

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS MEETING
September 8, 2009



Rick Crenshaw, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
A total of 7 MABA members were present.

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) August minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Larry Bomar) no report
Peter Smith submitted the treasurer's report for Larry Bomar. August treasurer's report was approved.

Communications (Karen Clark)
Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Chuck Clark) No report
Blog has not been updated. Chuck is doing good job of keeping up with bluegrass links.

NewsGrass – (Karen Clark) no report
General comment made that NewsGrass look real goods and always arrives on time.
Rick Crenshaw will write an article on the MABA Members meeting.

Activities – (Gordon Jones and John Gay)
—John Gay reported that the MABA picnic would be held on October 10th at Ed Fleener's. Barbecue will be provided and Rick Crenshaw will organize a band scramble.

John Gay will check on the availability of Woodland Presbyterian Church for the Annual Potluck dinner to be held in February.

Regulatory – (James Johnson; Wayne Walker and Peter Smith) no report
James has requested a financial report from Karen and Larry.

Membership – (Gordon Jones) no report
Rick Crenshaw indicated that a membership renewal drive would take place at the Annual Potluck dinner. A membership mail drive will begin in November.

Education – () no report
Jim Phillips will hold a singing workshop at the Saturday MABA jam on September 12th.

Lisa Ray will hold a fiddle workshop on October 11th between 2:30-5:00 pm at the home of Helen Davis.

Rick Crenshaw and John Gay's mandolin workshop had a good attendance.

No other workshops are planned before the holidays.

GRASS – (TBA) no report

Helen previously indicated that Camp BraveHearts, a family grief camp, located at Saint Columba Episcopal Center has requested that MABA conduct a fundraiser for them at the campgrounds.

Lucy Opry – () no report

Daly and Vincent will appear at the Lucy Opry on September 18th.

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

Two cards were sent out to MABA members in August.

New Business:

Bob Waters received information from the head of graphics at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center indicating that MABA still has outstanding bills for printing of two months of NewsGrass. MABA members requested a copy of the bills, but agreed that MABA was still responsible and will pay the copying chargers after receiving the past invoices.

Peter Smith was contacted by an individual in charge at the USA Stadium in Millington requesting that MABA bands play at a forthcoming bluegrass festival; dates unavailable at this time.

MABA members suggested that our organization join the Folk Alliance in Memphis.

Rick Crenshaw adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.