

Marquette Area Blues Society

Minutes Oct 19, 2016- Border Grill

President- Mark Hamari

Vice President- Cindy Engle

Treasurer- JoAnne Maki

Secretary- Nancy Wennerberg

Trustees at large: Charlie Bastian,, Tom Hyslop, Mark Johnson, Walt Lindala,
Larry Letts, Jeff Kallery, Jon W.

Tom B. & Stoney absent & excused

Meeting called to order- 6:30pm

Public Comment- Mark Werda invited

Agenda Approval-

Walt moved, Seconded Cindy- agenda approved

Minutes Approval-

Charlie moved- Cindy second-approved

Officer Reports-

PRES.-Ham

ASCAP forms completed and filed. Price went up due to higher attendance. (.8% of gross)

VICE PRES. Cindy

Has free wickets for Windsong Show (and blues pocket stones)

TREASURER JoAnne

Current balance- \$43,628.10 \$4000 more than last year. NMU ticket money still outstanding.

Income- \$128,901.01 Expenses- \$119,942.92 Cindy moved/Tom H second-passed

SECRETARY Nancy

Nothing to add

Standing Committee Reports

EDUCATION OUTREACH- Jeff K.

Tuesday Bluesday next Tue- Who Dat Brass

Nov 28- TBA possible jam

EVENTS- Larry/Mark J

Nov 5 with the Jimmy's cancelled due to lack of open venue. Will try to come up with an alternate location. Would like to schedule The Ceasar's band for Thanksgiving weekend either at the Ore Dock or Elks. Try to come up with winter show ideas.

BLUES NEWS/PROMOTION- Walt

Nothing new

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR- Walt

All wrapped up. General consensus is that it was very smooth and positive. No fest meeting in Nov. Dec meeting we will start next years talent search. Interested in a good horn band, Ted Benoit, Mule Bone. 74 surveys collected. Last year, 125. Basically same results. Next year plan to do online. Maybe a separate survey for Fri.

Deb website Absent

Good of the Order

Larry suggested that we move the board meetings to the Veirling. Veirling was unable to accommodate us during the summer. Nice environment, food/drinl available, privacy.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Werda (local musician) presented idea for a twice monthly concert series at the Elks club. One of those would be the blues. Suggested we invite regional artists quarterly as a Blues Society fundraiser. Feels that a regularly scheduled event would draw a large crowd. Proposes to pay the local artists himself. Says cover charge should pay expenses. The board decided to let him get a couple of events under his belt before we totally back him. A possible event on the Dog Sled night was suggested. The board is encouraged to come up with ideas of how we want to participate in helping this great idea become successful.

Next Board meeting Nov. 16 possibly at the Veirling. Larry moved/Cindy second- passed

Adjourned at 7:42pm