

Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 - The Landmark Inn Board Room – Marquette, MI

Welcome by President Mark Stonerock at 6:30pm

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

Absent: Todd Eckstrom

Also Present: JoAnne Maki, Marshall Killian

Public comment: None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approval of the June 20, 2012 agenda -Motion by Cindy Engle, second by Mark Hamari /Carried

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the May 16, 2012 Minutes - Motion by Dave Crum, second by Charlie Bastian/Carried

OFFICERS REPORT

President – Mark Stonerock – Thanked Mark Hamari for running last month’s meeting in his absence. He also wanted to thank all those members who attend and support live music in the local area. He also mentioned that UPFront may be discontinuing live music in the near future.

Vice President - Mark Hamari – 6 reminders sent out for membership renewals, 5 returned. He said we now have about 90 members. He encouraged all those in attendance to be sure their memberships are up to date as well. He also mentioned that there was a problem with the online application process and that he would be talking with Nathan regarding that problem and getting in corrected.

Secretary – Mark Maki – Correspondence received – Thank you note from Lindala’s for the plant sent to them on the death of April’s father. Letter from the city stating they will be waiving the park fees this year. Mark Stonerock will send them a Thank you note. Ojibwa sponsorship rec’d in the amount of \$500 for the festival. Letter was received from the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center about their yearly event. Motion to donate 2 festival weekend passes as we have done in the past was made by Dave Crum, second by Charlie Bastian. Carried

Treasurer – Deb Duquette – Balance as of May 31, 2012, is \$20,184.18. Terry Klavitter mentioned he received notice to for renewal to the Blues Foundation. Mark Maki motioned to approve financials, second by Cindy Engle - carried

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH – Jeff Kallery – May 29th Bluesday Tuesday featured the film “Rory Gallagher:Live in Montreux.” There was an average size crowd in attendance. For the next event on June 26th, Harp, Hart, and Bones will be playing. The July event will be Fast Eddie’s newest band EBR in which he features slide guitar. August will feature the Flat Broke Blues Band on the steps of the library, weather permitting. Jeff also discussed the display case we will be able to utilize in the library for the

months of July and August. It was decided to meet on Sunday the 24th at the Landmark to discuss what types of things we will be putting in the cases. Everyone is encouraged to bring things they are interested in displaying in the cases.

He is still trying to work with NMU to start a student chapter of the Blues Society. He will be looking more in to this as the beginning of school nears. The Arts and Culture Group has asked if we would be willing to go to their next meeting on July 11th to put on a short presentation so that they have a better idea of all that we do. There was a short discussion and was decided that we would be sending a couple of members to do this presentation.

EVENTS COORDINATOR- Larry Letts –Larry was not present, but Mark Stonerock suggested having a Scavenger Hunt/Road Rally in early August. There was some discussion and a motion was made by Terry Klavitter to have a \$5 entry fee for this event, second by Jeff Kallery – carried
Walt Lindala discussed a phone call he received from Grady Champion. They will apparently be travelling thru the area in March and were wondering if we would be interested in having them play and possibly do something with Bluesday Tuesday or Blues in the Schools. Some discussion on this and it was decided that Walt get a little more info to present at the next BOT meeting.

UP BLUES AND PROMOTIONS- Terry Klaviiter - Will keep updating website with Bluesday Tuesday events and also getting festival info out. He mentioned that he, Walt, and Mark Stonerock would be meeting with MCCVB soon regarding their advertising of the festival and other items. Generic Society business cards have been ordered and should be in soon.

FESTIVAL – Terry Klavitter –Since Travis will be touring over Labor Day Weekend with Sean Pittman in Europe, Travis and the St Lous spot has to be replaced. Mark Stonerock and Cindy Engle have been talking to Kirsten Gustafson and Dave Ziegner to see if they are interested. They seem to be so they will be offered the spot at the festival. The Blues Society will again have a float in the Ishpeming and Marquette 4th of July parades. We will also be in the Negaunee Pioneer Days parade on the 14th. Information will be put on the website and sent out to members asking for walkers to participate. Charter and TV6 are both on board for TV coverage. All sponsorships should be wrapped up by the middle of July so the posters and the program can be put together. We also have a verbal from Pike for same as they have given us in previous years.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Social at Flanigan's Bar at 5:01 Fridays

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

Next festival meeting – Monday, July 9, 2012 – 6:30pm potluck – Stonerock's House

Next BOT meeting Wednesday, July 18, 2012, Landmark Inn Board Room 6:00pm social/6:30 meeting

There was no presentation given this month, but next month Charlie Bastian will have something for us.
Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm by Mark Stonerock

Submitted by Mark Maki, Secretary