

Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 18, 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,, Jeff Kallery, Walt Lindala, Terry Klavitter, Cindy Engle, Charlie Bastian, Dave Crum

Also Present: JoAnne Maki, Marshall Killian

Public comment: Jeff Kallery thanked the group for thinking of him and his family with the recent loss of his father.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approval of the July 18, 2012 agenda -Motion by Terry Klavitter second by Mark Hamari /Carried

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the June 20, 2012 Minutes - Motion by Mark Hamari second by Charlie Bastian/Carried

OFFICERS REPORT

President – Mark Stonerock – The road rally plan has been put off until after the festival and possibly September 15,2012. Teams would be of three to six per vehicle and interested persons should contact him at email. Something will be put on Web-site regarding this. Mark noted the email from Deb Duquette, Treasurer and her need for help until after the Festival and that the Board will need to find a Treasurer as she can no longer perform the duties as she would like. Mark noted the very good job Deb has done for the blues society and especially at and before the Festival in taking care of our records.

Vice President - Mark Hamari – Three reminders sent out for membership renewals and three returned. He encouraged all those in attendance to be sure their memberships are up to date as well. He talked to Mona Lang about the lamppost musical hangers for downtown for next year’s Festival

Secretary – Mark Maki – Correspondence received – Noted recent mail with sponsorships from U.P Rehab and Marquette Community Federal Credit Union and one membership renewal. It was given to Treasurer to deposit.

Treasurer – Deb Duquette – not present but had sent a report through June 30,2012 showing a balance of \$19951.61. Deb also noted to Dace Crum to check on the barricades and for Tom to get her an amount for the t-shirt down payment and the need to check on the liquor license. Motion by Terry Klavitter second by Dave Crum to approve the financial report /Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH – Jeff Kallery – The July event at the Library will be Fast Eddie’s newest band EBR, which features Eddie on slide guitar, along with other members Bill Houghton and Rick Bissonette.

August will feature the Flat Broke Blues Band on the steps of the library. September could be another live jam.

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.

Mark Stonerock thanked Jeff for getting us the display case for July and August at the Library and that it is really nice.

EVENTS COORDINATOR- Larry Letts –Larry was not present. Walt Lindala discussed the Grady Champion plan for a performance and a blues in the schools event around March 8th. 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. It was agreed to pursue this as it meets two goals being performance and blues education.

UP BLUES AND PROMOTIONS- Terry Klavitter - Will keep updating website with Bluesday Tuesday events and also getting festival info out.

FESTIVAL- Terry Klavitter

Terry noted that he and, Walt met with Pat Black with the Marquette Community Conventions and Visitors Bureau and that they discussed promotion opportunities, including radio advertisements and they gave her current information about the 2012 Festival on Labor Day Weekend . They gave her two addresses for contact being Walt Lindala at his address as well as PO Box 5 Marquette, Mi 49855 to the attention of the President.

Terry also noted that he and Mark Stonerock will be doing a promotional spot with the Point Radio Station.

Cindy Engle noted that she has been bringing our festival business cards to various arts and crafts events and will be bringing them to the Outback Art Fair as well.

Walt Lindala noted that the public ads are all around to the media and that they should start running soon. Bill Hart will be playing Festival highlights on Saturday nights and Posters are being worked on and should be available by July 27th.

The two parades that we were in on July 4th in Marquette and Ishpeming, as well as Pioneer Days in Negaunee on the 14th all went well. Thanks to Fox Motors for transportation and to Charlie Bastian at Advanced Mobile Accessories for the candy and the great sound system. We should also like to thank the Blues Society Dancers for their efforts including Terry, Walt, Stoney, and Marshall.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – There was discussion on the process of the getting the liquor license for the festival. A motion was made by Mark Stonerock, second by Mark Maki to approve the liquor license for this year's festival – carried. Mark Hamari was designated to begin the paperwork process.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Social at Flanigan's Bar at 5:01 Fridays

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

Next festival meetings – August 6, 2012, and August 20, 2012 – 6:30pm potluck – Stonerock's House August 27, 2012, at the Maki camp on M-28

Next BOT meeting Wednesday, August 15, 2012, Landmark Inn Board Room 6:00pm social/6:30 meeting

Monthly Blues Presentation- Charlie Bastian gave a presentation on the state of America after the Kennedy assassination in November of 1963 and how saddened and gloomy people felt and that it was like we needed something to bring us out of the state of mind we were in. Along came the Beatles and then the British invasion which in large part had come from the young kids in England hearing records of blues artists and then essentially brought it back to America with people like Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Eric Burdon, John Mayall, the Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac, Rod Stewart and others. He noted that had it not been for the Beatles we all would probably not be sitting here working on a Blues Festival much less be the music lovers that we are. Great job!

Charlie also asked for a moment of silence for the loss of his friend and musician Mike Cohen in an accident and the 10th year since Chuch McGee had died. A moment of silence was held in tribute to these friends.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm by Mark Stonerock

Submitted by Mark Maki, Secretary