

Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 - The Landmark Inn Harbor Room (Board Room being Remodeled) – Marquette

Welcome by President Mark Stonerock at 6:30pm

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

Not present: Dave Crum and Charlie Bastian

Also Present: JoAnne Maki, Terry Surrell, Larry Letts, Tom Buchkoe

Public comment: None

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approval of the February 15, 2012 agenda - Motion by Terry Klavitter, second by Jeff Kallery to approve as submitted /Carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of January 18, 2012 Minutes - Motion by Todd Eckstrom, second by Walt Lindala to approve/Carried.

OFFICERS REPORT

President – Mark Stonerock – Stated he looks forward to working with everyone and would like to do some different things, the first being having someone do a short presentation each month on a subject related to the Blues. He will do the first one at the March meeting. Thought the Blues caravan down to Escanaba for the Blues for a Cause event was a great idea and would like to see the same type things done in the future.

Vice President - Mark Hamari – 1 new member since last meeting. He will be sending out 3 renewal reminders. We have about 105 members in good standing. If anyone has ideas on getting those members back that have let memberships lapse, please let him know. He also notified Mining Journal of the new Board Members.

Secretary – Mark Maki – Picked up mail and noted we received a Tyler Mac CD and also one from Mark Arshak. Gave seminar info received to President for review.

Treasurer – Deb Duquette - Noted balance as of January 31, 2012, is \$25,378.37. Last year at this time it was \$24,788.25. Cindy Engle moved with Dave Stensaas second to approve financials/ Carried. She also noted the Carolyn Wonderland deposit was sent out and received.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Educational Outreach – Jeff Kallery The January 31, 2012 Bluesday Tuesday at Library with Dave Ziegner and Kirsten Gustafson was a great success. Noted the live performances bring in more people than when we show movies. The February 28, 2012, event will be the showing of Lightning in a Bottle. He noted they are redoing the room at the Library so the sound should be improved for future events. We

need to think of events for March 27th, April 24th, May 29th, June 26th, and July 31st. The August 28th event will likely be a live event on the steps of the Library, weather permitting. He is still pursuing something with NMU and he seems to have a lot of support from staff and students. A suggestion was made to have one of the events a "Live Jam," so Jeff, Mark Hamari, and Walt will be looking in to getting that arranged.

UP BLUES AND PROMOTIONS- Terry Klaviiter - Will get announcement of new Board Members out with a picture possibly. Noted he will begin preliminary promotion when new ticket prices are in effect and artists are finalized.

EVENTS COORDINATOR- Larry Letts –Event of February 24, 2012, at UpFront Banquet Room was cancelled.

FESTIVAL – Terry Klavitter – Same people are heading up the various areas of the festival as in past years. Do need to have a sponsorship chairperson. Dave Stensaas and Todd Eckstrom are willing to help out Gretchen with the merchandise area.

He proposed an increase in gate ticket prices – raise to \$45 for the weekend up until Friday, August 31, 2012, at 5:00pm – no advance ticket sales for young adults. On the weekend of the festival prices would be \$30 per day or \$50 for the entire weekend with \$10 per day young adult tickets available (ages 15-23) and as always 14 and under free with a paying adult. Todd Eckstrom motioned to approve with Mark Hamari second/carried. JoAnne Maki, ticket coordinator, is to contact NMU to update prices with them. The next festival meeting will be Monday, March 5, 2012, at Stonerocks at 6:30pm – potluck. We will be voting on Logo at that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of the 2012 Budget – motion by Mark Maki to approve, second by Cindy Engle/carried
Todd Eckstrom indicated he is working on getting the merchandise on the website with shipping and inventory control. He has some bubble envelopes from his store that he can use for shipping.
There was discussion about the 2 Facebook sites on-line.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Buddy Guy in Green Bay March 1st, Tickets on sale January 6, 2012
Social at Flanigan's Bar at 5:01 Fridays
Flat Broke at UpFront on February 17, 2012 6-9pm
Benefit for Jim Pennell (of Jim and Ray fame) February 23, 2012 from 6-9pm at Kauffman
Tribute Band to Crosby, Stills, Nash at Calumet Theatre in February
Ruthie Foster in Bayfield WI sometime in May or June
Cindy Engle started website of local entertainment – www.marquettemusicscene.com
Leon Redbone also coming to Calumet

Meeting adjourned by President Mark Stonerock at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted,

Mark Maki
Secretary