

WMBMA Board Meeting
February/15/2020
Lake Michigan Sports Bar, Standale MI

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

Attendance: President, John Lakatos Dave Simmonds Al Pursley
V. President, Ed Bronson Ronnie Bailey Ben Crofoot
Secretary, Ruth Lakatos Dan Seif
Treasurer, Mark Walker
Absent : Louise Kamphuis, Dave Conley, Josie Conley, Ron Pummel

Additions to Agenda: Fallfest Prices, Membership Date

Secretary Report: A motion was made by Dave Simmonds to accept the Minutes from the December 14 meeting as presented.
Mark Walker seconded the motion. **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

- * There was one new family membership December.
- * A News Letter was sent out for January 2020
- * Our updated roster shows that we have 91 members now.
- * The Officer Contact Sheet is updated.

Treasurers Report: * Treasurer Mark Walker sent all the Board Members a financial report.
* WMBMA currently has a balance of \$13,032.78
* ASCAP fee has been paid.
* Website is updated and the new News Letter has been posted.
* There are links on our website to the individual bands websites and Facebook pages.
* The non-profit tax form for WMBMA has been filed with the State of Michigan.

Ronnie Bailey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted
Ed Bronson seconded the motion. **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

Old Business: **A.** Sound System update - John Lakatos
The sound system has been taken to Rusty Benmark so he can look it over and determine what we need, if anything, to have it sufficient to provide sound our festival. John also asked him if he would be willing to run sound at Fallfest. He did not give an answer as of yet. And if he will, he has his own system that he would use.
* John has been in contact with Jimmy Kittle on the sound system as well.
Jimmy has mics, mic stands, cords, and a snake and will sell it to WMBMA for \$75.00.

Al Pursley made a motion to purchase these items from Jimmy Kittle.
Mark Walker seconded the motion. **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

B. Stage Lighting - John Lakatos
Dragon Sound of North Muskegon has the stage lighting system that we have used the past two years, on reserve for Fallfest. John will pick it up on Thursday and return it on

Monday after the festival.

Ed Bronson made a motion to compensate John for gas, as it's a 61 mile trip one way.
Mark Walker seconded the motion. **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

C. Food Vendor - John Lakatos

A food vendor (BBQ Wagon) has been contracted for Fallfest.
The ice cream man will be there as well.

D. Band Contracts - John Lakatos

All Band Contracts have been sent out and 4 have been returned.

E. Festival Stage Schedule - John Lakatos

Friday Sept. 18th.

6 PM - WMBMA Board Band

7 PM - Crofoot Family Band

8 PM - 50/50 Drawing and Open mic.

It was suggested that a Host Band be assigned to the Open Mic time so there is no dead time on the stage during main stage hours.

Saturday Sept. 19th.

11:45 AM Board Member Introduction

NOON Band Scramble

1 PM The Band Bridge

2 PM Rhythm Ramblers

3 PM One Accord Gospel Bluegrass

4 PM Kim Robbins and 40 Years Late

5 - 6 Supper Break

6 PM Rhythm Ramblers

7 PM One Accord Gospel Bluegrass

8 PM Kim Robbins and 40 Years Late

50/50 Drawing

9:15 PM The Band Bridge

New Business:

A. Tax Notification - Mark Walker

Mark covered that in the Treasurers Report

B. Festival Insurance - John Lakatos

John has not heard from them yet this year and he will be contacting them before the next meeting.

C. Summer Meeting Schedule - John Lakatos

There will be no meetings during the months of June and July.

With Fallfest being in September, we will have a meeting in August to tie up any loose ends. That meeting date and time will be set as the date gets closer.

D. Fallfest Ticket and Camping Prices - John Lakatos

After a short discussion:

Dave Simmonds made a motion to keep the festival prices the same as last Junegrass.

Mark Walker seconded the motion **VOTE TAKEN APPROVED**

We will sell Advance Tickets. Ruth will make the ticket.

We will be using the "Square" for sales at the festival.

Ruth will look into purchasing new apparel with the new WMBMA logo.

E. Lowell Expo - Dave Simmonds

The Expo will be on Saturday March 28th. at the Lowell High School, from 9 am - 2 pm.
Musicians are needed at the WMBMA booth.

- * Dave suggested that with our festival moving to September that WMBMA might want to consider becoming a part of the Riverwalk Festival next year. The 2nd weekend of July. Friday from 5pm - 9pm and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.
We would need musicians for both of those days during the festival.

F. Membership Date - Ruth Lakatos

The WMBMA Constitution states that Membership runs from July 1st. through June 30

These dates were set when our JuneGrass Festival was established. Now that our festival has been moved back to September we need to reconsider changing the

Membership date to festival time, October 1st to September 30th.

Memberships can be renewed at the festival and

they will be current for the whole year from festival to the following festival.

In order to make this change in the Constitution, a vote by the active members, must be taken at a meeting and the 2/3 majority of members voting at that meeting has the authority to change the Constitution. This vote will be taken at the March meeting.

G. New Meeting Place

A new place to hold our WMBMA monthly meetings was presented to the Board by Gary and Bev Fessenden. Aiden's Pizza Place in Sand Lake has agreed to host our monthly meetings. There is food and drinks available for purchase, heat and a clean and friendly atmosphere. They have expressed great interest in having WMBMA move there meetings to their location. John Lakatos will check this place out before the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Mark Walker made a motion to adjourn the February meeting for WMBMA

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm by President, John Lakatos.

March meeting will be on the 21st at 1:00 pm. Lake Michigan Sports Bar with Jam to follow.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Lakatos

Secretary

