

Arizona Bluegrass Associations July 18, 2009, Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at home of John Harris, @ 11411 N. 91st Avenue, Peoria AZ, 85345 @ 10 A.M

Presiding Officer: Rick Rhodes, Chairman
Secretary: John Harris

Attendees: Board Members
John Bragg Beacon Editor, Data Base Administrator, Member Services
Sam Kerch, Treasure, Web Site Designer

Guest Speaker: Leslie Rhodes

Board Members Absent
Bill Sheldon, Vice Chairmen
Igor Glenn Future Grass
Ken Killebrew

Quorum for Meeting
There were four or more Board members present and a quorum was established for meeting

Old Business:
Approval of May 2009 past meeting Minutes was moved, accepted as presented and approved by all board members in attendance.

Topics of Discussion

Treasury Report.
Sam Kerch delivered the report FY May 1 – July17, 2009, which was moved, accepted as presented and approved by all board members in attendance
General Fund - \$4,431.41
Les Preston Memorial Fund \$615.00
Future Grass Fund \$2,860.70
End Balance as of 7/17/09 \$7,907.11

Chairman's Comments: **OPEN ITEM**

EMC Insurance, ABA liable for volunteers who work in booth at festivals. Insurance coming due 10/31/09, board members voted to continue insurance and stay with same company for now but Rick will research for a different company that may offer cheaper rates.

Editors Comments: **John Bragg Membership Update** **OPEN ITEM**

Upload Beacon – change to PDF format, PDT links for flyers will speed up process E Beacon. Sam will meet with John to set up PDF files 7/25/09 to finalize details. Suggested deadline to complete change is Sept 09.

Dead line for input of articles to Beacon is by 15th of month

Action Item: OPEN ITEM

- Motion made to follow up next meetings regarding putting newsletter on the Web site. Put word out to members that have Internet access, instead of the entire newsletter each month.
- Need security code to gain excess to web site (need use of a distinct path so that no one can guess code)

Jake Landers Bluegrass Concert

Jake Landers Bluegrass Concert – Board member voted to cancel sponsorship of the Jake Landers concert for ABA Christmas party, (Nov 09) and to defer this to January or February 2010 or possible later in 2010.

Board Meeting/Workshop Combo **OPEN ITEM**

Rick presented possibility of having a workshop setting at future board meeting so that board members could discuss directions and procedures on how to accomplish following items. To be discussed at next board meeting.

- **Set up Goals for ABA**
- **Brainstorm Issues**
- **Discuss Newsletter**
- **Christmas Party**
- **Ongoing Expenses**
- **Use of Face Book on web**
- **Twitters**
- **Voluntary Personnel**
- **Use of social media to reach larger audiences**

ABA Christmas Party **OPEN ITEM**

Leslie Rhodes was guest speaker and presented to board members ideas regarding the upcoming ABA Christmas party November 21, 2009, at Sun City Presbyterian Church. The party would consist of a potluck dinner, which includes a membership drive during party, ongoing jams through out the evening, and band contests. The theme of the party would be ABA History which would include information from prior and current members, their birth dates, length of time with ABA , their interest in music and instruments they play. Place mats for the tables would consist of previous old beacons. She will form a committee to discuss and organize final details regarding, decorations, organization of the band contest and prizes to be given away. Leslie will present at next ABA board meeting final details for the Christmas party.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by 2 P.M.

Next Board Meeting

August 29, 2009, @ 10 a.m. at Rick Rhodes, @ 72587 N. 50th Drive, Glendale AZ. 85301

John Harris
ABA Secretary