

**WMBMA Board Meeting
June 20, 2020
Aiden's Place – Sand Lake, MI**

ATTENDANCE:

Ronnie Bailey	Ed Bronson	Dave Conley Sr.
Josie Conley	Ben Crofoot	Louise Kamphuis (absent)
John Lakatos	Ruth Lakatos	Ron Pummel
Al Pursley	Dan Seif (absent)	Dave Simmonds
Mark Walker		

I. GENERAL/REPORTS

A. Call to Order, Additions to Agenda, Other:

President John Lakatos called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. No formal requests for additions to the agenda were made.

B. Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the last formal meeting (February 15, 2020) meeting (assembled by Secretary Ruth Lakatos) and emailed out to the Board were reviewed and approved. Ruth had provided some additional WMBMA memberships and payments and turned them over to Mark Walker, Treasurer. Ruth also announced she was resigning as WMBMA Secretary, effective at the conclusion of her report. As no one volunteered to take over the position, since he's filled in frequently in performing Secretary duties, the board appointed Mark Walker to be interim secretary until our fall Elections. Mark accepted this duty in addition to Treasurer and Webmaster/Promotions. A motion to approve the Secretary's Report was made by Josie Conley and seconded by Ron Pummel. Report was approved.

C. Treasurer's Report:

Mark Walker had submitted a Treasurer's update via email. This was reviewed and approved by the board as well. Balance as of the meeting was \$12,316.81. Activity included Deposits in February of **\$155.00** for memberships and sponsorships.

Debits included **(\$52.97)** for a utility allowing the editing of PDF files. Mark had been using the 'free' version which had a 90-day life-span, and had to buy the licensed copy. The biggest hit to the WMBMA balance was our liability insurance – **(\$788.00.)** Those debits both posted in March. A motion to accept the

Treasure's report was made by Ronnie Bailey and seconded by Josie Conley. Report was approved.

II. COMMITTEES

There were no Committee agenda items to be discussed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Donated Sound System equipment to WMBMA:

John Lakatos reported he'd brought the sound system components (donated to WMBMA by Al Pursley and Jim Strangways) to Rusty Benmark. Rusty is well-versed in sound systems and components, and was going to inspect the speakers, mixer, cables, etc. and report back on if there are any problems we'll need to address when using them. As of the meeting, John had not gotten any feedback from Rusty. He'll keep us posted and when the inspection is complete, retrieve the equipment.

B. WMBMA Membership Date Changes:

As our JuneGrass Festival had been taking place in June, that was the primary event for subscribing new WMBMA members and/or renewing current memberships. As sch, the annual fees and memberships expired annually on July 1. Since JuneGrass has been discontinued and WMBMA has gone to a single, September event, (FallFest) it was suggested we amend the membership date to expire on October 1. (Essentially retaining our 'festival-to-festival' timeframe and extending the expiration to the fall rather than summer.) A motion was made by Dave Conley to vote on this change, which was seconded by Al Pursley. A vote was taken and approved that memberships (many of which are currently being turned in this summer) will not expire until October 1 of 2021. (Anyone who has recently renewed their membership will have it in place through October 1 of 2020.)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. FallFest – Cancellation Discussion:

With the nationwide Covid19 pandemic affecting virtually all aspects of our lives, many – if not most – of events like concerts, festivals, sports, etc. have been cancelled or consideration of cancelling them is taking place. John Lakatos presented a list of items related to the six 'phases' Michigan's Governor has put forth for re-opening the state to review and discuss.

Currently we're in Phase 4, which allowed certain businesses to re-open, such as restaurants, hair salons, etc., and some outdoor events, but with a limitation on participants.

Key considerations included:

- Will we get to Phase 5 by September? If not, limit for the festival would be 250 or fewer people.
- 'Positive' cases are ticking up. (Though this is due to a significant increase in testing.)
- Will the Governor roll us back to Phase 3 if hospitalizations and/or deaths increase? If so, we'd have to limit participation further and/or have additional restrictions.
- Social Distancing must be enforced – six-foot distances for participants in an outdoor event.
 - o How would we enforce that? Are families allowed to be seated by each other?
 - Applicable to festival area, campground, facilities, etc.
- Face Mask requirements
 - o How do we enforce that? HIPPA and 4th Amendment protections don't permit us to question a person's medical reasons for not wearing masks
 - Are we obligated to purchase and provide masks?
- Membership demographic for our festivals consists of older, higher-risk individuals who may be more susceptible to the virus
 - o Liability concerns if someone were to claim they contracted the virus at the event
- Hygiene and Cleaning would be an obligation of the organization.
 - o Bathrooms, porta-jons, etc. cleaned hourly.
 - o No bake sale due to hygiene concerns
 - o No Silent Auction due to hygiene concerns
 - o Microphones/stage equipment – sanitized between acts?
 - o Gate area/equipment
 - o Food area
 - All of the above would require significantly more efforts by our limited number of volunteers to adhere to and enforce
- One of our headliners is not able to participate due to Covid-related obligations/restrictions; other bands may have similar issues
 - o Fewer acts = less potential revenue
 - Concern about putting on an event that would likely lose a significant amount of money.
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After much discussion of the above topics, review of what other major Festival promoters have been doing, a motion was made by Al Pursley and seconded by Ron Pummel to cancel the FallFest event. Vote to cancel was unanimous.

Mark Walker will send out an email blast regarding the cancellation, and also update the WMBMA.org website to reflect this decision.

Miscellaneous:

Emails: Mark Walker was asked to confirm if Bert Jones' (WMBMA member and former at-large Board member) email was accurate in our systems as he's not been receiving any of the email blasts which Mark sends out. He indicated he'll check on that. It was also mentioned that Jim Thompson was also not receiving email blasts.

WMBMA Events: In spite of minimal activities and events in 2020 because of the Covid19 pandemic, WMBMA wants to continue to monitor what may be allowed and keeping the organization vibrant and viable as permitted. This may include some fund-raising 'hot band' events and or other functions as permitted when things open up. As part of that, we'll forego a meeting in July, and schedule one for August to review what the 'state of the State' is and what WMBMA can do moving forward.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, August 15, 2020, 1:00 p.m. at the Aiden's Place in Sand Lake

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Ed Bronson and seconded by Ronnie Bailey. Meeting was adjourned about 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Walker