

**MABS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

Members Present: Terry Klavitter, Deb Duquette, Larry Letts, Walt Lindala, Dave Crum, Mark Stonerock (Stony), Marshall Killian, Mark and Joann Maki, Terry Surrell, Wayne Dickinson, Tom Buchkoe

Welcome:

- Agenda for June – approval of agenda motioned by Wayne seconded by Dave, unanimously approved. Minutes from May – approval of minutes motioned by Marshall, seconded by Deb. Correction to May minutes: the prize for the international blues challenge was proposed by Larry and seconded by Marshall. Webmaster upgrade was clarified to trade up to the \$3000 level. Minutes were approved unanimously after changes.
- No public comment

Officer Reports:

President (Terry):

Terry had nothing to report.

Vice-President (Wayne):

People are not renewing as fast as anticipated. We have had 8 renewals since the last meeting. Wayne reports that there are 89 members in good standing and 24 members who have lapsed. He provided a list of the lapsed members which will be included in the record.

Secretary (Mark):

Mark will make an attempt to have the minutes done earlier.

Treasurer (Deb):

Deb reports that more money was brought in than was paid out. No check has yet been received from Waste Management for the festival donation. Stony moved that we renew the Hetrick insurance policy as no comparisons have been obtained. Mark Maki seconded this and it was approved unanimously.

Balance shown for the checking account \$914.63

Balance for money market account \$23,462.31

Mark maki moved to approve the financials, seconded by Dave Crum. Approved unanimously.

Committees:

Educational Outreach (April): Walt delivered April's report – The Peter White Library has been secured for blues programs on the first Tuesday of every other month. The first of these is in September. April has reached out to Bill Hart and Tom Hyslop for potential programs.

Blues News & Promotions (Walt): Walt will try to put out an issue of the blues news. Stony is going to write an article on the upcoming festival headliners. Tom Buchkoe reports that Blues Blast will run ads for our festival at a cost of \$30 per week.

Big City Rhythm and Blues is going to attend our festival in exchange for table space, we will get a full page ad in their magazine as well as other promotional considerations.

Marquette County Vision magazine has a large article on the festival. Fox Negaunee, per Terry Surrell has agreed to lend us a new truck for use in the parades.

Events Coordination (Larry):

The international blues challenge will be scheduled for Sunday October 18, 2009. Larry requests \$500 for sound and promotions, this was seconded by Mark Maki. Walt feels that the promo can be done inexpensively. Marshall believes that we should promote this event at the festival and possibly play the challenge participant's sample discs during the stage changeover as house music. The \$500 requested by Larry was approved unanimously.

Merchandise (Deb):

Deb reports that volunteers will have grey shirts this year instead of black. The shirt backs can be designed as soon as the sponsors are finalized. She is considering numbers for sweatshirts and long sleeve t-shirts and would like numbers of shirts necessary for artists and volunteers by mid-July. She is still shopping for beer mugs.

Festival (Mark):

The spot vacated by Zydecology has been filled by George Friend and the Twistin Tarantulas. This group will also have gigs at the Wild Rover on Friday and Saturday. The group is excited about the possibility of blues being in many venues over the festival weekend.

Walt asked that June 24 be the final date to secure sponsors for the promotional material. Walt reports that Marquette Monthly will run an article in August and will again carry the program for September. Stony submitted a proposal for a festival budget of \$52,325. A motion was made to accept the budget by Marshall and seconded by Mark Maki. The budget was approved unanimously.

Stony led a discussion regarding the future of the festival, noting that the festival committee is strong now but he worries about continuing in the future. We are still waiting to hear from Brian Jensen concerning hotel rooms for the festival. A complete festival report will be included in the official record.

New Business:

Larry reports that \$100 is due to the Blues Foundation to continue our membership. He makes a motion to pay this, Marshall seconds, unanimously approved.

Deb asked that if you do not want to receive the festival emails, let her know so that she can remove you from the list.

Old Business:

Stony moves that the Arts & Culture Award which is a conover print be loaned to the Peter White Public Library with proper recognition that it is on loan from the Marquette Area Blues Society. This was seconded by Marshall and Terry will look into this possibility. It is approved unanimously.

Good of the Order:

- Saturday is the Houghton Seafood Festival. Entertainment will include Flat Broke, On The Spot Blues Band and Uncle Bob's BBQ Blues Band. Walt ads that the food is great as this is part of the bridge fest celebration.
- Fast Eddie will play as Pasquales as part of the Tim McGee Cancer benefit.
- The Blues Society would like to reinstitute the summer socials. First meeting Thursday June 25 at Aubrees.

- Dave Crum asked if anyone has suggestions for one more festival food vendor.

No further business, motion to adjourn by Stony seconded by Marshall. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is July 15, 2009 at the Landmark.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Stonerock (Stony)

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