

Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 19, 2012 - The Landmark Inn Board Room – Marquette, MI

Welcome by President Mark “Stoney” Stonerock at 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Dave Crum, Deb Duquette, Todd Eckstrom, Cindy Engle, Mark ‘Ham’Hamari, Jeff Kallery, Walt Lindala, Mark Maki, Dave Stensas, and Mark Stonerock

Others present: Tom Buchkoe, Marshall Killian, Larry Letts, Gary and Nancy Smith,

Public comment: Gary and Nancy Smith of Escanaba stated that they have been to all but the first festival and have really enjoyed the festival and that we should be proud to have done this for so long

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approval of the December 19, 2012 agenda -Motion by Todd Eckstrom, second by Mark Hamari to approve as with the addition of name of the blues festival under old business/ Carried

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the November 21, 2012 Minutes - Motion by Dave Crum second by Todd Eckstrom to accept as presented /Carried

OFFICERS REPORT

President – Mark Stonerock – Thanked “Ham” for running the November meeting

Vice President - Mark ‘Ham’Hamari – noted only 1 membership due and 1 renew.

Secretary – Mark” Cadillac Mak” Maki –noted two letters picked up today. They were: a letter from blues artist Pete “Big Dog” Fetters regarding playing at the Festival and a bill from 906 Technologies.

Treasurer’s report- Deb Duquette - Noted statements which show balances as of November 31, 2012 at \$33,781.63. Also noted November 30, 2011 was \$25,710.55. She had questions on 906 Technologies’ bill, as she does not have the papers on the agreement with 906 Technologies. Terry Klavitter has the MABS computer and printer so the new Treasurer will have to get it from him.

Motion by Jeff Kallery, second by Dave Stensas to approve the financial report as presented/ Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH – Jeff Kallery – No December activity planned due to the Christmas holidays. For 2013, the plan is for 5 live performances and the other would be movies, etc.

January 29, 2013 - 7 pm at the Peter White Library - Dave Ziegner and Kirstyn Gustafson will be doing the performance.

February- possibly another Blues Jam session hosted by Mark Hamari

EVENTS COORDINATOR - Walt Lindala noted the progress on the Grady Champion plan for a performance and a blues in the schools event on Friday, March 8, 2013. Both will be done at the

Kaufman Auditorium. Blues in the Schools will be possibly be at 12:45 pm and Sara Cambensy will be coordinating the busing of the students. The performance will then be at 7:30 or so.
Cost is about \$4200 for the entire program. Motion by Mark Maki, second by Todd Eckstrom to approve \$4200 for the event /Carried

UP BLUES AND PROMOTIONS- Terry Klaviiter - Terry not present. Walt Lindala said that he will try to put a year in review on the Web-site.

FESTIVAL - Mark "Ham" Hamari updated the members on the first of two entertainment committee meetings to work on the four national acts/checking on costs and availability. The Sponsorship Committee also had a meeting to discuss options

Old Business

Dave Stensas brought up issue of the Festival name and possible change to Marquette Blues Festival. There was discussion about other names possible but that it was Marquette Area Blues Festival because we were the Marquette Area Blues Society. Dave Stensas made a motion to put the question with options on the survey at the Festival to seek input. Second by Todd Eckstrom/ Carried

New Business: Nominations for Five Board of Directors positions

Todd Eckstom nominated Nancy Smith
Dave Crum nominated Mark Stonerock
Dave Stensas nominated Mark Hamari
Todd Eckstrom nominated Walt Lindala
Mark Hamari nominated Jeff Kallery
Mark Maki nominated Larry Letts
Walt Lindala nominated Nathan Lyle

Elections will be held at the annual meeting in January

Walt Lindala noted the development of a music room at the Children's Museum and thought the Blues Society could help with that project. Walt Lindala moved second by Dave Stensas to spend \$250 towards the development of a music room/Carried

Good of the Order: -UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 13-Childrens Museum-Conga Se Menne
- January 29th- Dave Ziegner and Kirstyn Gustafson – perform at the Library - 7 pm
- February 20- Hot Tuna (Wisconsin?)
- March 2013- Kilborn Alley – Terrace Bay Inn – Escanaba- Checker bus trip opportunity
- March 1, and 2, 2013- Friday and Saturday-George Thorogood at the Island Resort Casino-Harris

Monthly presentation – none, but Walt Lindala agreed to do a presentation at the January meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm /Carried

Submitted by
Mark Maki, Secretary-MABS