

Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 18, 2012 - The Landmark Inn Board Room – Marquette, MI

Welcome by President Mark Stonerock at 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Mark “Ham” Hamari, Mark Maki, Deb Duquette, Jeff Kallery, Walt Lindala, Terry Klavitter, Mark Stonerock, Cindy Engle, Dave Stensaas, Charlie Bastian, Dave Crum, Todd Eckstrom

Also Present: JoAnne Maki, Tom Buchkoe, Larry Letts

Public comment: None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approval of the April 18, 2012 agenda - Motion by Terry Klavitter, second by Dave Crum to approve as submitted /Carried

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the March 21, 2012 Minutes - Motion by Dave Crum, second by Jeff Kallery to approve/Carried

OFFICERS REPORT

President – Mark Stonerock – Contract was received from 906 Technologies and discussed. There was a motion by Todd Eckstrom, second by Mark Hamari to accept the contract as received with correction to our name as they had listed Hiawatha Music Festival in error. Carried

Vice President - Mark Hamari – 8 reminders sent out for membership renewals, 2 returned

Secretary – Mark Maki – no mail received

Treasurer – Deb Duquette – February financials (tabled from March meeting) – balance as of February 29 was \$22,648.37 - motion to approve by Mark Maki, second by Todd Eckstrom – carried
Balance as of March 31 was \$22,650.16 – motion to approve by Mark Maki, second by Cindy Engle - carried

STANDING COMMITTEES

Educational Outreach – Jeff Kallery - The Jam session at library for Bluesday Tuesday went very well. We will probably have another one at some point, as there was a good response from musicians as well as the library and the public. April 24th will be a film called “The Roots of the Blues.” There is nothing definite yet planned for May, but will probably be a film. June or July may be another Jam session.

August will be Blues on the steps with The Flat Broke Blues Band.

He wants to hit September hard with Blues info, etc.

He will be meeting with Jim Pennel of Jim & Ray about doing something with the Alternative High School and has also been investigating doing something with the NMU Student Activity Group.

EVENTS COORDINATOR- Larry Letts –Nothing planned at this time

UP BLUES AND PROMOTIONS- Terry Klavitter - Website has been updated with current information. Todd Eckstrom has been working on getting the on-line store up and running with pictures of merchandise. He has also been working on getting other items on website such as signed CDs. Still has to get the PayPal portion yet so both Todd and Deb will be notified when a sale is made. Terry is also working on getting generic business cards prior to us having the festival business cards so members can have them handy when they are traveling and such.

FESTIVAL – Terry Klavitter – All the artists are set for the festival. Junior Boy Jones was the last slot to be filled. He will be on midday Saturday. Deb wants all artists to know they will have to filling out a W-9 regardless of payment amount, in case we would happen to have them at another event during the year, payments may total over the \$600 income tax requirement. The Logo contest winner Steve Reid has been contacted and Tom Buchkoe is working with him on the design. John B. and his class will be doing the lanyards this year including laminating them and punching holes. A lengthy discussion on sponsorships and their importance to the festival and the organization as a whole was presented by Terry K. A motion was made by Walt Lindala and second by Todd Eckstrom that the Board has the right to refuse any or all sponsorship that it feels would not be in the best interest of MABS. After another lengthy discussion, all agreed and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – Cindy Engle said the building of a portable Kiosk for the Blues Society is no longer available to us as the school year is ending soon and there is not enough time to get it done.

NEW BUSINESS – There will be a benefit for the Sean Costello Memorial Bipolar Research Fund at UpFront and Co on Sunday, May 20, 2012, from 3-9pm. Music will be provided by Billy Flynn, The Flat Broke Blues Band and Travis and the St Lous. There will also be a silent auction as well as CDs available for sale. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the silent auction, it would be greatly appreciated. Terry Klavitter motioned that we donate a pair of weekend passes and Blues Society basket of goodies for the event – second by Charlie Bastian – carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Social at Flanigan's Bar at 5:01 Fridays

Ruthie Foster in Bayfield WI sometime in May or June

Cindy Engle started website of local entertainment – www.marquettemusicscene.com

Biscuit Miller at UpFront on April 27 and at Flanigan's on April 28

Next festival meeting – Monday, May 7, 2012 – 6:30pm potluck – location TBD

Next BOT meeting Wednesday, May 16, 2012, Landmark Inn Board Room 6:00pm social/6:30 meeting

This month's presentation by Mark Maki was done on the Life of John Lee Hooker.

Next month's presentation will be done by Dave Stensaas.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Mark Maki
Secretary