

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERS MEETING  
May 12, 2009



President Harry McLellan called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.  
A total of 17 members were present.

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

Treasurer's Report: (Karen Clark) Treasure's report accepted.  
Larry Bomar will step in for Karen Clark for the next 5 weeks.

*Communications* (Karen Clark)

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Chuck Clark)

Chuck states that he is looking for feedback to improve the Website. He also will be posting a new bluegrass band on the Website.

Classifieds are not yet up and running, but will cost MABA \$40 per year for the service; MABA will charge the previously discussed fees to post ads.

NewsGrass – (Karen Clark)

MABA NewsGrass has been totally redone. Karen still needs articles by the 15<sup>th</sup>, of the month so she can send them to the printer by the 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Activities* – Gordon Jones and John Gay

The Annual Camp Creek Gospel and Music festival is cancelled.

Fleener Pickin Porch Picnic will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Harrison Crawford Memorial Bluegrass Festival will be held in Williston on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. This is MABA sponsored even. John Gay will get the festival advertised in the newspaper. John still needs a band to play on TV on June 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. John suggested that MABA have survey at the festival asking people how they heard of the festival and where they came from. Barnett has been in touch with First Responders asking them to set up a tent, with blood pressure and other health checks. Rick Crenshaw stated that we need volunteers to help out at the festival. MABA will sell soft drinks and ice cream.

- Jim Phillips will set up a band schedule at Williston; Jim announced that two out of town bands will be playing, one from Florida and the other from Olive Hill, TN. Jim will publish the band lineup in the next week or so. There will also be an open-mic session at the festival.

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

*Membership* – (Gordon Jones)

Gordon reported that we have 16 new MABA members and 116 renewed members. We have 88 non-renewals and 12 honorary members. Total Names listed with MABA: 232.

*Education* – (Jim Phillips)

Christine Donhardt will offer a beginning fiddle workshop on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Eric Lewis will conduct a guitar workshop sometime in June (likely date is June 6<sup>th</sup>).

*GRASS* – (TBA) Helen Davis

Helen Davis stated that Methodist Hospice would like us to do a benefit show sometime in the fall.

*Lucy Opry* – (Beth Mays) no report

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

Peter Smith is currently at the VA waiting to undergo surgery.

New Business:

President McLellan adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.