

Blues Society of Central PA
General Meeting
August 19, 2010
40 & 8

Attendance: Barb Garra, Dot & Buster Grubb, Bob Emrich, Rocky Rothrock, Bob Schell, Dale Roat, Dave Yeagley, Nina Vacante, Karen Weaver, Dave Collman.
Late arrival: Bill Hines

The meeting was called to order by Buster at 6:54pm.

Secretary: Barb

July minutes were read prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Karen to accept last month's minutes. Rocky 2nd the motion.

Treasurer. Bob

Balance of \$10, 450.25.

Expenditures: \$314 for liability insurance. \$1,000 donation was made to the Music Maker Foundation.

Membership: Buster & Dot

Buster reports that he is having computer issues. The membership is not updated. Barb volunteers to update in our Microsoft Access database, as well as with our Comcast account.

Jam: Rocky

Approximately \$1100 was spent on new equipment. Items purchased were two condenser lights, a set of microphones, cables, new Yamaha board, mixer, snake, Mackie amp. The rig will do a decent job for all future events.

Old Business/New Business:

By-laws revisions were made by Rocky. A copy was emailed for all to review.

Some of the changes include the following:

- 1) The treasurer is an appointed position rather than an elected position.
- 2) Officers and board members may be removed for cause by a vote of 2/3 of the Board.
- 3) Board of Directors is empowered to act on all matters. Expenditures that are over half of the balance, have to be approved by 1/2 of the membership on hand at a general meeting.
- 4) The terms for newly elected officers shall begin on January 1st.

Some of the response and comments to these revisions include that we are going to have three elected officers to make all the decisions. This could be amended by changing this to the four members at large. This is self nominated; anyone who wants to run can do so.

The other people on the board are on the standing committees. These tend to be the people who are willing to do the work, not necessarily the people who are popular or elected by the membership. Most non-profit organizations are run by a board and self-perpetuated.

A vote to accept the revisions was not made because we did not have a quorum. A total of eight people are needed. This will take place at the next general membership meeting. Bob suggests another change; any monies spent over \$1000 has to be voted on by the board. This was agreeable. It was suggested to vote electronically in the future. This would work for the board, but not the general membership.

Public Relations/Events: Rick

Rick is currently working on his new business the “Blue Front Lounge” in Steelton. Opening is expected on Friday August 20th.

The Pride of the Susquehanna Riverboat Blues Cruise is scheduled for Saturday August 21st. We had a late two weeks notice on this. The Humblers will be playing. Dr. Mo contacted Phil Shenk to make the arrangements. Docking will be at Front and Locust Sts.

IBC: Bill

Currently, we have two entries which are Octavia and Porkroll Project. No solo/duo act. Last year we had at least twelve bands. The competition is on September 19th. The deadline has been extended from August 16th to September 7th. We need a minimum of three bands, preferably four. Uncertain why there is lack of interest this year. Bob Schell questioned the winnings. The pay out for the band is \$1500 and the solo/duo act is \$300. Rocky suggests personally contacting the bands that competed last year. Times are hard and perhaps folks just can't afford the cost.

Website: Nina

Nina will not be able to attend the next two BSCP board meetings. Also, she has another computer. It should be up and running in the next two weeks.

40 et 8: A couple of incidents occurred last week. Someone broke all the light bulbs in the outside pavilion. To deter this vandalism, it was decided that during tonight's Jam, the lights will remain on in the pavilion. Also, more people are going to their vehicles with drinks. Reminder: No beverages are allowed off the porch. This includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. More signs will be posted.

The 40 et 8 will not have the building benefit picnic this year. The bar stools are being replaced.

Also, we have been getting a younger crowd at the jams. The bartenders have a hard time keeping track of the I.D. Tonight they will try to monitor this better by applying wristbands after they have checked their I.D. In the future, wristbands may be worn by all customers to appease everyone.

The sound is getting louder. LCB states we are in violation. Customers and musicians are commenting about the volume. She asks that this be monitor and to reduce the volume. Dave questions that the Jam host is in charge of volume. Rocky states that the Jam host could turn off the mixer and it will still be loud.

Bill Hines makes a late arrival. We now have a quorum to vote on the by-laws. Dave Collman proposes to accept the revision of the by-laws. Nina seconds the motion. All are in favor and approve.

Bob E. states that the SFMS (Susquehanna Folk Music Society) is having an upcoming show with blues folk artist Mary Flowers. They asked if we would like to support it with our "Name in Lights" for \$200. Rocky makes a motion to accept. All approve.

Buster makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconds the motion. All approve. The meeting is adjourned at 7:42pm.

These minutes are to be accepted and or revised.

Respectfully,

Barb Garra
BSCP Secretary