

Chippewa Valley Blues Society Meeting February 10, 2009

The meeting of the Chippewa Valley Blues Society was at The Stout Ale House in Menomonie on February 10th at 7:00 pm. Introductions were made, and those in attendance included: Lisa Vandewalle, Snapshot, Pete Pappas, Rob Edwards, Gordy Pillar, John LeBrun, Ken Fulgione, John Berman, Dan Callan, Dan Michaels, Terry DeMars, Jason Introwitz, Mike Fischer, Buck Barrickman and Mary Dettmann.

Items on the agenda:

Minutes from the January meeting were passed and approved.

Elections were held and the following were nominated and elected:

President: Ken Fulgione

Vice President: Mike Vandewalle (Snapshot)

Treasurer: Lisa Vandewalle

Secretary: Debbie Fischer and Mary Dettmann

Motion to approve and seconded by John Berman and Mike Fischer.

Financial Update: New treasurer to update our financial report. Coalition Blues bills were mixed with CVBS account. We were to donate \$1000.00 to the Coalition Blues event but instead the treasurer paid particular bills from our account. CVBS paid out \$819.00 toward the event. Any future expenses/deposits should be approved by the CVBS.

We are looking for the paperwork for finalizing our non-profit status (5013C). Our new treasurer will look into the status of this process. What is the cost of this filing and what is our tax exempt number.

Our bill for t-shirts and hats in the amount of \$316.00 has not been paid. This should be paid right away by our new treasurer (Lisa).

Resolution to develop an overall financial statement, and spreadsheet for each event we do so we keep our records up to date, was accepted and seconded.

We discussed making up a membership card with our logo on it with the renewal date and a space for member's name and the treasurer's signature. This could be used for our members to show for potential discounts for events or features

Ken has been mailing and emailing members for their renewal dues. The decision was motioned and seconded to rent a Post Office Box for membership dues and correspondence. This will be at the Eau Claire post office for convenience and costs \$40.00 a year.

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A bar poster is being made through Westgate Sportsman's Club and one of their distributors. Advertising was discussed and decided to contact the Leader-Telegram, Volume One, Grub 'n Pub, Nelson Cable, the Spectator and Stoutonian, and WI Public Radio-Spectrum West and arrange some kind of advertising/announcement.

We will try to have a raffle and will need items donated. Pete offered to make some DVD/CD's of previous music events. The Great Northern Blues Society from the Wausau area may donate promo tickets for their Blues Café event on March 28th in Merrill. There will be five groups playing.

Volunteers are needed to staff the door and information/sales booth.

Website: John LeBrun requested that we send meeting minutes in a pdf file if possible. He can just paste this copy at the website, www.cvblues.com. Request was made to update the MySpace site, www.myspace.com/cvblues.

Tuesday Blues on the River: the summer blues night will be in Owen Park on Tuesday evenings. There will be 14 events with the first starting on May 26th running through Sept. 1st. There will not be an event on Aug. 4th because Owen Park was booked for that night. We discussed possibly holding something in Chippewa Falls or elsewhere that night, maybe calling it Blues on the Road. Ken has made a mockup of a weekly flyer that would be produced with the weekly guest artists and sponsors. The committee has secured a grant from the Chippewa Valley Convention Bureau for \$2,000.00 to be used toward advertising. Dan Michaels has a band list for 11 of the 14 dates, so far. Insurance will cost \$650.00 for all events. Buck will send a personal check for the insurance payment in a few weeks, this would be refunded if the events do not take place. As a group we motioned and seconded that we reimburse him as we secure the funds. He also needs to be reimbursed \$57.00 for an application fee to the city of Eau Claire. The committee (Mike Fischer, Buck Barrickman, Dan Michaels and Ken Fulgione) has also developed a sponsorship form with rates and benefits of sponsorship. They are available to anyone that would like to help find sponsors or would like us to contact for possible support. There are 63 potential sponsors with different levels of sponsorship costs, starting at \$50. A featured sponsor would pay \$5,000 for all events. Our mission is to provide blues music. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with the Tuesday Night in the Park program. We will open a separate account for this event and Mike Fischer was designated as one of two signers on the account, with one being required. It was motioned and seconded to designate 75% of profits to CVBS and 25% to use as seed money, if we end up with a profit at the end of the events.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Check the website for the location. Meeting was adjourned.