Marquette Area Blues Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 18, 2013 – at the Landmark Inn Board Room – Marquette, MI Call to order-Welcome by President Mark "Stony" Stonerock at 6:35pm

Board Members Present: Charlie Bastian, Dave Crum, Todd Eckstrom, Cindy Engle, Mark 'Hama' Hamari, Jeff Kallery, Terry Klavitter, Larry Letts, Walt Lindala, Mark Maki ,Dawn Stonerock and Mark 'Stony "Stonerock.

Others present: JoAnne Maki, Tom Buchkoe, Nina Fiorucci, Mark Johnson, Marshall Killian and April Lindala

Public comment: Todd Eckstrom introduced Nina Fiorucci. He will not be doing merchandise and she is willing to step and do merchandise at the Festival. She is an Arts Major at Northern and he would also like to see her be considered for a Board position and will nominate her for such. She agreed to the nomination. (Nina had to leave early, so her nomination acceptance was done at this time). Todd indicated that he will not be in consideration for nomination to the Board.

AGENDA APPROVAL

December 18, 2013, agenda - Motion by Mark Hamari, second by Todd Eckstrom to approve as presented. / Carried

MINUTES APPROVAL

Approval of the November 20, 2013 Minutes - Motion by Charlie Bastian second by Todd Eckstrom to approve as presented./Carried.

OFFICERS REPORT

<u>President – Mark"Stony" Stonerock</u> – Mark noted that this will be his last official meeting as President and he thanked all those who made his four years as President enjoyable and he hopes that the next President can have the same support and can even bring new ideas to the Board as we continue with our efforts of bringing live blues music to the area.

<u>Vice-President - Mark 'Hama'i – There is one membership renewal due in December.</u>

Mark met with the City Officials on December 3, 2013 regarding the special events meeting. A three year agreement to use the Mattson Lower Harbor Park seems to be agreeable by the City.

Secretary – Mark Maki- Monthly bank statement forwarded to Dawn Stonerock.

<u>Treasurer's Report-Dawn Stonerock</u> – Current Fund balances as follows \$297.57 in savings, \$2359.50 in checking and \$40,581.30 in the money market for a total of \$43,238.37. Tabled approval until a written report is received.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH – Jeff Kallery</u> – No program in December or January 2014. Jeff requested some help for a couple of months and it was noted that Dave Stensaas and Mark Johnson will help. <u>EVENTS COORDINATOR - Larry Letts – no specific plans at this time.</u>

<u>UP BLUES AND PROMOTIONS</u> – Walt Lindala- Has all of the information for the year end issue of Blues News complete and plans to have it in the mail by the end of the year.

<u>FESTIVAL COMMITTEE</u> –Mark" Ham" Hamari- Festival Chair- Events committee did meet and has some names to consider as headliners. Mark Stonerock, Festival entertainment chair noted the Jimmy's are out as they not available for the Friday night event.

Survey results-Dave Stensaas not present to report on the Festival survey results.

Brief discussion on the lack of surveys returned and confusion on the way the question was asked.

Nominations for the seven Board of Directors positions.- Have to be a member in good standing 30 days before the January 16, 2014 election

Todd Eckstrom nominates Nina Fiorucci-accepts as noted under public comment. Todd agreed to pay her membership fee as she is currently not a member and was no longer present.

Tom Buchkoe nominates Charlie Bastian-accepts

Mark Stonerock nominates Cindy Engle -accepts

Mark Hamari nominates Terry Klavitter-has agreed although not present

Dave Crum nominates Mark Maki- accepts

Tom Buchkoe nominates Mark Johnson- accepts

Charlie Bastian nominated Dave Crum- accepts

Todd Eckstrom nominates Dave Stensaas- not present-

Cindy Engle nominates Tom Buchkoe-accepts

Dave Crum nominates Marshall Killian- accepts

No more nominations. Nominations closed.

Old Business: None New Business: Student Membership

Discussion on lack of students as members.

Motion by Jeff Kallery, second by Todd Eckstrom to set membership fees for students at no fee Discussion about having it be ages 23 and under with a student identification /Carried

Public comment

Mark Maki inquired about the by-laws with respect to membership fees as the bylaws on page2 under membership states all rules have to be equally enforced for all members while we are having different fees. It was noted that a few years ago we set a family fee of \$30.00 versus the \$20 fee. Others felt this didn't apply to membership fees.

Good of the order: Upcoming Events

Mid-NIte Storm at the Ore Dock on Friday January 3, 2014 Charlie Parr at the Euphorium-Hancock- January 11th-2014 Holmes Brothers- February 14, 2014 at Northern Michigan University Experience Hendrix-March 14- Milwaukee March 16 - Chicago Jack White project on Paramount- blues

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted by Mark Maki, Marquette Area Blues Society