



Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2025

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

(Please see footer below the minutes for the website addresses for the Madison Blues Society and Facebook page.)

Present: Board: Steve Porter, Kole Kleeman, Rod Girkin, Bruce Wasserstrom, Beth Miller, and Paul Gibson

Members: Shari Davis, Dave Speers, and Nancy Miller

Minutes: The minutes of the December 9, 2024 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Gibson submitted the Treasurer's Report to the Board prior to the meeting. The report is available along with the final January 13, 2025 meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Webmaster: A new webmaster is needed. Steve will contact a person who was been in touch with him recently with interest in this area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers: The following officers were elected to serve in the new terms:

President: Steve Porter

Vice-President: Rod Girkin

Secretary: Kole Kleeman

Treasurer: Paul Gibson

2. Relationship with music venues in Madison: The Harmony Bar is open to working with MBS on blues music collaborations. The Stoughton Opera House is also interested in working with the blues society for potential sponsorships.

3. Bruce Wasserstrom is interested in posting videos and events to the MBS Facebook

page. Bruce will be a co-administrator of the MBS Facebook page.

4. **Membership Coordinator:** Rod Girkin (will transition with Dave Speers)
5. **Events and contributions:** Steve discussed the types of events, projects and donations to festivals and organizations that have been done in the past. New ideas will be sought as well as recruiting new members.
6. **Budget Meeting:** On February 10, 2025 a budget meeting will be held to allow for planning for events and donations. The Treasurer will send out last year's budget in advance to board members. The February 10 board meeting will mainly be devoted to budget planning.

The **Next Board Meeting** will be in person as well as a Zoom Virtual Meeting on February 10, 2025 **from 6:00PM to 7:30 PM.** Zoom link will be emailed to members when available prior to the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Miller, Former MBS Secretary