

Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 - The Landmark Inn Board Room – Marquette

Welcome by President Mark Stonerock at 6:30pm

Board Members Present: Mark “Ham” Hamari, Jeff Kallery, Walt Lindala, Terry Klavitter, Mark Stonerock, Cindy Engle, Dave Stensaas, Charlie Bastian, Dave Crum

Not present: Mark Maki, Deb Duquette, Todd Eckstrom

Also Present: JoAnne Maki, Tom Buchkoe, Cody Lakanen, Marshall Killian

Public comment: Noted that JoAnne Maki will take minutes in the absence of Mark Maki

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approval of the March 21, 2012 agenda - Motion by Walt Lindala, second by Terry Klavitter to approve as submitted /Carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of February 15, 2012 Minutes - Motion by Dave Crum, second by Jeff Kallery to approve/Carried.

OFFICERS REPORT

President – Mark Stonerock – Stated he has been trying to get hold of Nathan at 906 Technologies to get a contract from him as stated with no success. Marshall will relay message to Nathan as they work at the same place. He asked if there was any interest in another Blues Caravan to Reverend Raven in Escanaba on April 6, 2012. Some discussion, nothing determined. UP Early Childhood asked if we would be willing to donate some tickets for their upcoming meeting to raffle off. Dave Stensaas motioned that we donate 2 weekend passes, seconded by Walt Lindala/Carried. Mark Stonerock and Terry Klavitter to take care of putting letter together for the giveaway.

Vice President - Mark Hamari – 16 reminders sent out for renewals, 8 returned – also problem with the on-line payment of membership dues. He will talk to Nathan at 906 Technologies about this problem.

Secretary – Mark Maki – Absent , but sent report - picked up mail and noted we received a letter from city – given to Walt Lindala, membership payments rec’d and given to Mark and Deb. Hurricane David – Harp Teacher/Player that was at previous festival contacted him to let him know he would be interested in doing another workshop if we are interested. This will be discussed at the next festival meeting. Postcard rec’d from Dan Treanor – info to Mark Stonerock.

Treasurer – Deb Duquette – Absent – Report was provided, but was decided to table until next month’s meeting when Deb would be available if any questions.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Educational Outreach – Jeff Kallery The February 27, 2012, event Lightning in a Bottle Film was attended by about 35-40 people. Mark “Ham” Hamari made a trifold information presentation of Blues Society

Information that turned out really well. Thank you for that. The next Blues Tuesday will be March 27, 2012 and will be a Blues Jam Session. It will be an acoustic type event playing and explaining the rules of an open Jam Session.

Margaret at PWPL has been very pleased with the partnership that has grown between our 2 entities. She has been getting phone calls and emails from people praising our events. We will try to get some of those to put up on our website. She suggested putting a separate donation can at the event for the Blues Society as the only one that is there now is for the Library and she thinks people are donating because they feel it is going to us. We will be putting something in our festival program thanking the library for their support over the year. We will still need ideas for upcoming events. April will probably be another film.

UP BLUES AND PROMOTIONS- Terry Klaviiter - Blues Newsletter was emailed out which included a Pure Michigan link. Marquette Area Blues Society corrected on Facebook. Walt has been in contact with the Great Northern Blues Festival in WI, as well as the Alpena Blues Festival to see about their events. He will keep us updated on dates, etc.

EVENTS COORDINATOR- Larry Letts –Not present

FESTIVAL – Terry Klavitter – Only 1 slot left to fill, plus still need to confirm Travis and the St Lous. New sponsorship forms are available for people to distribute out and about. Terry would like everyone to try to get at least 1 or 2 sponsors, but 4 would be great. The After party this year will likely be held at the Elks. Terry and Walt will be confirming this soon. We now have the Logo chosen, so PR things can get started. Next festival meeting will be on Monday, April 2, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS – Cindy Engle again mentioned building a portable Kiosk for the Blues Society. She will have some plans made up and will present them with more info at the next BOT meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - None

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Social at Flanigan's Bar at 5:01 Fridays

Ruthie Foster in Bayfield WI sometime in May or June

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

Next festival meeting – Monday, April 6, 2012 – 6:30pm potluck at Stonerock's

Next BOT meeting Wednesday, April 18, 2012, Landmark Inn Board Room 6:00pm social/6:30 meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting 7:35 pm by Dave Stensaas, Seconded by Mark "Ham" Hamari

After meeting adjourned, Mark Stonerock made presentation on Howlin Wolf. Next month's presentation will be by Mark Maki

Submitted,

JoAnne Maki for Mark Maki

Secretary