

BSCP General Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2010

40&8

Attendance: Gregg Hogg, Virginia Ivanoff, Barb Garra, Bill Hines, Mike Easton, Rick Hefelfinger, Buster & Dot Grubb, Dave Collman, Bob Creed, Eileen Gartside, Nina Vacante, Bob Emrich, Krista Jones, Hannah Sherman, Ken Rimondi, Pete Netznik
Absent: George Bressler, Judy Cunningham

Meeting was called to order by Buster at 6:40pm

Secretary:

February General meeting was cancelled. Copies of the January General meeting minutes were posted on our website and distributed. Barb requests waiving the reading of the minutes because they are lengthy. All agreed and approved.

Treasurer Report:

Bob reports a balance of \$6, 697.

Membership:

Dot & Buster report the membership is the same since our last March board meeting. We have approximately 200 new members. Our database is close to 1000 members; this includes renewed and non renewed members. Also, included is approximately 200 "snail mail" members.

Public Relations:

Fort Hunter Event: We now have a side stage. A good response was received for it by some board members via email. We need to nail it all down and move on it because of deadlines. Rick met with Larry Moore and Susquehanna Folk Music Society. The gates open at 3pm on Saturday. On Sunday, SFMS will be using the side stage for dance troupes in between sets. We will also be allowed to utilize the side stage on Saturday with our local artists. Dauphin County Park & Recreation were rebuilding the side stage near the barn; it will have electric. It is uncertain whether there will be a tent covering. We still need to decide on two more acoustic acts. Rocky offered to have Acoustic Stew plays for free. And also, stated that Mark Focazio should play before Savoy Brown since he was initially elected. All agreed and approved. Rick will ask Mitch & Lee for the third act. The first act will be at 4pm with a half break for the main acts. Rick will follow up and finalize the time schedule. Advertising for the event will include a two page spread with Showcase magazine. They will primarily use the rough draft of the Press Release. This would include photos of each band. Jess Hayden from the SFMS was interested in trading 100 words of space in our newsletter. He informed her the deadline date was March 26th.

Buster asks when tickets will be available. He is uncertain and will follow up. At our last meeting, we discussed a \$5.00 discount for the first 50 BSCP members. George already made this announcement at the jam, so perhaps we should still honor it. DCPR needs 15 volunteers. They are sending a copy of their logo and would also like our logo sent for the newsletter. The deadline date was uncertain. ASAP would be best.

Other events to be compiled for the newsletter advertising are Jimmy “Duck” Holmes on April 24th and the Treasurer’s Picnic on May 30th.

Krista interjects that the number one priority is the Treasurer’s Picnic. Jimmy Holmes will not meet the deadline. Also, she just learned of the July 11th event from the recent communications to the SFMS. This is the Mississippi Railroad with David “Honey Boy” Edwards. Krista was unsure of the procedure for printing/ mailing the newsletter. Rick has been handling that with PIP and will continue to do so. He needs an updated “snail mail” membership list. Buster and Barb will follow up.

Buster questions Nina about the Jimmy “Duck” Holmes event. Nina presented the Jimmy Holmes event to the 40 & 8 board. Rental was approved for April 24th. She reminded them that for any public event, the state law requires the entire facility has to be non-smoking. Despite that, they still would like to have the back room as a designated smoking area. She recommends that if the club does not want to adhere to state law, the BSCP find another venue. This is our call. Hannah states that we could just accept this condition.

If it’s a public event, the club sponsored function can be fined. Further discussion was made on how other private clubs (VFW, American Legion) handle the smoking issue. If we move this event to the Maennorchor or any other private club, the conditions remain the same under state law. Nina further states that any private club can vote to make the facility smoking. (This vote did take place with the 40 & 8. Nina abstained from this vote due to conflict of interest). However, once it’s open to any public event the club revokes all rights for smoking.

Cheese recommends the Lawton Legion. It has a huge room with a stage. However, they schedule their entertainment well in advance and are probably already booked for that date. Bob suggests the VFW in Steelton. Rental is \$250. Agreement is made for the VFW. Rick immediately places a call with no response. He will follow up.

Moving on to other business: Rocky sent emails to all the bands for the Treasurer’s Picnic. He did receive some response but not all. Nina needs the exact dates of all upcoming events for the 40 & 8 rental. May 30th Treasurer’s Picnic is \$500. July 11th is the MRR.

Jam:

Electric Jam: Rocky reports that they upgraded the equipment with the help of Jimmy D. Purchase were made for some new cables and new holders for the mikes. Cost was \$100. The sound is much better.

Acoustic Jam: He contacted HMMAC (Stage on Herr). They are willing to work with us. Even they are open Mondays, there may be some conflict. They cannot schedule the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month because of other bookings. He feels it is a good venue. Contact was also made with the Midtown Scholar Bookstore. It has wonderful room. Midtown called them on Tuesday stating that they needed a gig for Friday, March 19th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm He accepted the offer so they can “get their foot in the door”. If they like Acoustic Stew, perhaps they can talk more about future jams.

They are not open on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. It is an early venue when they are open. The closing time is at 9pm.

Contact still needs to be made with Cornerstone Coffeehouse. A little more research is needed for other venues. He will try to have more options at our next board meeting.

IBC: Bill reports the IBC is scheduled for Sept. 19th at the VFW in Steelton. Some changes will be made on the judging this year. Although it won't be the sole criteria, they would like more audience input. Plans are being made for upcoming committee meetings. Contact will be made to Nina and Krista regarding the info for the website and the newsletter.

Newsletter:

Krista reports that the deadline is March 27th

Event information currently needed:

Jimmy "Duck" Holmes

Treasurer's Picnic

Fort Hunter, including the discounted tickets for BSCP members

David "Honeyboy" Edwards

Rick states that this will be forwarded to her ASAP when he has all the details completed.

She further states, that space is limited and she cannot handle more than 400 words per article. The advertising trade space is a good idea; however, we need to consider our interests first before trading with others.

New Business:

Pete (Cheese) Netznik informs us of the upcoming Harp-a-Palooza. This is an annual diabetes fundraiser event sponsored by Nate Myers & the Aces. All proceeds go to ADA. Once again, this will be held at the Appalachian Brewery (ABC) on May 8th at 8pm. Admission is \$10.

The line up this year includes:

Nate Myers

Charlie Knight – West Chester

Steve Guyger – Philadelphia

Jim Phipps – Lancaster (Blue Light Special)

Glen Moomau – Baltimore (Cat's Eye Pub in Fells Point)

Nate tries to limit himself as MC to separate from the event. However, this year the band included with the line up. Further discussion was made about lining up regional as well as national acts. They are especially excited about including Steve Guyger this year. Perhaps this could open the door for some others, such as Jason Ricci, Mark Wenner from the Nighthawks.

They need 4 to 6 volunteers to help with the raffle, assist the band members. This year they thought of walking around with the 50/50 tickets instead of selling them at the door. Thanks and appreciation was made for our previous help and participation. Last year we help raise \$2500. Baskets are being assembled for auction with the help of Dot, Mom and Beverly. Please contact them with your donations. Gift certificates from local businesses or restaurants are always appreciated.

Another benefit is the Vent Camp. It's a fund raiser for "Kids on Ventilators". It's a very worthy event. This is being held in Millville on Saturday March 20th from 4pm to 8pm.

These kids do not get out much so they all look forward to this each year. Some of them are paralyzed from the waist. They get out and dance in their scooters. It's a week they enjoy in a campground environment without parents and doctors. Nurses are available donating their time each year. The band plays on opening night. It's awesome! And it's a good thing they enjoy doing each year.

Old Business:

A meeting was scheduled for Monday March 15th with the Riverboat. However, this was cancelled and will be held at a later date.

Merchandise: Judy is not present. No report available.

A motion was made to adjourn by Hannah. Buster seconds the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

These minutes are to be revised or accepted.

Respectfully,

Barb Garra, Secretary