

**MABS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Members Present: Terry Klavitter, Deb Duquette, Larry Letts, Walt Lindala, Dave Crum, Mark Stonerock (Stony), Marshall Killian.

Welcome:

- Mark arrived late, minutes begun upon his arrival.
- Agenda for May was approved. Minutes from April 09 were approved unanimously.
- There was no public comment.

Officer Reports:

President (Terry):

Terry had nothing to report.

Vice-President (Wayne):

Wayne, although not present sent a report that showed we currently have 93 members in good standing. There are 11 members coming due and 11 renewals were received this month. Wayne reports that we currently have 27 members whose dues are past due. His complete report will be filed with this report.

Secretary (Mark):

No report.

Treasurer (Deb):

Deb includes a report of savings and money market balances:

Current balances are as follows – financial report will be filed with minutes:

Savings (as of May 20)	\$319.63
Money Market Account (as of May 20)	\$23,462.31

Deb is currently working on a credit card machine for the upcoming year and is weighing on fees and costs. Dave Crum has a provider option that she may look into.

An issue was resolved with a member who was charged twice for an upcoming festival ticket. This errant charge caused an overdraft on his account. The second fee was removed and the member was reimbursed the \$20 overdraft fee.

Mark S made a motion to approve the financials seconded by Marshall Killian and unanimously approved.

Committees:

Educational Outreach (April): No report

Blues News & Promotions (Walt): No report

Events Coordination (Larry):

The Sky Boxx has agreed to host an IBC in October. This is a blues foundation challenge to send an area group to the international blues challenge in Memphis, TN. MABS continues to retain membership in the blues foundation. There was much discussion about what the prize for this event should be. Ultimately Larry asked for \$500 in total prize money and this was passed unanimously.

Merchandise (Deb):

Deb has not been able to hook up with Laurie Hayes regarding t-shirt pricing yet. She is currently looking at golf shirts and reports that embroidery costs have increased to \$8.25 per item. The cost initially was \$7.00. She is trying to narrow down a style of travel mug with preliminary costs being between \$2 - \$2.50 per mug in a quantity of 250 or more. Deb also continues to look at other items including embroidered patches and collector pins. She requests \$6,000.00 of budget money for festival merchandise. Dave moved to approve this amount Marshall seconded, passed unanimously.

Festival (Mark):

TV6 is in for \$2,500.00 of sponsorship. The Marquette Jaycees per Lisa St. Charles is interested in volunteering as an organization. Walt has the contact number. Walt reports that Public Radio 90 is hosting a fundraiser as Walt will be working this he is going to also promote the festival.

Larry and Wayne are awaiting a meeting with Brian Jensen regarding sponsorship/hotel rooms for the festival. Dave reports that our ice woes may be solved as he knows someone who has a key to Thills and may be able to get us ice on Sunday as well as Saturday.

New Business:

Budgets: Tabled today.

Website: Web Maestro made a proposal that we bump our coverage to the customer level in order to increase our service and website benefits. This will also allow us to have better graphics and play MP3s etc. from the website. Deb moved to approve this and Dave seconded. Walt suggests that we cap the cost at \$3,000.00 and this suggestion was agreed upon by Deb and Dave. This was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Arts & Culture Award: MABS was the proud recipient of the Marquette Arts & Culture Award. The award was graciously accepted by Terry, Larry, Walt, April, Wayne & Marge Dickinson. Terry made a nice acceptance speech and the event garnered us some newsprint in the Mining Journal and Marquette Monthly. A discussion was had on where to keep this award as it is a framed print. This issue was not resolved.

Good of the Order:

- The Joe Cocker show was fantastic. Many of our members attended this event.
- The Blues for Life fundraiser was once again a success. The tickets that MABS donated fetched a good price at auction.
- Flat Broke Blues Band as well as the Red, White & Blues Band were scheduled to ply Escanaba's Rib Fest on May 29, 2009.
- Larry ads that the Black Bear Bar in Menaqua has started scheduling premier blues talent. As this is close to his camp, a road trip may be in order with a free place to stay.

No further business, motion to adjourn by Stony seconded by Marshall. Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Mark Stonerock (Stony)