

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERS MEETING

June 9, 2009



President Harry McLellan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

A total of 15 members were present.

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

Treasurer's Report: (Karen Clark) Treasure's report approved but we are still waiting for the transfer of information from the past treasurer's report.

Larry Bomar, interim treasurer, reported that no past treasurer's information could be read on his Quicken software; Chuck, WebMaster, will provide Larry with a new copy of Quicken. Even without Quicken, Larry was able to use last month's report to prepare the current reconciliation summary.

*Communications* (Karen Clark)

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Chuck Clark)

Update on Cypress Creek added to the MABA Website.

NewsGrass – (Karen Clark)

Minutes will no longer be included in NewsGrass because of page limitations would result in NewsGrass having to expand to eight pages at a significant increase in cost to MABA.

*Activities* – Gordon Jones and John Gay

Final preparations for the Harrison Crawford Memorial Bluegrass Festival are completed. Friday morning, able-bodies will be needed to help with the festival setup.

Fleener Pickin Porch Picnic was very successful and MABA thanks Ed and Beth Fleener for hosting the festival.

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

*Membership* – (Gordon Jones)

Gordon reported that we have 18 new MABA members along with 120 renewed members. MABA has 84 non-renewals and 12 honorary members. MABA has a total of 234 individual listed on its membership database. MABA will continue sending out NewsGrass to all individuals on the MABA database including those that have not paid

their current dues; Chuck will add a note on the MABA Website encouraging those individuals to renew their membership.

*Education – ()*

Cypress Creek will do a band class in July.

Eric Lewis conducted a guitar workshop last month and MABA members thanked him for putting on the workshop

*GRASS – (TBA)*

Camp Brave Heart was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>. Sixty campers plus adult supervisors were in attendance. MABA interim treasurer, Larry Bomar, wrote a check for \$250 to Camp Brave Heart as a contribution from MABA.

*Lucy Opry – () no report*

Vincent and Daley will appear at the Lucy Opry on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

IBMA will be held in Nashville this October.

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

No cards were sent out this past month.

New Business:

John Gay suggested that all festival attendees be given a card to fill out asking how they heard about the festival and would they be interested in receiving information about MABA. In return, MABA would be handing out door prizes that included MABA merchandise and CDs. (Larry will bring some CDs to donate.)

MABA president, Harry McLellan, expressed concern that he did not have the time to run the Harrison Bluegrass Festival as well as continue as president of MABA.

President McLellan adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

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Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.