



Monthly Meeting Minutes – 08Nov2021 FINAL

Celebrating Blues Music in the Greater Madison, WI Area

Present: Board: Shari Davis, Jim Nelson, Tim Davis, Kate Hardy, Dave Speers, Vicki Seymour, Eric Heiligenstein, Steve Porter
Members: Linda Miess

Treasurer's Report:

Tim reported on the current finances. For October 2021:
Starting balances: Checking: \$4,983.61 Savings: \$4,140.43 Total: \$9,124.04

Table with 2 columns: Income and Expenses. Income items include Dues (\$279.26), Donations (\$213.00), and Advertising (\$380.00). Expense items include Storage (-\$55.00), Postage (-\$44.60), and Supplies (-\$109.78).

Ending balances: Checking: \$5,646.49 Savings: \$4,140.43 Total: \$9,786.92

Kate asked about storage payments (there had been problems in the past). Tim said things were on track. Jim asked about web advertising. Shari noted that the Web ad is scheduled to go online in December.

Old Business:

Blues Calendar Update

Shari and Dave led this discussion. One change has been made to the musician roster on the calendar. A page for proofreading was sent to Kate. More pages will be sent later this week to other board members for proofreading. Permission is still needed for one photograph. Dave will see to this. Shari wants to get the calendar to the printers next week. Later in our meeting, there was discussion about including a Clyde Stubblefield tribute in the 2022 calendar. Then near the end of the meeting, there was discussion about distributing the 2022 calendars once they have been printed.

Possible meeting with owners of the Red Rooster to discuss our support

Vicki talked to Jesse recently – Yes, they want to talk with us. Wed/Fri are best. Zoom will work. We need to set up a date/time. Dave noted that Wednesday is better than Friday, due to gigs. Vicki will talk with Jesse about meeting on 17Nov2021 via Jim's Zoom. Jim will ask Tim Payne for the four (4) Red Rooster owners email addresses that Jim can then send the Zoom announcement to. Kate noted that we should try not to show favoritism toward any establishment(s). Several other establishment names were noted. MBS needs to keep paying attention to these establishments as the coming winter proceeds.

MBS Newsletter Revisited

Kate and Shari led this discussion. The thought is to table the newsletter for now. Interviews with musicians can be posted on the website. The MBS could request that musicians write articles that can then be posted. Video links would be good. Eric has written three articles. Perhaps Blues artists can discuss the strangest gig they've ever had. Articles on how musicians started out would be good. Steve noted an Amazon Prime movie about Howling Wolf. Tim suggested promoting the MBS website Live Blues Alert via email to all MBS members.

New Business:

Ballots and Voting

Tim led this discussion. Board terms are straightened out. Tim discussed the ballot and voting documents. Members can only vote for up to 5 candidates. December 6 will be the yearly MBS member meeting. Members can nominate new Board candidates at the meeting, as well as via paper nominations sent in prior via U.S. mail. The basic order during the annual membership meeting will be as follows: President's Report, Board nominations, voting (with a several minute break to allow for the voting), then discussion of the election results.

Amendments to Bylaws

Shari suggested resurrecting the Fundraising Committee and the Education Committee -- actions that require amendments to the MBS Bylaws. The Education Committee deals with items such as donations to schools, scholarships, Blues Kids, Blues in Schools, etc. The MBS needs to send out both the current MBS Bylaws language and the new amendment language to the MBS membership ahead of the December 6 general membership meeting. Tim will work on the wording for the bylaws amendment.

Other Business:

Shari talked about having virtual seminars. Kate talked about producing musician shows that could be presented virtually. Kate also noted that people could ask on Facebook for contributions on their birthdays for Blues-related causes.

In memoriam: Dave noted the passing of past MBS membership coordinator Rick Jones on August 11, 2021. Rick was a trailblazer in communicating local blues news to Madison area enthusiasts.

The **Next Board Meeting** will be a Zoom Virtual Meeting on Monday 13 December 2021 **from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM**. An email link for the meeting will be sent out on or close to the meeting date.

Minutes submitted by Jim Nelson, MBS Secretary

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