

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERS MEETING  
December 13, 2008



President Wayne Walker called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.  
A total of 16 members were present.

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) November minutes will be prepared for the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Ed Richter) The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Treasurer, Ed Richter closed out the year and passed the books on to our new treasurer, Karen Clark. We are pleased that Karen has stepped in to this position and comes with both accounting and bookkeeping experience.  
MABA members thanked Ed for the terrific job he has done over the past years.

Committee Reports:

*Communications* (Cecil Yancy) no report

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Chuck Clark) no report

MABA is grateful that Chuck is our new Webmaster. We are also appreciative that Chuck has redesigned the MABA website.

NewsGrass – (Cecil Yancy) no report

Peter Smith related a small oversight that delayed the December NewsGrass from getting out to MABA members. NewsGrass will be changing to a two page (7 x 11) format.

*Activities* – Gordon Jones and John Gay

Potluck dinner is tentatively scheduled to be held at Woodland Presbyterian Church on February 7, 2009.

(Another good idea from John Gay) - John Gay proposed that MABA find a location in the community where the public could hear MABA bands on a regular basis. John contacted the Singleton Recreation Center to see if that facility would be available and how much, if anything, it would cost. The Singleton was available and would rent for \$400 per rental night. John was also in contact with the Bartlett Parks and Recreation, and the Bartlett Municipal Station.

John's proposal resulted in a lively MABA members' discussion that all agreed would provide an important venue to hear bluegrass music, jam with fellow bluegrassers, and expose young people (as well as older) to our bluegrass community. To this end, a questionnaire will be sent to MABA members in the membership renewal letter to solicit ideas and comments for John's proposal. Vice President elect, Rick Crenshaw will draft and circulate an e-mail to MABA board members with a draft of ideas and suggestions as to what should be included in the questionnaire.

*Regulatory* – (James Johnson) no report.

James will continue as regulatory chairperson, although he will not be able to regularly attend the monthly members meeting. Peter Smith and Wayne Walker have agreed to help serve on this committee.

*Membership* – (Gordon Jones)

Membership-Year to Date for 2008

Honorary:	11
New Members:	25
Renewals:	176
Non-Renewals:	56
Total Paid:	201

*Education* – (Jim Phillips)

Jim Phillips indicated that a banjo workshop is planned for sometime in January, 2009. Jim plans to have at least one workshop each month at during the Saturday jams.

*GRASS* – (Beth Mays) No report

*Lucy Opry* – (Beth Mays) no report

Six shows are scheduled for the Lucy Opry for 2009; these include the Grascals (January 10<sup>th</sup>), Infamous Stringdusters, Steep Canyon Rangers, Blue Highway, and Vincent and Dailey.

*Welcoming/Caring* – Loyce Smith, Jo Edith & James Hudson, Erna Wheeley

Loyce reported that a total of 13 cards was sent out to MABA members this year.

New Business:

This was President Wayne Walker's last meeting as president. MABA is grateful for Wayne's leadership over the past two years.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm.

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Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.