

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS MEETING
February 9, 2008



President Wayne Walker called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.
A total of 11 members were present.

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) – January minutes, accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: (Ed Richter)

Ed reported that last year we had a negative cash flow of \$1,100. This year we have already taken in more than our outflow and we still have outstanding dues from MABA members.

Committee Reports:

Communications (Dale Franklin) no report

Peter Smith indicated that Dale Franklin will have trouble making the MABA members meeting, but Dale sent in the following report. Clinton Publishing did not do good job on last month's NewsGrass. However, Clinton will change to a new digital processing method which should improve the quality of NewsGrass. The new digital printing should save MABA an additional \$10 per month.

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Phil Pickens) no report

NewsGrass – (no report) Dale Franklin

Reminder to submit all articles for NewsGrass to editor, Dale Franklin, by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the next month's NewsGrass.

Activities – Gordon Jones and John Gay

Eric Mitchell will provide shoulders and ribs for this year's potluck dinner.

Jim Phillips has 4 bands lined up to play at the picnic. President Wayne Walker will supply the sound system and Harry McLellan and Bobby Barnett will help with the setup.

Memphis Folk Alliance has offered MABA a table at their upcoming festival (date unknown). Larry Bomar and Beth Mays are looking into the particulars of the festival. Tommy George is scheduled to play at the festival and/or set up a luthier

table. Sam Ketchum, Bobby Barnett, Wayne, and Harry will be available to help out at the MABA table.

Harry reported that everything is set up for Williston Festival.

Regulatory – (James Johnson) no report

Ed Richter reported that the sales tax return has been paid to IRS.

Membership – (Gordon Jones)

Gordon reported that MABA has 11 honorary members, 6 new members, for a total MABA membership of 231.

Peter Smith recommended that MABA make a lifetime membership available to a MABA member/family that has made a significant contribution to MABA, but can no longer afford the MABA membership dues. Peter suggested that the current MABA president should be empowered to grant a lifetime membership based on the recommendation by the board. Only one lifetime membership would be recommended on any given year. A motion was then made that the MABA Board would make a recommendation to the standing president that a lifetime membership be given to a selected family once a year. The motion passed.

A family was then recommended by the Board and approved by President Walker to receive the first lifetime membership award.

Education – Jennifer Eggers (no report)

GRASS – (Al Gallarno) no report

Working on an article for NewsGrass.

Lucy Opry – (no report)

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

Loyce reported that one card was sent out this month.

New Business:

MABA will return next month to LOL for Saturday jams and MABA Members Meeting.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 11:54 am.

Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.