

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERS MEETING  
October 13, 2007  
Midsouth Baptist Conference Center,  
Cordova, TN



President Wayne Walker called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.  
A total of 19 members were present.

President Walker informed the members that Louis Medcalf had to resign as secretary due to work conflicts. Bob Waters was elected as secretary and Sam Ketchum agreed to serve as backup.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: (Submitted by Ed Richter) Accepted as read.

Committee Reports:

*Communications* (no report)

    Yahoo News Group – (no report)

    Website – (no report)

    NewsGrass – (no report)

*Activities* – John Gay (no report)

    MABA members thanked John Gay for his work in organizing the annual MABA picnic. John and Gordon received a well-deserved round of applause.

*Regulatory* – (no report)

*Membership* – (no report)

*Education* (no report)

*GRASS* – Beth Mays

    Ed Richter reported that Beth Mays was unable to attend the meeting, but she will report at the November meeting the GRASS committee's for collecting food for needy families at Thanksgiving.

*Lucy Opry –*

Peter Smith reported that Alecia Nugent would appear at the Lucy Opry on October 20, 2007. Also, the Steep Canyon Rangers will appear at the Lucy Opry on November 16, 2007.

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

Loyce Smith reported that two cards were sent in September, and one has been sent in October. Loyce reported that MABA member, Rawley Cain, had stints put in, but he is doing much better now. Loyce said that she, Erna Wheeley, and Jo Edith Hudson would continue serving on the Welcoming and Caring Committee.

New Business:

Harry McLellan reported that the Jackson-Area Plectral Society decided not to have a bluegrass festival next year at Williston, TN next year. Harry stated that the owners of the property in Williston that hosted the festival would like for the Memphis Area Bluegrass Association to take over the festival. After discussion, a motion was made and accepted that the Memphis Area Bluegrass Association would be in charge of the festival next year.

– Sam Ketchum asked about T Shirts. Bob Barnett will contact Candice Windham about designing art work for T Shirts.

Dale Franklin reported that Dale, Phil Yarbrough, and Select-O-Hits are starting the Cordova Opry on December 7, 2007 at the Cordova Community Center in Cordova, TN. It will feature local bluegrass bands each Friday night. Dale asked for MABA's support, participation, and partnership. Dale made it clear that MABA would not have to provide financial support and that MABA could have a table to sell MABA merchandise as well as to promote our organization and sign-up new members. Yarbrough's Music Store will produce t-shirts and will have radio and TV advertising to promote the show. Jim Phillips made a motion for MABA to support the Cordova Opry and for MABA to provide a monthly ad in NewsGrass supporting the Cordova Opry. The motion passed.

President Walker state that he will contact current committee chair-persons to see if they would be willing to continue to serve in the forthcoming year. President Walker and Vice President Barnett agree to stay on in their leadership roles for the next year.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Meeting notes taken by Sam Ketchum and Bob Waters.