreach- No report as this committee has no chair.

U.P Blues News and Promotion-Walt Lindula (Chair) – Working on Blues News which will be the last one printed on paper and mailed to the members. The Blues News will be electronic and should save costs of printing and postage. Most members have e-mail and/ or internet access so hopefully this will be well received.

Events Coordinator-(Larry Letts)- We will not be having an event downtown during the February Sled Dog race because of access issues of getting into downtown to the event and people usually leave the downtown once the race is over.

Merchandise- Chair position open

Festival (Mark Stonerock –Outgoing Chair - not present) Walt Lindala reported on the Entertainment Committee meeting for Headliners Artist selection on December 6th at Marshall Killians house.

Entertainment committee next meeting is in January 2011.
Tom Buchkoe noted that the 2010 Festival pictures are now on the Web-site.

Moved Mark Maki, second Wayne Dickinson to have Dave Crum serve as a contact regarding grounds issues and questions, reporting to the Board.
Motion carried.

Old Business
December meeting per by laws is to nominate Board of Director members to be elected in January 2011.

2010 Board of Directors had 14 members on the Board in January 2010 but members are down to12 at present with two members leaving during the year.

Current Board members whose terms are up are Dave Crum, Deb Duquette, Walt Lindala, Bill Perron and Mark Stonerock (possibly two more).

Wayne Dickinson moved, second by Marshall Killian to set the 2011 Board of Directors membership at 8 members. Wayne feels a smaller Board will be more effective and discussion followed regarding the fact the early on the Board was smaller but was increased when we were attempting to bring in more people and to allow anyone within the limits of between 8 and 20 members as listed in the By-laws.

Motion carried 6-3 with Tom Buchkoe, Larry Letts and Mark Maki voting no

The 2011 Board of Directors will have 8 positions with 7 current sitting members will only leave one Board position open for the January 2011 election.

Wayne Dickinson- resigned to open up a seat on the Board

Dave Crum –indicated he would not accept a new term

Marshall Killian –resigned to open up a seat on the Board

This left the Board with 3 open positions for the January 2011 election

Nominations

Tom Buchkoe nominates Wayne Dickinson – Wayne accepted
Marshall Killian nominates Jeff Kallery – Jeff accepted
Dave Crum nominates Deb Duquette - Deb accepted
Wayne Dickinson nominates Walt Lindala - Walt accepted
Mark Maki nominates Mark Stonerock - not present and will have to accept nomination
Mark Maki nominates Bill Perron - Bill declined
Wayne Dickinson nominates JoAnne Maki - Jo Anne declined

Nominations closed

Good of the order/announcements

UP Sled Dog fundraiser January 15 at the Ballroom at Upfront
Blues for a Cause Event January 22 – Terrace Bay Inn in Escanaba
Featuring The Robert Allen Jr Band with Special Guest Cadillac Pete Rahn
7 – 11 pm Advance Tickets for sale at the Record Rack for $10 – $12 at the door
Next Board Meeting – Including Board Elections – January 19, 2011
Next Festival Committee Meeting – January 3, 2011 – 6:30 pm at Stonerocks
Holiday Party – Saturday, January 8, 2011 at Stonerocks 6:00 pm
Bring an exchange gift between $15 and $20, if you wish.

Adjournment 8:10pm

Tom Buchkoe moved second by Dave Crum to adjourn.
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted

Mark Maki
Acting Secretary due to Secretary's excused absence.