

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS MEETING

April 11, 2009



President Harry McLellan called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

A total of 14 members were present.

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) March minutes approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: (Karen Clark) Treasure's report accepted.

Comparison of 2008 with 2009 Treasurer's Report shows we are only down four members from last year.

MABA had 2 guests (Joy Boudreau and Jim Smith) at the April MABA Members' meeting. Jim and Joy are members of Ruritan Club, which is a community-based organization that provides community service to rural communities. The club has no national agenda, supports local needs, raises money for athletic and band clubs of Lewisburg High School (1755 Kraft Road, Lewisburg, MS). Jim described the forthcoming Second Annual Camp Creek Gospel and Music to be held on May 29th between 6:00 and 9:30 pm and on May 30th. Donations are \$11 for single show or \$18 for two shows, with students getting in for \$5. It will cost \$10 for a merchandising table. They will need an emcee on the 30th and have talked with Larry Bomar to see if he were available. Jim told us that they have an opening for a MABA band on Saturday afternoon and can pay \$100 for a 45 minutes session. Interested bands can contact Joy by phone or e-mail at: 662-781 1129 or [ejoy@joyboudreau.com](mailto:joy@joyboudreau.com)

Communications (Karen Clark)

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Chuck Clark)

MABA will stay with the same rates for ads. Chuck will put in a blurb stating the add rates.

The host service was compromised for a day, but Chuck was able to get it back up and running.

The Website will be moving to a Windows-based server, but the change will be transparent, and MABA members will not see any differences.

MABA has paid a fee to have nuisance ads from the Internet removed from our Website; this doesn't affect the MABA Online Store

Classifieds will be up and running this month. Chuck stated that we should have high-resolution pictures for the classifieds or they will not show up clearly on the Website.

Classifieds are free to MABA members and \$10 for everyone else.

The MABA Calendar is already up and running.

NewsGrass – (Karen Clark) no report

NewsGrass will be totally redone. Pictures; will go to gray tones; needs higher resolution (not gray tones).

Newsletter will go to the printer by the 20th of each month. Karen will need articles and pictures by the 15th. MABA members will receive their NewsGrass before the end of month.

Karen will provide a synopsis of MABA Monthly minutes for inclusion in NewsGrass.

Activities – Gordon Jones and John Gay

Arlington Festival will be held on April 25th; arrangements will be made for a MABA presence at the festival. Jim Phillips mentioned that the Tennessee Wildflowers will play at the festival. MABA bands are being to come out and jam. We will have a MABA table at the fair.

There will be a jam at flying club on Memorial Day.

Bartlett Bluegrass Festival will be held at BPAC on May 1st and 2nd.

Fleener Pickin Porch Picnic will be held on May 30th.

Earth Day will be held on April 19th at Shelby Farms; MABA bands will play between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. Rick Crenshaw will be there all day, and will need someone to work the table.

Harrison Crawford Memorial Bluegrass Festival will be held in Williston on June 12th and 13th. This is MABA sponsored even. A musician's flea market will be set up.

Regulatory – (James Johnson; Wayne Walker and Peter Smith) no report

Don't have anything

Membership – (Gordon Jones)

Gordon reported that we have 12 new MABA members and 125 renewed members. We have 88 non-renewals and 11 honorary members.

Louella McElroy was nominated and unanimously approved as a lifetime honorary member of MABA, for her continual contributions to the bluegrass community.

Education – (Jim Phillips)

Jim reported that the MABA workshops are going well.

Christine Donhardt will offer a beginning fiddle workshop on May 23rd.

Eric Lewis will conduct a guitar workshop sometime in June.

Harry McLellan and Cypress Creek will do a band workshop later in the summer.

GRASS – (TBA) Helen Davis

Helen Davis is a volunteer with Methodist Hospice, which serves children, ages 6 to 16, who have lost a loved one. Anyone can sponsor a child to Methodist Hospice Camp, Camp Bravehearts, which is held during the first week in June. Helen inquired whether MABA would be interested in doing a benefit and/or donating money so a child could

attend this camp. A motion was made and passed for MABA to donate \$250 that will allow five children to attend the camp.

Lucy Opry – (Beth Mays) no report

Welcoming/Caring – Loyce Smith, Jo Edith & James Hudson, Erna Wheeley
Loyce did not send out any get-well cards this past month.

New Business:

The MABA Members meeting will be held the 2nd Tuesday of month at 7:00 pm at Faith Anglican Church on Walnut Grove. A jam will follow the meeting and last to ~ 10:00 pm. A motion was made and passed to accept this new meeting site.

President McLellan adjourned the meeting at 12:22 pm.

Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.