



## Monthly Meeting Minutes – 2020, November 9

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

**Present:** Board: Shari Davis, Kate Hardy, Vicki Seymour Kalkopf, Tim Davis, Steve Lendborg  
Members: Dave Speers

**Treasurer's Report:** As Vicki missed the last meeting there are two reports.

9/14 to 10/12: Income was \$25 from memberships and expenses were \$55 for storage.

Banks accounts as of 10/12 were \$8001.87 checking and \$1140.21 savings.

10/12 to 11/9: Income was \$250 from the refund of the canceled event with the Mallards and expenses were \$55 for storage and \$33 for stamps leaving the bank accounts at \$8136.87 checking and \$1140.21 savings.

Vicki said that we received notice from the Post Office that our P.O. Box in the Stop-n-Go on Winnebago would close due to the sale to Kwik Trip. Vicki has one key to return which agrees with the Post Office count. The primary P.O. Box responsibility is handled by the Treasurer. Membership info goes to Dave Speers when Vicki sends him photos of any membership materials for his records. As Tim is expected to become Treasurer in 2021, the Struck St. Post Office was chosen for a new box location. *Vicki will go there on Tuesday to arrange the new box.*

### OLD BUSINESS:

**2021 Blues Calendar:** The calendar pages are very nearly done. Proofreading and Jewish holidays are being completed along with the final design of the back page. After discussion, it was agreed that the back page will feature the MBS racial justice statement. *Shari is planning to send the pages to Fedex for printing on Wednesday after the new P.O. Box info is available from Vicki.*

For free pickup, Tim, Kate, Vicki, Steve and Dave will sell from their homes. *Kate will handle sales that must be mailed to the buyer. Kate will finish the final 2021 Blues Calendar announcement and get it sent out to members as well as posted on our website and Facebook. Tim will work with Julie to highlight the calendar and arrange PayPal sales from our website.* After some discussion, it was agreed to start with printing 100 copies. The fifteen featured musicians will each receive a free copy.

Kate also suggested a prize be included with one of the calendars, like a “golden ticket”. This could be redeemed for MBS merchandise drawing from our supply of CD's, T-shirts and koozies.

**Board Recruitment Drive:** A special meeting was held on 10/26 to work on the recruitment kit to present to prospective board members. A great deal of organizational work has been done by Julie Ethridge on this effort. Julie's introduction has been updated by Shari and the list of board positions and general MBS jobs which Dave & Tim supplied previously were added to round out the content. While there are some efforts such as events which are not currently possible due to Covid-19, it was decided to include them in the list along with a statement explaining that some jobs are postponed but skills still needed. In addition, board members are completing their bios to be included for perspective in recruitment efforts.

The list of possible candidates was discussed and updated. Then each board member as well as Dave Speers took a few of the names to make personal presentations. While a general letter was considered to explain the whole package, it was agreed that each presenter would compose their own email (or phone contact) taking into account their connection with the prospective board member. It was also agreed that each pitch would also stress the need for help with many of the MBS jobs described without the necessity of joining the board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2020 Annual Membership Meeting:** Though the Annual Membership Meeting date was chosen at the October meeting (and reported in the minutes), Dave noted the 10-day advance notice required by the bylaws for such meetings. Besides the date, members will need to be informed of nominations and voting for the 2021 board. Ten days before 12/7 would be 11/28. Dave will prepare an announcement mentioning the Zoom format and links coming soon and the nomination process and the voting that will occur. This announcement will go out by email before 11/28 and, for those members without email, by 11/24 by snail mail.

Since this will not be an in-person meeting, the voting must be handled by email and/or snail mail. Since nominations will not be complete until 12/7, voting must begin after this date. Snail mail should be sent within a couple of days to our (new) P.O. Box as specified in Dave's announcement. This would make the vote results announcement about a week after the meeting.

It was noted that email votes would not be anonymous, even if only sent to Dave. Snail mail votes could be sent without a return address if anonymity were desired. Further discussion of this issue is needed.

The **Next Board Meeting** will be a Zoom Virtual Meeting on **December 14** 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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