

**MABS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Members Present: Terry Klavitter, Walt & April Lindala, Dave Crum, Mark Stonerock (Stony), Mark and Joann Maki, Terry Surrell, Tom Buchkoe, Jerry Peterson, Larry Letts, Paula Supanich.

Call to Order: 6:36 pm

Welcome:

- Agenda for August – approval of agenda motioned by Mark Stonerock by Mark Maki, unanimously approved.
- July minutes – approval of minutes motioned by Mark Maki, seconded by Jerry Peterson, unanimously approved.
- Public Comment:
 - The Blues Society had a nice article in the MQT County Visions magazine.
 - Mark Maki states that the Lake Superior magazine in Duluth had our festival listed.

Officer Reports:

President (Terry):

The arabesque tent is due to go up on Tuesday, Aug 25 between 10a-4p in case anyone is interested in seeing it go up.

Vice-President (Wayne):

Report provided on Wayne's behalf. We currently have 96 members in good standing with 21 members due to expire on 8/31/09. Wayne will be mailing letters to these folks by the end of the week.

Secretary (Mark):

Stony has been trying to straighten out the voicemail debacle and has temporarily remedied the issue by recording all of the festival information on the voicemail greeting. It is his suggestion that the voicemail account be dropped as the price is going up and most of our contact is being handled through the website.

Treasurer (Deb):

We still have some Border Grill certificates that we can use for the festival set-up crew. She requests that Debit cards be accepted for festival sales and provides her financial report.

Ending balances are as follows:

Checking account ending 7/31/09 \$1889.67
Money market account ending 7/31/09 \$21,544.83

A complete copy of the financials will be filed with the minutes. Tom Buchkoe moves to approve the financial report, Larry Letts seconded, unanimously approved.

Committees:

Educational Outreach (April):

The Blues Day Tuesday is set for Sept 1 at 7:00 pm. It will be a combination of music and educational program with the Flat Broke Blues Band. Bill Hart is scheduled to do the November program on the life of Memphis Minnie.

Blues News & Promotions (Walt):

The Blues News is out. Pass them around. There will be plenty left for the festival. Larry will take some to Grafton and Jerry P will distribute some in area hotels and restaurants.

Events Coordination (Larry):

Not much band interest in the IBC yet. Walt is willing to help with this and there was some discussion on how to draw bands to compete.

Merchandise (Deb):

All of the festival ordered goods are in production or on their way.

Festival (Mark):

Jerry Peterson offers 10 tents that we can use if necessary. It has come to my attention that we still need overnight security. Terry thinks that he may have someone that can do this.

Walt gave a good fire-up speech for the festival and Stony reports that we are set to go as far as the city is concerned. No concerns at this point.

New Business:

Stony will handle the documents to pay SESAC and BMI but will do so after the festival.

Old Business:

No old business

Good of the Order:

Friday evening FB3 is playing the Blues Cruise on the Keweenaw Star. The following Thursday they will play at the Seafood Fest then Saturday in Peshtigo.

Stony went to the Cow Pie Blues Festival near Grand Rapids. Rain dampened the weekend but the performances were excellent.

Kenny Wayne Shepard apparently played for free at the Nascar race in Brooklyn, MI.

No further business, motion to adjourn by Walt Lindala seconded by Dave Crum. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Stonerock (Stony)