

**MARQUETTE AREA BLUES SOCIETY BOT MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022 – LAKE SUPERIOR SMOKEHOUSE**

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30 PM BY PRESIDENT HAMARI

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

BOT MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENCES: LORRIE HAYES, JOHN BAYERL, BRIAN JENSEN

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: MARK MAKI

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

AGENDA APPROVAL: MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED WALT LINDALA, SECOND MARK STONEROCK - CARRIED

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PRESIDENT REPORT: MARK HAMARI – CITY HAS CONTACTED US TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THEM SO THEY CAN APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR A STAGE AND LIGHTING. MARK HAMARI WILL WRITE THIS LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP.
BUSINESS CARDS HAVE BEEN ORDERED. BROUGHT UP PUTTING AN AD IN THE BLUES GUIDE MAGAZINE.

VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT: APRIL LINDALA – NOW HAVE 99 MEMBERS. APRIL HAS BEEN TESTING OUT CONSTANT CONTACT BY SENDING OUT A LINEUP FOR THE FESTIVAL THAT SHE CREATED. SHE WILL BE SETTING UP A TABLE AT THE BLUESDAY TUESDAY EVENT ON THE 28TH FOR MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT. CINDY ENGLE WILL BE HELPING HER OUT WITH THIS.
WORKING ON THE MICHIGAN ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT NARRATIVE THAT IS DUE ON AUGUST 3.
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT COMPLETED BY THE JULY BOT MEETING.

SECRETARY REPORT/TREASURER REPORT: JOANNE MAKI – MONIES ON HAND \$67589.00 – MOVED TO APPROVE FINANCIALS APRIL LINDALA, SECOND CHARLEY BASTIAN - CARRIED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH: JEFF KALLERY – BLUESDAY TUESDAY JUNE 28TH WILL BE EDDIE AND THE BLUESERS AND WILL BE OUTSIDE ON THE LIBRARY STEPS. JULY WILL BE THE UNION SUITS AND AUGUST WILL BE FLAT BROKE BLUES BAND

EVENTS: LARRY LETTS – NOTHING CURRENTLY PLANNED

FESTIVAL: WALT LINDALA – “WE ARE HAVING A FESTIVAL!” PER WALT. BUSINESS CARDS HAVE BEEN ORDERED, BE SURE TO GRAB SOME. WE PURCHASED A USED TRAVEL TRAILER FOR \$1000.00 - THANKS TO ED STAUBIN FOR PUTTING THAT PURCHASE IN MOTION AND FOLLOWING THROUGH ON IT. TRAILER WILL BE STORED AT CLOSERS NEAR THE STORAGE TRAILER THAT WE HAVE THERE.

WALT IS REQUESTING PARTNERSHIP PAPERWORK/MONIES BE TURNED IN BY THE NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE ON JULY 8TH.

MARK STONEROCK HAS INDICATED THAT WE HAVE CONFIRMATION ON HOTEL ROOMS. AT THIS POINT WE ARE 10 ROOMS OVER DUE TO SOME ARTISTS ARRIVING EARLY DUE TO THEIR FLIGHTS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT ALL THE MERCHANDISE HAS BEEN PICKED UP FROM THE WENERBERGS NOW SO DONNA AYOTTE (MERCHANDISE HEAD) WILL BE ABLE TO SEE ALL OF WHAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE. MARK ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT WE HAVE IVY FORD SIGNED FOR THE 2023 FESTIVAL. APRIL SUGGESTED WE ASK HER IF SHE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING THE AFTER PARTY NEXT YEAR AS WELL.

NEW BUSINESS:

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADES – ISHPEMING ON JULY 2ND, MARQUETTE ON JULY 4TH AND PIONEER DAYS ON JULY 9TH. WILL USE ED STAUBIN’S TRUCK PROVIDED THE SOUND SYSTEM WORKS ON IT. REQUESTS WILL BE PUT OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO SEE IS THERE IS INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADES.

DISCUSSION ON CONSTANT CONTACT AND ITS BENEFITS. MOTION WAS MADE BY MARK STONEROCK SECOND BY CINDY ENGLE TO END OUR CONSTANT CONTACT ACCOUNT AFTER THIS YEAR DUE TO COST AND USEAGE. FURTHER DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. VOTE TAKEN – MOTION CARRIED TO END ACCOUNT.

MOTION BY LARRY TO ALLOW APRIL TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN ARTS & CULTURE COUNCIL SECOND BY CHARLEY BASTIAN – DISCUSSION – VOTE TAKEN – MOTION CARRIED.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

MEMORIAL EVENT FOR KIM FRENCH AT THE ELKS THIS FRIDAY-4-10 PM – WILL BE MANY AREA MUSICIANS IN ATTENDENCE

FBBB WILL BE PLAYING AT UPNORTH FOR FATHER’S DAY 4-8PM

KIWANIS B-QUE SUNDAY, JUNE 19

MUSIC ON THIRD RETURNS THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

NEXT BOT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022 – LOCATION TBD – 6:30 PM

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 8, 2022, AT STONEROCK’S 6:30 POTLUCK, 7:00 MEETING

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM

SUBMITTED BY JOANNE MAKI, SECRETARY/TREASURER