

**MARQUETTE AREA BLUES SOCIETY BOT MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020 – DONE OVER ZOOM**

CALLED TO ORDER 6:35 PM

BOT MEMBERS PRESENT: MARK HAMARI, JOANNE MAKI, JEFF KALLERY, WALT LINDALA, DAVE CRUM, LARRY LETTS, CHARLEY BASTIAN, BRIAN JENSEN, MARK STONEROCK, CINDY ENGLE MIKE SEKELY

BOT MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENCES: MARK JOHNSON, ED ST AUBIN, LORRIE HAYES, ANDREW TYLER

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

AGENDA APPROVAL: MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED WALT, SECOND MARK STONEROCK

MINUTES APPROVAL: MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED CHARLEY, SECOND BRIAN

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** IN TOUCH WITH THE CITY AS TO STATUS OF PARK. HAVE PAPERWORK FOR TRANSIENT MERCHANDISE LICENSE. WAITING FOR OUR DECISION BEFORE GOING FORWARD.

**VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT:** EXCUSED ABSENCE – NO REPORT

**SECRETARY REPORT/TREASURER REPORT:** TOTAL MONIES ON HAND \$47,207.86. FINANCIALS APPROVED BY CINDY SECOND BY CHARLEY.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH:** JEFF SUBMITTED WRITTEN REPORT – OPERATIONS SUSPENDED AT THE LIBRARY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. DOES HAVE TENTATIVE EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR JULY – TROY GRAHAM AND COLTON ORT AND AUGUST/SEPTEMBER – FLAT BROKE BLUES BAND LIVE AND OUTSIDE. NOTHING SCHEDULED BEYOND THAT.

THESE EVENTS ARE PENDING FUTURE DIRECTIVES FROM THE LIBRARY – AVAILABILITY, MABS BOT APPROVAL TO CONTINUE PROGRAMS, AND GUIDELINES ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS.

**EVENTS:** LARRY IS STILL LOOKING AT AN EVENT DATE OF OCTOBER 3, 2020 AT THE ORE DOCK

**FESTIVAL:** THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FATE OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE COVID 19 VIRUS. MANY POINTS WERE BROUGHT UP BOTH FOR AND AGAINST HAVING THE 2020 FESTIVAL. DECISION WAS THAT A FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2020. THERE WILL BE MORE DISCUSSION AT THE MAY FESTIVAL MEETING AT WHICH TIME THERE WILL BE A DECISION MADE TO BRING TO THE BOT AT THE MAY 18, 2020 MEETING. MARK STONEROCK HAS CONTACTED THE ARTISTS THAT HAVE BEEN SIGNED LETTING THEM KNOW THAT WE ARE REVIEWING ALL ASPECTS BEFORE MAKE A FINAL DECISION. HE IS HOPING THAT HE CAN ENCOURAGE THEM TO SIGN FOR NEXT YEAR IF WE HAVE TO CANCEL THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRIAN SECOND BY MIKE SEKELY TO SEND A LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND VENDORS EXPLAINING TO THEM THAT WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO HAVE THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL. THIS LETTER WILL ALSO BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE. MOTION CARRIED.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** HARBOR FEST HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY ARE CANCELLING THEIR EVENT FOR THIS YEAR, WHICH IS THE WEEKEND BEFORE OUR EVENT.

SEVERAL SPOKE OF VARIOUS UPCOMING EVENTS THAT WILL BE ON-LINE TO CHECK OUT.

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 BY ZOOM.

NEXT BOT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020 BY ZOOM.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:18 PM

SUBMITTED BY JOANNE MAKI, SECRETARY/TREASURER