

**MABS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday, Mar 18, 2009

**Members Present:** Terry Klavitter, Deb Duquette, Larry Letts, Walt and April Lindala, Tom Buchkoe, Dave Crum, Mark Stonerock (Stony), Bill Perron, Marshall Killian, Jim and Sue Drobny, Mark and JoAnn Maki, Wayne Dickinson, Terry Surrell.

**Welcome:**

- Terry K. welcomed new member Terry Surrell.
- Agenda for March was approved with an amendment of budget item addition from Mark Maki. Mark requested that the balance of the money market and checking accounts be included in the minutes. Minutes from Feb 09 were approved unanimously.
- There was no public comment.

**Officer Reports:**

**President (Terry):**

Terry had nothing to report.

**Vice-President (Wayne):**

Wayne lists number of members in good standing as 95, with 5 being due for renewal this month. Currently 23 members are past due. Each was emailed. Travis Lund is not renewing as he now lives out of the area. Wayne requests that all memberships be due at the end of the month rather than intermittently throughout the month. This was unanimously approved. Deb questions the possibility of initiating a couple's membership.

**Secretary (Mark):**

Mark will continue to email the minutes to Deb for distribution until a new computer is received.

**Treasurer (Deb):**

Deb reports that Cook sign is contributing \$500 toward sign making etc... as a fest sponsor.

Deb is changing the credit card to her name. She is currently updating the transient merchant license and requests that anyone who needs a copy of the 501c3 form to let her know.

U.P. Tax and accounting will do our taxes in exchange for festival tickets; the only request was that we file an extension until after tax season. Deb will contact the owners regarding an offer of sponsorship for the festival as this will give them more bang for their buck. This was unanimously approved.

Current balances are as follows (As of Feb 22) – financial report will be filed with minutes:

Money Market Account	\$25,421.46
Checking Account	\$910.77

**Committees:**

**Educational Outreach (April):**

Regarding Blues in the Schools, April has been unable to reach Matt Ludwig at MSHS. She has been playing phone tag with Mr. Anderson in Negaunee who sounds interested in a presentation.

April met with Mike Letts regarding some ideas for this program. She needs \$10 for deposit on the community room at the Peter White Library for an education event prior to the festival. She will pay this out of pocket and be reimbursed.

**Blues News & Promotions (Walt):**

Newsletter is nearly ready and Walt hopes that it will go to print by weeks end. Walt was on a panel discussion with local media persons and made some good connections with the Mining Journal folks who are willing to extend us some good P.R.

Pat O'Day from Marquette Monthly is in for the program again. Wayne is going to check out radio stations in the Marinette/Menominee area in order to see which would work well for us as advertisers.

**Events (Larry):**

The dog days of winter event was within budget. It was a good show with a good turnout. The band (as all of them do) would like to come back, especially to go fishing. A special thank you to Terry Klavitter for helping with loading and unloading, as well as Wayne, Marge and Deb for all of your work.

There are no new events planned but there was some further discussion about an international blues challenge in MQT. The group discussed On The Spot Blues Band's Memphis trip. The point was made that this was a youth band showcase and not a contest.

The U.P. 200 is looking for a band to donate a gig in the early summer for a fund raiser.

**Merchandise (Deb):**

Deb is getting a handle on all the leftovers from previous merchandise and festival. She is looking into costs of mugs and steins to sell at the festival. In addition she has brought a bag of leftover items to contribute to the volunteer party door prize basket.

**Festival (Mark):**

Everything is all set for the volunteer appreciation party. The menu has been solidified with Don Durley at Lagniappe. On The Spot Blues Band is ready to go. Walt Lindala will help with their sound needs.

The festival entertainment has been solidified and is as follows:

Saturday: Zydecology, The Original Delta Fireballs, Biscuit Miller and the Mix, Gina Sicilia, and Super Chikan  
Sunday: Millie Street, The Reverent Sexton, Maurice Davis, Curtis Salgado, and Smokin Joe Kubek with Benois King.

The April festival meeting will be cancelled as I will be out of town; however, any concerns or events may be handled via email or phone call.

The contract was finally received from the Upfront & Company for this year's festival post-party.

**Old Business:**

**Taxes:** See treasurer report

**Hotel rooms:** Walt gives Larry a friendly reminder to get after the hotel rooms now as the folks at the Oasis sometimes need a lot of time to determine their availability.

**Good of the Order:**

- Cadillac records DVD is out. Plans are underway for a group viewing.
- Saffire is apparently calling it quits after this year.
- Coco Montoya is playing in Milwaukee the day before Easter.

- The Grafton Blues Society is organizing a meeting of area blues societies. Stony is planning on attending. Any others are welcome to go along for the ride.
- Blues for life event is scheduled for May 9 at the Lagniappe. Millie Street will be playing.

No further business, motion to adjourn by Dave seconded by Marshall. Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Mark Stonerock (Stony)

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