



Promoting Blues  
Education : Music

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes – 2019, September 9

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**Present:** Board – Jack Frazee, Violet Moran, Tim Davis  
Members: Kate Hardy, Julie Ethridge, Shari Davis  
Absent: Vicki Kalkopf

**Minutes:** August minutes were not yet available due to Scott Frazee's move to Philadelphia.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vicki Kalkopf was out of town so was unable to present this month's Treasurer's Report.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Scholarship Guitar Lessons:** Julie, Kate & Tim met with teacher Bill Roberts and Anthony (student) for publicity photos for this program. *Julie is preparing updates for the website, Facebook and a press release, expected within the next two weeks.* Further donation requests to keep this excellent program going will continue.

**Clyde Stubblefield Bench Dedication (August 17):** Kate reported that the event budget was planned at \$877 for park fees, plaque, band & food. However actual expenses were less at \$821.55. Kate provided a breakdown of the planned and actual expenses. These expenses are further offset by income at the event. Violet reported that the Clyde Stubblefield Scholarship Committee merchandise sales resulted in a donation to help defray MBS expenses of \$221. This donation was agreed upon by the committee's partner, the MAMA's as well as Clyde's wife, Jody Hannon. Thanks to Violet and the foundation for this! MBS donations and (2) memberships helped to further offset the planned cost of the event.

Rokker Inker of Maximum Ink commented at the event that he would have been interested in helping with publicity; however, this had not been pursued as it was not planned as a general public event.

**Website:** Julie reported that the MBS website will be up and running on the new server tonight! MBS emails will be running under Gmail shortly registered under our non-profit domain name. We will use the same email addresses as have been used on Powweb with the exception of "photo\_submit" which has gotten minimal use over the years. MBS file sharing will be done under Google's G Suite. Currently Julie is administrator for the website and file sharing. *A Board group will be set up soon. Julie will continue working with Tim Payne to complete the transition. Tim will wrap up loose ends on Powweb, saving the most recently uploaded MBS files and and shutting down access. Julie's files regarding Bowling & Blues will be uploaded to G Suite.*

**Bowling and Blues Fundraiser (Sunday, November 10):** Shari reported that Aaron Williams and the Hoodoo will not be able to perform at the upcoming event. Shari also said Dave Speers of the Music Committee suggested Tom McCarty who also bowled at the last event. *Shari and Dave will continue to investigate who is available and affordable.*

It was noted that our contact at Village Lanes felt that we might do a bowling event with them. Discussion suggested that this could be considered at a future date. Also, Shari noted that the flyer for the event had a different event name than the previous, i.e. Bowling & Blues Fundraiser rather than Bowling, Brews & Blues. Maintaining a consistent name is best for recognition and branding; however, since we are promoting a family event, the B&BF name will be used from now on. The logo on the flyer was done by the Schwoegler's and might be used on other bowling and blues events in the future. Currently we have sponsorship support from Chief's Tavern, David Herriot and Chris Kalmbach. Support from the Ohio Tavern and Toffler's is expected.

**Membership Table and 50/50 Raffles:** MBS Social events will occur at Tate's Blues Jam at the Knuckledown Saloon on September 12 and the Mannish Boys at the Capital Brewery on September 26. Board members and volunteers will be available to talk about MBS and special drink discounts for members will be offered as well. *Julie will arrange for these dates to be announced in the Live Blues Alert (LBA) on our website and Facebook as well as sent to members.*

**2020 Picnic Feasibility Committee:** Violet has recruited help from Kate & Tim and one other to help with future picnic planning. Kate suggested also asking non-committee members for picnic ideas. We may consider changing the size & venue, band costs and other issues to hold a more manageable event with our limited resources. *The Picnic Feasibility Committee shall meet in the near future to consider ideas.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bylaws Revisions:** Julie has prepared suggested text for bylaws revisions and *will provide specific wording changes to the board.* Suggestions include changing board member terms to 2 years, alternating ½ the board every year. Officers would hold one year terms pending officer choices the next year but remain on the board for 2 years. Officers may only hold a position for 3 years and only hold one office at a time. At the membership meeting on the December 9<sup>th</sup>, the 2020 board will be elected and bylaws revisions may be voted on as well. *Julie and Violet are working to recruit more board candidates.*

One item being considered is the creation of an informal Advisory Council that could meet possibly 3 times a year to consider suggestions for MBS activities. Members could be musicians or venue/fest operators. Kate also suggested putting the Fundraising and Education Committees back into the Bylaws. Jack commented, that without people to take over this work, it may not be possible. Jack also felt these matters were addressed in the mission statement. Tim suggested that, regardless of Bylaw changes, we need to do more formally manage budgets and planning. Violet suggested studying members needs from past input to get suggestions for actions. Jack also commented that our current challenge is gathering all the data needed to file the 2018 taxes. *Kate and Tim will help Jack gather this information.*

**Lost Guitar:** Several years ago, a guitar was left at the picnic and was never claimed. Reaching out to past band members has not found the owner. Julie suggested that this might be a good scholarship program award. This resolution was passed by the board. *Julie will contact Bill Roberts regarding suggestions for a recipient.*

**NOTE:** The October meeting will be held on the FIRST MONDAY, October 7, as Jack will not be available on the usual second Monday of the month.

Minutes submitted by Tim Davis, MBS Secretary

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