



Monthly Meeting Minutes – 2020, July 13

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Vicki could not attend but sent a monthly Treasurer's report. Last month our checking account was at \$7890.63. Since the last meeting, income included \$97 from memberships, \$20 from donations, \$15 from merchandise sales and \$.03 for interest for a total of \$132.03. Expenses included \$33 for postage, \$479.63 for T-shirts & \$55 for storage for a total of \$567.63. This leaves our checking account at \$7455.03. Savings remains \$1140.

OLD BUSINESS:

Racial Justice Statement: Julie has written some thoughtful language regarding racial justice. We have also received statements from the Blues Foundation and the American Federation of Musicians as well as feedback from interested members. *Shari will look over these sources consider how to proceed.*

Blues Calendar: Dave and Shari are narrowing down the musicians and bands list circulated in emails and *will soon start making phone calls to artists for photos and bio information.* The format will be similar to calendars made in the late 1990's. We are planning to complete the project in time for this year's Xmas season.

Compilation CD: In order to focus on the calendar and save a project for next season, this will be saved for a later date.

Mallards Event: With no word from Ken about our canceled Mallard's event down payment, *Shari will see who we should contact at the Mallard's organization.*

ASCAP Reports: Shari reports that the 2019 4th quarter ASCAP report (no events) and the 2020 1st quarter report (bowling event) are outstanding. Tim noted that Jack Frazee has offered to help out with this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board changes: Phyllis Becker has resigned from the board for personal reasons. Without hearing from Ken for four meetings, we agreed that we need to make some changes to the

board. Currently there are only three board members and one officer position empty.

After discussion and subsequent email voting, Shari Davis will take over as President and Kate Hardy will become Vice President. Tim Davis remains Secretary and Vicki Kalkopf remains Treasurer. The Member-at-Large position previously held by Phyllis Becker will be filled soon following discussions with interested members.

Newsletter: Shari suggested that we look into a newsletter to get Blues information to members. This would help keep members involved during the pandemic. She and others receive a regular email from Peter Lauro “the Blewzmann” about little known blues artists. Tim suggested that we also consider info from Bob Kieser at Blues Blast as well as various Blues oriented Facebook Groups. It would be straightforward to make a PDF file to send to members with basic information and include links to the complete story.

The **Next Board Meeting** will be a Zoom Virtual Meeting on **August 10** in three segments **from 6:00PM to 6:40PM, 6:45PM to 7:25PM & 7:30PM to 8:00 PM**. Email links for each of the three meetings will be sent out on or close to the meeting date.

Minutes submitted by Tim Davis, MBS Secretary

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