

**MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION**

**MEMBER'S MEETING**

**March 13, 2010**



**Attendees:**

Benny Cole, Larry Bomar, Peter Smith, Jim Phillips, Harry Mclellan, Rick Crenshaw, Loyce Smith, Dianna Ford, Johnny and Carolyn McDonald

**Minutes:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Owner</b>
<b>Meeting called to order</b>	3/13/10; 11:05 a.m.; Opened with prayer	Benny Cole
<b>Secretary's Report</b>	February meeting minutes distributed; approved.	Dianna Ford
<b>Treasurer's Report*</b>	Distributed Transactions YTD, Bank Summary – YTD, Cash Flow YTD; there are some memberships to be deposited from renewals at the Potluck; Benny will find out where to deposit; approved.	Clay Caver
<b>Communication/ Marketing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yahoo Group</li><li>• MABA Website</li><li>• NewsGrass</li></ul>	Education site update on the MABA website Newsgrass update  Johnny raised the question about partnering with Mississippi and Arkansas bluegrass associations.	Mike Albert  Chuck Clark  Karen Clark
<b>Events/Activities</b>	Potluck : Benny thought it was a success. May need to consider ordering less BBQ next year, but more than last year. Need to consider adjusting the hours to finish earlier next year. Larry Bomar thought it was a lot of fun; well organized and well run. Mark Holder did a great job with the planning and help with the program.	Gordon Jones

	<p>Williston: Harry – Flyer created; need to have it corrected; incorrect price on Saturday listed. Concessions: BBQ. Dianna suggested planning for meals/drinks for the bands – Cedar Hill. Need to make sure that there is something available for them. Dianna to follow-up; Benny talked about getting a sign up sheet to get people to work the gate. Benny will help get people assigned. Need to update the website for Williston. Harry will take care of that.</p> <p>Harry raised the issue of paying the bands or not at Williston. Need to take a vote on how to move forward for this year’s festival.</p> <p>Several issues were raised about supporting or not supporting the festival by donating their time. Both sides were represented. There were mixed opinions on both sides. A vote was taken; a motion was made to not pay the club bands for Williston. Approved. 1-2 were against the approval.</p> <p>The Jackson Plectral Society will be having their festival in Dyersburg the same weekend as Williston. Dyersburg sets the date. Unfortunately, it cannot be moved.</p> <p>June 5<sup>th</sup> – Pickin Porch at Fleeners</p>	
<b>Regulatory</b>	No report	James Johnson, Wayne Walker, Peter Smith
<b>Membership</b>	No update; Gordon and Jean were not in attendance. Had approximately 12 renewals at the Potluck. 109 renewals for the year.	Gordon Jones
<b>Education</b>	<p>Updated on IBMA “Utilizing Bluegrass Music in the Schools”</p> <p>Teacher Workshop on March 27<sup>th</sup> and the Mark “Brink” Brinkman workshops/concert planned for 4/10.</p> <p>May – planned guitar workshop with Kevin Thompson</p> <p>Reviewed and suggested pricing for those workshops. Approved.</p>	Dianna Ford
<b>Grass Committee</b>	No report	Helen Davis

<b>Welcome/Caring</b>	Sent two cards. Buss McCormick's wife and to Jack McDivitt's wife, Marie.	Loyce Smith, Jo Edith and James Hudson, Erna Wheeley
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Peter Smith; book bags/music bags; S.A.W. Textiles. Will make them for approximately \$16.00. Can sell them for \$20.00. Larry asked about having the logo placed on the bag. Peter did not know about how to do that. Peter will look into the charge.</p> <p>Got an email for Jeff Long – website. He did mention that we might work together on including on their website. See website on Jackson Plectral website.</p> <p>Southern Arts Federation: Dianna Ford provided an update on the available grants. Dianna to draft grant applications.</p> <p>Peter had new membership cards; laminated.</p>	<p>Peter Smith</p> <p>Dianna Ford</p> <p>Jim Phillips</p>
<b>Meeting End/Adjourn</b>	12:04 p.m.; <i>Meeting minutes taken by Dianna Ford</i>	Benny Cole