

MABS BOT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008  
Landmark Inn Boardroom 6pm/6:30pm

Attendees

Terry Klavitter, President  
Elizabeth Letts, Vice-President, absent  
Sue Schenk-Drobny, Secretary, absent  
JoAnne Maki, Treasurer  
Larry Letts, Events Chair  
Wayne Dickinson, Sponsors, Grants and Development  
Mark Maki, Archives - arrived late  
Walt Lindala, Blues News and Promotion  
Tom Buchkoe, PR  
Marshall Killian, Educational Outreach, absent  
Dave Crum, Vendor Guy, Fest Grounds, absent  
Mark Stonerock, Fest Director, absent

Others attending – Jim Drobny

Terry welcomed everyone and asked that someone move to approve the agenda, with the addition of Elections under new business that did not print on the original agenda that was sent out to the BOT members. Walt so moved, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Terry asked for approval of the September minutes – Wayne so moved, Walt 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

Public Comment: None

Officers Reports:

President: Terry indicated he will not be at the November meeting and Elizabeth will be running the meeting.

Vice-President: Elizabeth not in attendance, but sent her report which shows 4 renewals since last meeting and 7 members up for renewal at the end of October. The current membership stands at 134.

Secretary: No report – not in attendance. Wayne did provide a copy of the Logo Contest that Sue had sent to him to put on the website, which he will do shortly.

Treasurer: JoAnne handed out her reports – including the Festival Income and Expense Reports as well as the Merchandise Income and Expense Reports. These will be attached to the paper copy of the minutes.

She stated that she has transferred \$32,000.00 from the regular savings account in to the Money Market account as all the festival bills have been paid except the JP Electric bill,

which she just rec'd from Walt tonight. Dave Crum is to review the JP Electric bill before being paid. She will contact him and get a copy to him for review.

The checking account balance is \$5,337.08 and the Money Market has a balance of \$34,236.21. Larry moved to approve the financial report, Walt 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.

#### Standing Committees:

**Educational Outreach:** Marshall not available, but Larry said he did meet with him to give him info on different ideas he had. He spoke to Fruitland Jackson at a recent festival and he seemed interested in doing some type of presentation or performance.

Walt did a presentation at the The Peter White Library last week and afterwards spoke to the person in charge of those types of events. They have the capability of working with groups and allowing them to show films or documentaries. We could not charge for the event, but could have a "free will" donation. The library also has funds available – maybe match monies with them. These events are usually done in the community room. They are very willing to work with us. Discussion followed with different ideas as well as some questions – could we sell merchandise?

**Blues News and Promotion:** Walt indicated tonight was technically the deadline for the Blues News, but was waiting for some things from the merchandise committee. It will be ready to go soon. There was discussion on putting something in about the upcoming elections as there will be 7 open seats. Walt said he should be able to put something in. He suggested a letter from the President regarding this topic might be appropriate.

**Events:** Larry said he was approved for \$1,500.00 for 2008 for events, but since he had not used that money for anything, he would like to be able to have it brought over for an event that he is planning for the weekend of the Sled Dog Races in February 2009. He had several different places in mind including the Masonic Bldg, The Skyboxx, downstairs of the Landmark or UpFront. He had checked in to a couple of them, but still had to get numbers from others. With the Masonic, we would need to get a liquor license, insurance, and fee for police chief signature among other things.

Larry made a motion to use the \$1,500.00 for this event the weekend of the Sled Dog Races, Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Much discussion followed including suggestions from having an event at the Masonic to erecting a tent outside for an event! Discussion on whether we want to have a "fund raising" event or just an event. After quite a lengthy discussion, a vote was taken and all in favor of allowing the \$1,500.00 to be used for this event. Larry will have more details at the November meeting.

**Merchandise:** No report

**Festival:** Mark Stonerock not in attendance but Terry had spoken with him and he is still working on getting a volunteer Thank you party organized.

**Old Business:** Sled Dog event discussed previously. No other old business.

New Business: Elections were discussed. JoAnne indicated she will not be running for the BOT in January. She also stated that Elizabeth and Sue did not plan on running either. Others that are up are Dave, Marshall, Walt and Mark Stonerock. Nominations will be taken at the December meeting and elections will be held at the January annual membership meeting.

All members are urged to consider becoming more involved in the Society by attending a meeting and considering running for one of the open Board of Trustee positions.

Discussion on ways to get the membership more involved. If anyone knows of anyone thinking of running or someone who you feel would be a good fit for the Board, please encourage them to attend the next meeting.

There was discussion again on putting something in the next issue of the Blues News that will be going out before the next meeting. This will cover the notification to the membership for the annual meeting in January.

Wayne brought up the Entertainment committee and when they would be meeting. Walt has indicated he will be stepping down from chairing that committee. Larry has indicated he would be interested in this position. They will be meeting at the next Festival meeting which will be held on November 3. Last year's members included Walt, Larry, Wayne, Terry, Mark S, Stephanie, Tom B., Mona and Marshall. Please try to attend this next meeting.

Good of the Order: Bette LaVette on Austin City Limits this past Saturday.

Reverend Raven will be at the Terrace in Escanaba on Saturday, November 8 from 8pm to midnight.

Tom B had a CD of Kraig Kenning for the give away. Won by JoAnne

Next Festival Meeting: Monday, November 3 at Stonerock's Loveshack, potluck 6:30, meeting at 7:00. Just a reminder that this will include a meeting of the Entertainment Committee and election of a new head for that committee.

Next BOT Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 6/6:30pm at Landmark Inn – Note that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> due to Deer Season.

Larry motioned we adjourn, Tom B 2<sup>nd</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnne Maki

Treasurer

Substituting for Sue Schenk-Drobny, Secretary

Paper Attachments: VP report, financials

