

Marquette Area Blues Society  
Board of Trustees / Annual Membership Meeting  
Landmark Inn Boardroom  
January 21, 2009  
6:00 / 6:30 pm

Attendees:

Terry Klavitter—President  
Elizabeth Letts—outgoing VP  
JoAnne Maki—outgoing Treasurer  
Sue Schenk Drobny—outgoing Secretary  
Wayne Dickinson—BOT, new VP  
Tom Buchkoe—BOT  
Dave Crum—BOT  
Deb Duquette—new BOT, new Treasurer  
Marshall Killian—BOT  
Larry Letts—BOT  
April Lindal—new BOT  
Walt Lindala—BOT  
Mark Maki—BOT  
Bill Perron—new BOT  
Jerry Peterson—new BOT  
Mark Stonerock (Stony)—BOT, new Secretary  
Jim Drobny—member  
Marge Dickinson—member

Terry welcomed everyone, we all introduced ourselves.

Sue noted the agenda said the Dog Days event was at the Skyboxx, but wanted to confirm it was at the Matrixx—this is correct. Mark moved we approve the agenda, Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

December minutes—Mark moved we approve the minutes, Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

Announcements: there will be a meeting with Gayle LaJoie Tuesday February 3 at the Peter White Public Library with various groups to answer questions about the arabesque tent grant the Marquette Arts Council has obtained. Terry said he will “try to attend” this meeting.

Deb said there were two possible volunteer areas for the Dog Sled races that MABS could volunteer for, more on this later in the meeting.

#### Officers' Reports:

President: Thanked Elizabeth, JoAnne and Sue for their efforts on the BOT.

VP: membership stands at 116, handed out a printed report, will be attached to these minutes in paper form. She will email the updated copy of the membership list to the next VP. She also plans to give this person more aggressive new membership ideas.

Secretary: reported MABS is on scheduled to meet at the Landmark Inn Boardroom through February, someone will need to make reservations for the months afterward either here or elsewhere, as the BOT decides.

Treasurer: Handed out printed January report, and the 2008 report (will be attached to paper copies of the minutes). Checking account is at \$4170.13, Money Maker is at \$34421.36. Several dividends were received on the accounts at the end of the year. She will meet with the new Treasurer to help this person transition into the position. Approval of the January treasury report moved by Tom, supported by Dave, all in favor.

Elections 2009: Ballots were passed out for seven candidates to potentially fill 7 seats. All candidates were voted in unanimously, are slated to be on the BOT for the next two years: Dave Crum, Deb Duquette, April Lindala, Walt Lindala, Bill Perron, Jerry Peterson, and Mark Stonerock. Congratulations!

Nominated and elected as officers—all board members voted in favor, as motioned by Mark and supported by Tom: Wayne Dickinson VP, Deb Duquette Treasurer, and Mark Stonerock Secretary (Terry has another year as President). Jerry Peterson volunteered to be a backup Secretary if needed.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

Fest: Stony had to leave early, but reported he and Walt talked to the manager of the UpFront and it is looking good to have the Fest After Party there this year. A sample written contract was left with him, he is looking it over to refine it and is expected to sign it. Walt said he felt there is a good potential that MABS could have an occasional blues act in the bar area in the future. We still greatly appreciate the Skyboxx / Matrixx and may hold other events there. Mark has contacted the owner of the Lagniappe about a volunteer party on a Saturday night in March, this is looking good too. More to come on that. Larry reported on potential desired acts for the Fest at this time: Saturday's last three: Biscuit Miller

(verbal contract at this time), Candy Kane (no word back), and Super Chicken (contract sent out). For Sunday, the last three acts: Maurice Davis (status unknown), Curtis Salgado (offer made), and Smokin' Joe Kubec (offer made). Smokin' Joe potentially has offered Billy Gibson with his harp to play along for another \$500, committee is considering this. Acoustic acts and Regionals still to be decided on. Hope to keep the budget under last year's. Possible idea for a workshop: build your own guitar with Super Chicken. Stony has the verbal from the City that we have Mattson Park for the Labor Day weekend. Next Fest meeting at Stonerock's Loveshack Monday, Feb 2, 6:30. Logo contest judging will take place, amongst other items.

Educational Outreach: April will be heading this now. Will call a meeting, has some ideas.

UP Blues News: Walt—no report.

Events: Larry welcomed the new trustees. Will be hosting the Kilborn Alley Blues Band at the Matrixx 8:30 on Feb 20, right after the sled dog races...need help with selling tickets at the door. Wayne and Marge, Deb and Terry volunteered. At the last meeting, BOT voted to sponsor the UPSDA with \$500, and would have banners at the start and finish line—we need a banner. Marshall will talk to Stony about wording for banners, to be also used at the Fest and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He is working with Signs Now on another project. 4'x8', 2 banners needed. Deb will call the UPSDA treasurer tomorrow. She has put in for one of two volunteer positions for MABS, and we would find out which assignment we would have a few weeks before the event—either crowd control Friday night from 5 pm to 10 pm, or a Sunday road crossing from 10 am to 2 pm.

Stony and Deb will need the updated membership list from Elizabeth. JoAnne to call the Imperial Motel with the MABS credit card for rooms for the Kilborn Alley Blues Band. Sue will email April Larry's press release info on the event. Radio station the Point 100.3 is advertising it now. Sue submitted press release to Marquette Monthly, and twice now to the Mining Journal, both on line.

Merchandise: Deb was appointed the Merchandise chair, Elizabeth will be turning over info and merchandise items to her. Will there be FEST merchandise at the dog sled event? Maybe.....

Terry mentioned he'd like to schedule another meeting with the new BOT members and supply them with a packet of information (bylaws, etc). Wayne said most of this info is on our website.

Grants and Development: Wayne stepping down from this, Walt suggested a grants committee be formed. Jerry said he was willing to chair the committee. Walt and April are the only so far also interested in the committee.

Old Business: Dave asked if anyone was looking into an LSCP After Hours event for us to be involved with. Elizabeth will talk to Dan Torres to see if he is going to sponsor one for the new Border Grill, and if we could be a part of that. Wayne would like to see us run a short sponsorship drive talk at that event if possible.

On The Spot—discussion at the last Fest meeting that it would be put before the BOT to offer this young band \$300 to play at a March volunteer party, and donate another \$200 to them for their trip to Memphis in February....Mark motioned we do so, Tom supported, all in favor.

Good of the Order:

JoAnne noted we will need a new tax accountant this year, Robin Rauvala is unable to help us out this year. Tom asked if an audit of the books may be necessary with the change in Treasurers?? Something that needs to be looked into.

Buddy Guy in Green Bay at the Onieda Casino on Sunday, March 8---group trip? Many would like to come back that night....who is interested besides Dave, Mark, and Jim?

Jerry showed a plan of the envisioned area in Negaunee to be developed for all kinds of recreational activities, including potentially an area for festivals. They are going for grants to fund the park. Looks very interesting indeed!

Wayne motioned to adjourn, Marshall 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

An Entertainment Committee meeting followed, and transferral of VP and Treasurer duties began....

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schenk Drobny

