

Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-

Wednesday October 21, 2015 Landmark Inn Boardroom - Marquette, MI

Call to order-Welcome by President Mark 'Ham' Hamari at 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Charlie Bastian, Tom Buchkoe, Dave Crum, Cindy Engle, Mark 'Ham' Hamari, Mark Johnson, Jeff Kallery, Marshall Killian, Deb Duquette, JoAnne Maki, Nancy Wennerberg.
Absent: Terry Klavitter, Mark Maki, Larry Letts Others present: Walt Lindala and Jon Wennerberg.

Public comment: None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Marshall Killian, second by Charlie Bastian to approve as presented/Carried

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER

Secretary Larry Letts not present, so approval tabled until November meeting

OFFICERS REPORT

President – Mark Hamari noted in Larry Letts absence that JoAnne Maki will take the minutes of the meeting. Noted that Mark Stonerock needs to be removed as a signee on the Honor Credit Union Account - JoAnne will take care of that with the Credit Union.

We received notice from the city that we were awarded \$2,100 from the city for the 2016 festival.

Vice-President – Cindy Engle– working on the membership listing. She is also compiling the information from surveys done at the festival. Some things of interest – more shade tents requested, non-smoking, request for artists included Tab Benoit, Buddy Guy – full report to come.

Cindy also willing to do Constant Contact in order to keep people engaged in the Society.

Secretary – Larry Letts- not present- JoAnne Maki agreed to take the meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report – JoAnne Maki– Balance on accounts \$52,496.58 in checking, \$5.54 in savings – giving a total on hand of \$52,502.12.

JoAnne indicated there is a problem with our tax filing for the 2014 tax year. We received a letter from the US Treasury that we were late in filing our forms, but after speaking with Patrick Thomsen our accountant, he indicated he had neglected to file the extension request on time. We did file our taxes before the required deadline, so he authored a letter that JoAnne signed and sent in to the US Treasury stating there was some confusion between the accountant and our treasurer as to the extension request. He indicated we should hold off paying any taxes and penalties until we hear back from the Treasury.

JoAnne is still working on completing the final draft of the report from the festival. Still have a few bills outstanding. She is hoping to have the final report at the November meeting, but if not, at the December meeting for sure.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH – Jeff Kallery– Jeff gave an update on programs at the Library -

Travis and the Midnight Movers will be performing October 27. The November 24th event will be a Jam Session. Nothing yet planned for December.

Mark Johnson had nothing to report on the NMU chapter.

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Larry Letts – not present

UP BLUES AND PROMOTIONS – Walt Lindala- nothing to report

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE – Terry Klavitter not present. Mark Hamari stated there will be no festival meeting in November, but will resume the first Monday in December. Mark also noted that Terry Klavitter is not interested in being the Festival Director for 2016. Walt Lindala has expressed some interest in taking over that position with help from everyone. This will be revisited at the November meeting in case there is anyone else that might be interested as well.

Mark also indicated that Thank You notes have been sent out to the sponsors. If anyone knows of anyone who should receive a Thank You, please feel free to send one out.

Old Business: None

New Business: Reminder that Board nominations will be done in December. If anyone is interested in being on the Board please let Mark Hamari or any other board member know. Elections will be at the January 20th Board Meeting.

Good of the order: Upcoming Event

Steve Earle will be at the Casino in Harris on November 20th and 21st. Some discussion on renting a Checker Bus to go down to the show, but there was not enough interest.

November 7th will be the Beatles and Brews at the Ore Dock to benefit JJ Packs. Music will be starting at 6pm and going well past Midnight.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm by Mark Hamari

Submitted by JoAnne Maki, Acting Secretary for Larry Letts

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