

WMBMA Board Meeting
3/16/2019
Lake Michigan Sports Bar

Attendance: President, John Lakatos Mark Walker Bert Jones Josie Conley
V. President, Ed Bronson Dave Simmonds Al Pursley Ronnie Bailey
Secretary, Ruth Lakatos Ben Crofoot Dave Conley Sr. Jim Thompson
Dan Seif

Absent: Treasurer, Greg May

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President, John Lakatos

Secretary Report: A motion was made by Dave Simmonds to accept the Meeting Minutes from the February meeting as presented to the board.
Josie Conley seconded the motion. **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

During the month of February there were no new memberships or renewals .
A March Newsletter was posted on the website and sent to regular mail members.
Junegrass Festival Tickets and camping passes were made.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer, Greg May sent the board members a copy of the financial report. It shows a cash balance of \$11,869.65
No transactions were made during the month of February.

Motion was made by Mark Walker to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented to the Board.

Motion seconded by Jim Thompson **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

Old Business: **A.** Website - Mark Walker
* A Bluegrass events page has been added
* A Band listing page has been added with links to their websites and FB pages.

B. Vendors - John Lakatos
After a lengthy discussion on vendors and fees

Josie Conley made a motion to waive the food vendors fees at the festivals
product vendors will still pay the \$75.00 or 10% of sales their choice.

Al Pursley seconded the motion **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

C. Lowell Expo - Dave Simmonds
The Expo is next Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm at the Lowell High School.
Our booth is #124 come, bring your instruments to jam.

New Business:

- A. Huntington Bank card and checks - John Lakatos
 - * Mark Walker and John Lakatos will meet at the Lowell Huntington bank to change over the debit card to John Lakatos.
 - * A bank bag for change will be issued to Ruth Lakatos for Membership sign-up and Festival Ticket sales.

- B. Association Insurance Policy - John Lakatos

A company in Grand Haven is preparing a quote on a new policy for WMBMA. It is substantially cheaper than the current policy and offers the same coverage. John will send a copy of the new policy to Dave Simmonds, Mark Walker and Ed Bronson for a comparison of policies.

Ed Bronson made a motion to pursue a new policy that is equal to the current policy in coverage, with a lower cost.

Al Pursley seconded the motion **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

- C. Work Teams for Junegrass - John Lakatos

John Lakatos and Ed Bronson will be the leaders of the work teams for Junegrass.

John Lakatos	Ed Bronson
Ruth Lakatos	Dave Conley
Mark Walker	Josie Conley
Al Pursley	Jim Thompson
Ben Crofoot	Ronnie Bailey
Dan Seif	Dave Simmonds

- D. John and Ed will get together and make out a job roster for the teams
 - Ed will work on getting volunteers to fill the job slots.
 - Ed will also get to work on finding items for the Silent Auction.
- E. WMBMA Facebook Page - Terri Grannis

Terri has created a new Facebook page for WMBMA
The old page has not been deleted so we have to get the hits redirected to the new page
As of right now we have 141 followers on the new page
LIKE and SHARE **EVERYTHING** that Terri posts
- F. Caladonia Jam - Ronnie Bailey

The jam is going well and there may be a new jam starting in Hastings. We will know soon if it's a go.
The Caladonia Jam is the second Tuesday of the month from 5:00pm to 8:00pm
it is held at the Caladonia Library.
- G. Michigan Academy of Folk Arts - John Lakatos

WMBMA has been contacted by Nate Roberts who runs the organization. He is interested in working with WMBMA to expose his students to Bluegrass in the West Michigan area. John will be in contact with Nate and see what we can do together.

Adjournment: Jim Thompson made a motion to adjourn the March meeting for WMBMA
Ronnie Bailey seconded the motion **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm by President, John Lakatos.

Next meeting will be held on April 20th. at 1:00 pm at the Lake Michigan Sports Bar
in Standale on M-45.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Lakatos

Secretary

