

**WMBMA Board Meeting
September 15, 2020
Aiden's Place – Sand Lake, MI**

ATTENDANCE:

Ronnie Bailey	Ed Bronson (absent)	Dave Conley Sr.
Josie Conley	Ben Crofoot	Louise Kamphuis (absent)
John 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 1:14 p.m. No formal requests for additions or changes to the agenda were made.

B. Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the August meeting (assembled by acting Secretary Mark Walker) and emailed out to the Board were reviewed and no changes or alterations were submitted. A motion to approve the Secretary's Report was made by Josie Conley and seconded by Ron Pummel. Secretary's 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 September meeting was \$12,446.81, with another \$75 in membership renewals and new memberships pending. There was a \$75 expenditure (previously approved by the board) for the sound equipment 'snake' and some other items purchased from Jimmy Kittle. Mark also was forwarded our annual bill from ASCAP with \$150 in fees expected to be paid. The communication indicated if an organization was affected by the Covid pandemic, (and WMBMA certainly was as we've had NO events leveraging ASCAP copyright royalties) a request could be made of ASCAP (via a special email address) for a waived or reduced fee. Mark indicated he's got the email ready to go and will get that out to them ASAP. Depending on the response, the fee may be waived or reduced. ASCAP did indicate that all copyright holders have been adversely affected and their livelihoods substantially impacted, so it's not clear what kind of determination may be made. A motion to accept the Treasure's report was made by Ron Pummel and seconded by Dave Conley Sr. Report was approved.

II. COMMITTEES

There were no Committee agenda items to be discussed.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Purchase of additional Sound Equipment:

John Lakatos reported he'd connected with Jimmy Kittle and obtained the sound system snake, some 75' cables (one needs a new end), and three microphone stands. The equipment easily would normally run between \$200-\$300 and we obtained it for \$75 – a great deal.

B. Membership Wording in Constitution:

Additional discussion was requested by John Lakatos regarding the wording in our Constitution which could potentially give members a significant 'grandfather' period depending on the dates of our Festivals. As such, he was concerned about preliminary 'grace period' consideration given to members in arrears in their membership renewal extending "...until the end of the fiscal year." If – in the case with JuneGrass – such a clause was enabled, the member could get six months of free membership. Even given a FallFest timeframe, that could be a three-month grace period. Mark Walker made a motion we remove any language relating to a 'fiscal year' timeframe, and rather, allow a member a grace period through the end of the weekend of our Festival event.

As this would be a change to the Constitution as currently written, a vote from among all members (not just the Board) present at the meeting was called, with a 2/3 majority needed to amend the Constitution. The members present unanimously approved removing any language relating to 'fiscal year' and replacing it with 'through the end of the weekend in which the WMBMA event is held.'

With this change unanimously having been passed, Mark and John Lakatos will finalize the language verbiage and present it for review of the Board and Membership in our October meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. WMBMA Election Ballots

John Lakatos provided copies of the WMBMA 2020-2021 ballots for review by the Board. It was agreed to add Jim Thompson and Diane Bronson to the final list of candidates, as well as Bert Jones. Dave Simmonds did confirm he would stay on the ballot as a candidate. Mark Walker (acting Secretary) will compose and send out an email blast explaining the election and coordinate the mailing of the physical ballots to all members in good standing with WMBMA. He also indicated he will put a link on the website for people to download and print off the ballots if they choose, with information on the election included as well.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, October 17, 2020, 1:00 p.m. at the Aiden's Place in Sand Lake

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Pummel and seconded by Dave Conley Sr.. Meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Walker