

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS MEETING
October 11, 2008



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

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: (Ed Richter) accepted as read.

Committee Reports:

Communications (Cecil Yancy) no report

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Phil Pickens) no report

NewsGrass – (Cecil Yancy) no report

Cecil Yancy is the new editor of NewsGrass. Peter Smith stated that Cecil is the editor of a farm magazine. Peter encourages the membership to submit articles to NewsGrass.

Activities – Gordon Jones and John Gay

Gordon said the only activity coming up is the Lucy Opry show featuring Blue Highway on October 11th.

Regulatory – (James Johnson) James will not be able to serve Regulatory chairperson in 2009; because he is no longer can regularly attend the monthly members' meeting.

James will continue to file all regulatory reports and legal forms for the organization. MABA is grateful for the contributions James has made over many years to our organization

Membership – (Gordon Jones)

Membership-Year to Date for 2008

Honorary:	10
New Members:	22
Renewals:	175
Non-Renewals:	57
Total Paid:	264

Education – (Jim Phillips)

Jim reported that Rick Crenshaw gave a mandolin workshop and Kevin Wright gave a guitar workshop in August. Jim is going to give a bass workshop on October 18th. Jim and Sheila will be giving a singing workshop in November for ladies. Jim is thinking about having “pop” workshops, which will be volunteers doing unscheduled workshops.

GRASS – (Beth Mays)

GRASS donated \$150 to the Arlington United Methodist Church for the Hurricane 2008 victims. Beth has contacted Fayette Cares, which provides food, shelter, and other vital services for hundreds of families in need in Fayette County, and MABA will make a donation to this organization and/or collect food supplies to give to them. GRASS will buy turkeys to take to the Methodist Neighborhood Center during Thanksgiving. GRASS will also work with Fayette Cares for Christmas. Beth will not be able to chair the GRASS committee for 2009.

Lucy Opry – (Beth Mays)

Blue Highway will perform at the Lucy Opry on October 11, 2008.

Welcoming/Caring – Loyce Smith, Jo Edith & James Hudson, Erna Wheeley (No Report)

New Business:

Larry Bomar reported on IBMA. Of note, IBMA has scheduled a partnership with Middle Tennessee State University to conduct a weeklong summer camp for youth who are interested in the music business as a profession.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:48am.

Meeting notes taken by Sam Ketchum and edited by Bob Waters.