

Arizona Bluegrass Association

July 19, 2008 Board Meeting

-- MINUTES --

Call to Order – Kiss the Cook Restaurant; 10 AM

Presiding Officer: Rick Rhodes, Chairman

Attendance

Attendees -

BOARD MEMBERS

Rick Rhodes, Chairman
 John Harris, Vice Chair
 Bill Kamper, Secretary
 John Bragg, Director

GENERAL MEMBERS

Paul Wilson
 Leslie Rhodes, Membership
 Camille Richards, Web Design
 Jan Zale, Newsletter Layout
 Gayle Bragg

Absent -

BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Burns
 Jane West

Old Business

Minutes from the April 2008 Meeting

Moved - Rick Rhodes, Second - John Harris, Approved – Unanimous

Treasury – John Harris

JULY 2008 REPORT

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| April 1 Balance | | \$7410.64 |
| Income | | +\$1831.00 |
| Expenses | | <\$1690.75> |
| June 30 Balance | | \$7550.89 |
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| Christmas Memorial | \$ 416.00 | |
| Other Gen'l | +\$ 615.00 | |
| | +\$3076.09 | |
| General Funds Total | \$4107.90 | \$4107.09 |
| Futuregrass | | +\$3443.80 |
| June 30 Balance | | \$7550.89 |

- Full details were not available as Jane West was not present; the report was not approved. The Minutes have to show the correct numbers. ACTION: Bill Kamper, 8/1.
- The fiscal year ends July 31. ABA member Sam Kerch who is a CPA and has volunteered to do the year-end audit.
- ABA to write a check to the Les Preston Memorial Fund, once Lou Anne has set up the NPO per the decision of last month. ACTION: John Harris, ASAP.

ABA Booth – John Bragg

- The booth properties have been consolidated to a small size so the trailer is no longer needed. John recommended that we sell it in the Beacon with John as the contact point. ACTION: John Bragg, 8/15.
- The 10 x 10 EZ-Up tent was destroyed at the Parker Festival during the wind storm. A new can be purchased for about \$30. ACTION: John Harris, ASAP.

Membership – Leslie Rhodes

- We presently have 412 members. Beacons are being mailed to all but 71 who are e-mailed. Kamper reported it should be 100 so we may be overspending. The lists need to be reconciled. ACTION: Leslie & Bill K, 8/2.

Beacon – Jan Zale

- July was the last Beacon Jan will do the layout on and has secured a replacement. A new member, he is a Dr. of Ophthalmology in New York that has been politically active and writing publicity and flyers.
- We should have more articles. We discussed that the Band listing does not have to be complete every month. Bill Kamper suggested we print the full list quarterly and changes monthly. ACTION: Bill Kamper 8/15.
- Bill Kamper had written three that were not used. He asked if we are being paid for ads on the front page. Rick said we are not and could make more room for articles if we didn't in the future. ACTION: John Bragg, 8/15 (See Directors and Assignments below).
- All submissions for the Beacon will go through the Editor before the Layout Editor receives them. This deadline is the 13th of each month. ACTION: John Bragg, 8/10 (See Directors and Assignments below).
- Several ideas were expressed. John said he would call a sub-committee meeting to review the Beacon process and content. ACTION: John Bragg, ASAP
- John Bragg proposed that people receiving the Beacon by US Postal pay a premium with their dues for this delivery as opposed to e-mail delivery. In discussion we settled on \$2.00 annually, announced in the September Beacon, and imposed on October renewals. Bragg motioned, Kamper seconded, and it was passed unanimously. ACTION: Leslie Rhodes, 8/15, 10/1.
- John Bragg suggested that the Board member who carries the Booth to a Festival shall be responsible for writing an article for the Beacon reviewing the festival.

New Business

Directors and Assignments – Rick Rhodes

- In an effort to re-balance the workload John Bragg and Rick Rhodes swapped committee responsibilities. Rick will now head the Booth and John will be the Beacon Editor. An announcement is needed on the web and the Beacon. ACTION: Bill Kamper, 8/15.
- We have one vacancy open for the current board.
- Of seven directors, four are required for a legitimate meeting and quorum votes. Job description will be written and announcements made. ACTION: Rick Rhodes, 8/15.
- Volunteers are needed for the committees of Membership and Futuregrass. Job descriptions will be written and announcements made. ACTION: Rick Rhodes, 8/15.

Special Bands Booking – Bill Kamper

- The ABA was contacted by a PR firm and asked to provide bands for the 4 Saturday nights in September. They discovered us from the website. The bands will be paid. The ABA and Bill are doing this gratis.
- Permission was asked and received to take the Membership Booth to the event. The purpose will be to sell memberships, product, and allow the bands to sell their CDs. ACTION: Bill Kamper, 9/1-30
- In the future Bill would like to find and provide opportunities like this for the benefit of the ABA and its members. The attendees discussed the matter and agreed it was beneficial and endorsed it.

Social Activities – Rick Rhodes

- Rick proposed the ABA have a campout this fall at Bill Burns's property in Nov. The details have to be identified and announced. ACTION: Rick, 7/20.
- The Christmas Party will again be on the West-side and on November 22.
- Paul Wilson suggested that we have a Spring Party annually on the East-side. No vote was taken, but it was discussed and agreed upon informally. It will be in February, late to avoid Festivals and called "Bluegrass Spring Fling". Location and costs will be proposed next meeting. ACTION: Jan Zale/John Bragg, 9/30.

Adjournment – 12:00 PM

Reported by:
Bill Kamper
Secretary
August 16, 2008