

**MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
MEMBER'S MEETING
Jan 7, 2011**



**MABA Business Meeting
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Attendees:

Benny Cole, Peter and Loyce Smith, Bob Barnett, Dianna Ford, Clay Caver, Bob Davis, Jeff Tallant, Mike Albert, Larry Bomar

Called to order at 11:01AM

December Minutes approved.

No Regulatory report

Treasurer report:

Clay Caver provided a treasury report. Distributed information on the current cash balance. Covered the details of the current balance with the group. For the 12/31 fiscal year, but included some 2011 membership due, etc.

Working on providing the details in an "accrual balance" accounting format.

Liability insurance not yet due; sometime in late Jan or Feb to be paid.

Clay to check the status of the Paypal account.

Treasury report approved.

Communication report:

Bob Davis provided an update on the Newsgrass. Bob has taken over the production of the newsletter and provided a copy of this month's issue for review. Discussed the distribution methods: via email to MABA emails addresses on file, by link to the MABA Yahoo site, post to the MABA website and mail to those who do not have an email address or those who have requested it (approximately 30 individuals).

Dianna Ford to send Chuck Clark's email address to Bob Davis.

Agreed that the newsletter will be distributed every other month for now.

Discussed potentially selling ads for the Newsletter.

Events/Activities:

Potluck: Discussed a potential date of February 19th. Dianna Ford to follow-up with Mark Winborn on the church's availability. Dianna Ford to follow-up with Mark Holder on helping to plan the agenda for the potluck.

Plan to schedule a separate planning meeting for the Potluck.

Williston: Discussed early planning for Williston. Talked about whether or not to use local bands only or to bring in one professional paid band as we did last year. It was proposed that if we use local bands, we could lower the admission fee to its original amount. Dianna to do some research on fees for the following: Joe Mullins and the Radio Ramblers and Nightflyer out of Ohio.

Clay Caver to follow-up with the Jackson Plectral Society about potentially partnering on the Williston event and the Dyersburg festival.

Ed Fleener does plan to hold the Pickin Porch again this year. He will be needing volunteers to help. Planned for the weekend following Memorial Day. Will also need 4 bands to commit.

Alison Brown plans to be in Jonesboro (Larry Bomar); not sure on the dates.

No Regulatory report

Membership report: 64 paid members so far for 2011

Education:

There is a local music store in Munford, TN that is requesting banjo instructors. Also discussed the possibility of partnering with them on an educational venue or jamming in the front of the store when the weather gets warm.

Also discussed the possibility of partnering with the General Store in Shelby Forest to provide bluegrass music.

Dianna Ford to follow up with Mark Holder and Jane Munsell from the Shelby County School system on programs for 2011, building on last year's workshops.

Dianna Ford to follow up with Kurt Stephenson about conducting a banjo workshop in the Spring of 2011.

Dianna Ford to work on a preliminary Education/Workshop plan for 2011.

Follow up with Kevin Thompson about doing a "Mandolin Tasting" for the MABA group.

Dianna Ford to follow up on potential harmony workshops – potential – Steve Mouglin harmony CDs?

Dianna Ford to follow up with Marshall Warwick from Jackson, MS about potentially doing a songwriting workshop of some kind.

Dobro – see about Missy Raines’s dobro player?

No Grass Committee report

Caring/Welcome:

Ed Fleener’s wife was in the hospital.

No new business; adjourned 12:00PM