Chippewa Valley Blues Society Meeting May 11, 2010

The meeting of the Chippewa Valley Blues Society was at the Stout Ale House on May 11th at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance included: Duane Kebschull, Snapshot and Lisa Vandewalle, Dan Callan, Rob Edwards, Mike Fischer, John Berman, Bill Johnson, E.J. Johnson, Theresa Dewitz, Terry DeMars and Mary Dettmann.

Items on the agenda:

Approval of April meeting minutes: Motion: Snapshot; seconded: Mike Fischer.

Treasurer's Report

CVBS fund: \$2847.13

Tuesday Night Blues fund: \$4,313.01

All bills are paid.

The treasurer's report was accepted, motion: Mike Fischer; seconded: Duane Kebschull

Merchandise Committee Report:

Sunglasses with CVBS printed on them were purchased, 250 pairs for a cost of \$1.50 each. We will sell them for \$3.00 at our events. Other items investigated are: water bottles-no cost info on these, coffee cups-\$3.67 cost, we decided against as they cost too much and may not sell. We are thinking of hats that are printed on the band, blues style. Snapshot will try to find a source and cost. Idea of a bobble head was brought up, small in size, about 5 inches tall. We decided to table this for future discussion. There is various Blues Brothers merchandise available out there. We still have plenty of t-shirts, in a variety of colors and sizes, available to sell.

General Business:

Blues Mobile:

Rob Edwards reported that it is ready to go. We had donated \$250.00 toward the repairs. It still needs a new gas tank, which will cost about \$180.00 to \$400.00. A custom hitch is also needed to pull anything behind it. Rob brought up the subject of funding the use of the Bluesmobile. It costs about \$3.00 a gallon, or \$25.00 an event for fuel and miscellaneous. He requested CVBS fund this cost per event, this includes a weekly cost at the Tuesday Night Blues. It also takes his time, insurance, power for events and possible towing if it should breakdown. We should establish a fee per event to charge for these expenses. A fee of \$75.00 plus mileage was suggested. Events scheduled so far include: Memorial Day parade, May 31st in Eau Claire, Durand Fun Fest- June 12, Eleva Broiler Fest- June 5, Mondovi or Rock Falls-July 4. The Memorial Day parade is booked and discussion was made about whether to have a band pulled behind the Bluesmobile. Left Wing Bourbon has been scheduled to play on the float. Cost would be \$125.00 for the band- motion: Mike Fischer; seconded: Snapshot and \$75.00 for the bluesmobile- motion: Mike Fischer; seconded: Lisa Vandewalle with the option

of just pulling a trailer with recorded music. Dan Callan has a trailer we could use. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Volunteers include: John Berman and family, Eric Johnson, Mike Fischer and Blue and his wife. Members are asking for more volunteers.

Tuesday Night Blues:

Mike Fischer, chairman, reported that sales are up and the weekly front cover sponsor will be Bjork-Strand Roofing and Ken Fulgione sponsoring the back cover. Inside the flyer has one side filled, with available advertising left on the other side. The schedule has been established and full size flyers printed and available.

Blues in the Schools:

Nothing to report at this time.

Benefit for Deb Klossner:

Terry DeMars presented information on the benefit for Deb at Poo's on the Pond in Chippewa Falls, Sunday, June 13th. TNB will publish information in the weekly flyer. CVBS will donate \$50.00, 5 t-shirts, 5 hats and 10 sunglasses for the raffle. Motion: Mike Fischer; seconded: Snapshot. Volunteers are needed and should contact Terry DeMars.

New Business:

Durand Fun Fest weekend includes a motorcycle cruise, 2:15 pm lineup and 2:30 pm start: and Mojo Lemon will be playing from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. At Chippewa View Park, sponsored by Shari's Chippewa Club.

Membership Form: needs to be revised with updated information before the TNB, June 1, 2010.

Website: should have access by officers with a code for confidential emails and internal use.

Summer meeting: suggested having one summer meeting as an informal potluck, maybe in July. If something arises, email will be used to notify officers; if it involves \$200. or less, the president can authorize the cost or form an executive meeting. Rob offered Shari's Chippewa Club for this meeting at 6:30 pm on June 30th. Approved, motion: Snapshot; seconded: Eric Johnson.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. Motion: Snapshot; seconded: Duane Krebscull.

The next meeting will be at Shari's Chippewa Club, June 30, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Potluck at 6:30 pm.