



ZOOM Monthly Meeting Minutes – 2020, May 18

Celebrating **Blues Music** in the Greater Madison, WI Area

Present: Board: Shari Davis, Vicki Kalkopf, Tim Davis
Members: Dave Speers, Kate Hardy
Absent: Ken Olufs, Phyllis Becker

Treasurer's Report: Vicki reported that after last month's meeting, our checking account was at \$8296.71 and the savings account was at \$1140.15. May income included memberships, donations and the last of the 50/50 raffle from Tate's Blues Jam totaling \$215.92. Expenses included storage, officer liability insurance and drink tickets from the above Tate's Blues Jam totaling \$806.00. The current bank accounts are now checking \$7679.63 and savings unchanged at \$1140.15.

Vicki contacted Baer Insurance to update the officer insurance information and found a nice reduction of \$234! Dave noted that he will buy stamps soon and let Vicki know the amount to reimburse him.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the March meeting were reviewed. This was the last regular meeting held at Monona Lanes. A few typos were noted and corrected. *Tim will send corrected and approved minutes to Julie and Dave for distribution.*

OLD BUSINESS:

Wild Women 2020: Shari brought up a Wild Women event for 2020. After arrangements fell through at the end of 2019, there have been no new developments. Shari and Kate suggested talking with the Winnebago about a future event when things become clear. Tim noted that the Winnebago capacity of 99 would require quite low costs to break even or make a small profit. At this time, a 2020 Wild Women event is tabled. Kate suggested that we send an email to members saying that we really miss Wild Women and asking members to please send in their best WW photos.

Mallards Event: While we have paid our deposit for a Mallards event scheduled for July 30, this currently looks unlikely. Currently, the Northwoods League has postponed the 2020 season indefinitely and the Mallards are showing movies at their field at least through the end of May. We will keep in contact as their plans develop.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Blues Calendar: Kate has gotten quotes from FedEx to print a calendar like the ones we did in the late 90's. Pix and bios of local artists were highlighted each month. This was an 8-1/2 x 11 format with color on the front and back and B&W inside. The discount cost of printing a 2021 calendar would be \$4.60 each for a batch of 50 and \$4.32 for a batch of 100. Kate suggested that this be ready by October to take advantage of Xmas sales.

Dave suggested highlighting artists who are MBS members. We would like to give free copies to the artists featured. *Shari and Dave will contact local artists for pix and bios. Tim offered to put together the calendar pages with dates like blues birthdays. Tim will send a scan of the 1998 calendar to Shari and Dave to forward to artists to help describe our project.*

Compilation Blues CD: This is a project that was investigated long ago but never completed. Shari would like to work with local artists to promote their music. Shari knows someone in Madison who may be able to give us a discount on recording and mixing. *Shari will call for recording and mixing prices. Shari said that burning and boxing CD's is quite easy. Tim and Dave noted that liner notes and CD labels are straightforward on computer.*

Future Events: Shari suggested putting together a virtual concert to continue supporting local bands and blues fans. A virtual tip jar could be split between artists and MBS to help cover costs. Dave noted that there is a Madison Virtual Tip Jar that supports servers at businesses that have had to shut down.

The **Next Board Meeting** will be **June 8, 2020** starting at **6:00PM**. We are exploring options to handle the 40 minute Zoom Basic Plan meeting time limit. We may consider a two phase meeting from 6:00 to 6:40PM and from 7:00 to 7:40PM.

Minutes submitted by Tim Davis, MBS Secretary

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