

MARQUETTE AREA BLUES SOCIETY BOT MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 – VIERLING RESTAURANT

CALLED TO ORDER 6:35 PM

BOT MEMBERS PRESENT: MARK HAMARI, MARK JOHNSON, JOANNE MAKI, LORRIE HAYES, JEFF KALLERY, WALT LINDALA, DAVE CRUM, LARRY LETTS, CHARLEY BASTIAN, ED STAUBIN, BRIAN JENSEN, MARK STONEROCK

BOT MEMBERS ABSENT: CINDY ENGLE, ANDREW TYLER – BOTH EXCUSED

OTHER PRESENT: SVEN GONSTEAD

PUBLIC COMMENT: SVEN GONSTEAD PRESENTED INFORMATION ON A SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN BIG BAY THAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING OVER THE PAST TWO SUMMERS. THIS IS PRIVATELY FUNDED AND HE IS LOOKING FOR SOME HELP IN BOOKING ARTISTS. HE LIKES THE WAY OUR FEST IS RUN AND WANTS TO MODEL HIS LIKE OURS ON A SMALLER SCALE.

AGENDA APPROVAL: MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED - MARK STONEROCK, SECOND BRIAN JENSEN; CARRIED

MINUTES APPROVAL: NOVEMBER MINUTES MOVED TO ACCEPT AS PRESENTED – WALT LINDALA, SECOND MARK JOHNSON; CARRIED. DECEMBER MINUTES MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH CORRECTIONS – ED STAUBIN, SECOND WALT LINDALA; CARRIED

PRESIDENT REPORT: MARK HAMARI SPOKE ABOUT THE PASSING OF OUR BOT MEMBER, TOM HYSLOP ON 1/2/2020. HE WILL BE MISSED BY OUR GROUP. PLANT ARRANGEMENT WAS SENT TO THE VISITATION FROM THE GROUP. REMINDER OF THE CITY MEETING FOR ALL FESTIVAL ORGANIZATIONS AT THE LAKEVIEW ARENA MEETING ROOM ON FEBRUARY 6, AT 5:30PM. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND. HE WILL BRING UP RECYCLING AT THAT MEETING.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: MARK JOHNSON INDICATED THERE ARE 65 PAID MEMBERS AT PRESENT. HE IS PLANNING ON SENDING OUT A SURVEY TO PRESENT AND PAST MEMBERS FOR FEEDBACK.

SECRETARY REPORT: NO REPORT – POSITION VACANT AT THIS TIME

TREASURER REPORT: JOANNE MAKI HAD WRITTEN REPORT OF CURRENT FINANCES – HONOR CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$43,132.96; HONOR SAVINGS BAL \$5.54; OPENED ACCOUNT AT HUNTINGTON BANK – THAT BALANCE IS \$10,030.73 (\$10,000.00 ORIG DEP \$30.73 DEP FOR CHECK ORDER) – TOTAL MONIES ON HAND \$53,169.23. FINANCIALS MOVED FOR APPROVAL MARK STONEROCK, SECOND CHARLEY BASTIAN; CARRIED.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH: JEFF KALLERY HAS A BLUESDAY TUESDAY EVENT SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 28TH WHICH WILL BE UNDER THE RADAR. LOOKING INTO SCHEDULING UPCOMING MONTHS AS WELL WITH VARIOUS EVENTS.

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH: ANDREW TYLER NOT PRESENT AT MEETING

EVENTS: LARRY LETTS HAS NOTHING SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME BUT WANTS TO PLAN A BENEFIT FOR THE SEAN COSTELLO BI-POLAR RESEARCH IN THE FALL IN TOM HYSLOP'S MEMORY.

FESTIVAL: MARK HAMARI THANKED WALT LINDALA FOR HIS HARD WORK OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AS FESTIVAL DIRECTOR. AN NEW DIRECTOR WILL BE APPOINTED SOON. MIKE SEKELY HAS TAKEN THE BALL ON THE RECYCLING MISSION FOR THE FESTIVAL. HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OTHER FESTIVALS TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE DONE OVER THE YEARS TO GET SUGGESTIONS.

LOGO CONTEST WILL AGAIN BE ADVERTISED. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS WILL BE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MARCH FESTIVAL MEETING ON MARCH 2ND.

SURVEYS HAVE BEEN TALLIED AND RESULTS WILL BE GIVEN TO TRAVEL MARQUETTE FOR REVIEW. SOME HIGHLIGHTS – DEMOGRAPHICS 50-55+ MOSTLY MALE, MOST PEOPLE STAYING AT HOTELS OR CAMPED, MOST HEARD BY WORD OF MOUTH, MOSTLY FROM MI AND WI SOME OUT OF STATE, AGE GROUP 56-65 AND SPENDING \$350+ FOR THE WEEKEND.

STILL WORKING ON ARTISIT BOOKINGS FOR THE FESTIVAL.

OLD BUSINESS: THANK YOU WAS RECEIVED FROM MFAK FOR THE \$250 DONATION MADE TO THEM. LARRY MCCRAY EVENT WILL NOW BE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT THE ORE DOCK. WE WILL BE CONTRIBUTING \$500 FOR THIS EVENT AND WILL BE HELPING WITH PROMOTION.

WALT WILL CHECK FURTHER INTO THE ROOTS FESTIVAL THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH TO SEE WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT.

NEW BUSINESS: BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

NOMINATIONS:

CHARLEY BASTIAN – ACCEPTED NOMINATION **

DAVE CRUM – ACCEPTED NOMINATION **

CINDY ENGLE – ACCEPTED NOMINATION **

MARK STONEROCK – ACCEPTED NOMINATION **

MARK JOHNSON – ACCEPTED NOMINATION **

WALT LINDALA – ACCEPTED NOMINATION **

ED ST AUBIN – ACCPETED NOMINATION **

TERESA BOSCH – DECLINED NOMINATION

MICHAEL SEKELY – ACCEPTED NOMINATION **

DAVE GOETSCH – DECLINED NOMINATION

WITH NANCY'S RESIGNATION AND TOM HYSLOP PASSING THERE ARE 11 OPEN POSITIONS AND 8 PEOPLE RUNNING FOR THE POSITIONS. MARK STONEROCK MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE ** ALL 8 PEOPLE THAT ACCEPTED – SECOND BRIAN JENSEN; CARRIED

OFFICER ELECTIONS – MARK HAMARI, PRESIDENT; MARK JOHNSON VICE-PRESIDENT; JOANNE MAKI SECRETARY/TREASURER (SEE BELOW)

MOTION TO CONTINUE JOANNE BEING TREASURER ACCORDING TO BY-LAWS FOR THE NEXT YEAR, SECOND BY DAVE CRUM; CARRIED.

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION AND NO ONE WILLING TO TAKE THE SECRETARY POSITION, MARK STONEROCK PROPOSED THAT FOR THIS YEAR WE COMBINE THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER POSITION – IF JOANNE AGREES – AND REVISIT THE SECRETARY POSITION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING NEXT YEAR – SECOND BY MARK JOHNSON – DISCUSSION, JOANNE AGREED ; CARRIED.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

JANUARY 24-25 ORGAN GRINDERS AT ORE DOCK; MARCH 14TH BLUES CAFÉ FESTIVAL IN WAUSAU
NEXT FEST MEETING FEBRUARY 3RD AT STONEROCKS; NEXT BOT MEETING FEBRUARY 19TH AT THE
VIERLING

ADJOURNED 8:06PM

SUBMITTED BY JOANNE MAKI, SECRETARY/TREASURER