

February 21, 2012  
Chippewa Valley Blues Society Meeting  
Metropolis – Eau Claire  
7 p.m. Call to order

**In Attendance:** Mark Morgan, Mike Fischer, Debbie Fischer, Luke Fischer, Jeremy Holt, Billy Angell, Levi Felling, Ken Fulgione, Kelly Carpenter, Buck Barrickman, Don Bestul, Dean Kolander, John Berman, Duane Kebschull, Dan Callan, Rob Edwards, Juanita DeMars, Santiago DeMars, Mark Steil, Eric Johnson, Theresa Dewitz, Kevin Dettmann, Mary Dettmann,

**1. Treasurers Report**

- A. Approval of January meeting minutes was motioned by Mike Fischer and seconded by Dan Callan.
- B. CVBS Account: \$ 4,054.00 with bills for Digicopy: \$80.00, Mailbox fee: \$60.00, Volume One Ad for Lust: 261.00, Pub-n-Grub: \$75.00
- C. TNB Account: \$4,571.21

**2. Committee Reports**

- A. Tuesday Night Blues – We lost our main sponsor for Tuesday Night Blues for this year. Bjorkstrand notified us they would not be able to sponsor in 2012. We will be looking for a major sponsor/s to provide some funding this year. TNB costs approx. \$900-950 per night x 14 weeks for a total cost of \$12,000-14,000 per season. A suggestion was made to talk to the city to request waiving the fees to rent Owen Park. This is a city event, free to the public. TNB is actively pursuing sponsors for the season. This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the series. Last year was a break even year, and this year is starting out short on funding. Volunteers will be needed to help at the membership tent and to roam the audience with weekly flyers. There is interest from bands that would like to play. Maybe there could be sponsors for a particular band or night who would pay the nightly cost of the event. The usual fee we pay the bands are \$250 per night, or \$50.00 per person. Last year generated approx. \$3,000 for the season from nightly donations that people so generously offered. This certainly helped us break even. The vendors pay \$50.00 per season plus permit fees, if needed.
- B. Lust for Blues – Mark Steil of the Metropolis is donating the site for the event free of charge. The event features Mary Cutraffello, Howard Luedtke and Ross William Perry performing.

**1. New Business: Agenda items**

Bylaws Changes: Membership dues are paid annually by 2-24, there is a 30 day grace period before they lapse. A suggestion was made to change the due date to Jan. 1 through Dec.31 of each year. Discussion was made on pros and cons of particular dues dates and what to charge if paid half way through the year. It was decided to keep the current set up of due by 2-24, and update forms to reflect the date and that voting members are decided at the annual meeting each year in February. Payment made at any time will reflect this date. This may keep interest in participating in the blues society and the annual meeting.

## **Election of Officers**

Treasurer: Mike Fischer was nominated and accepted position. Motion: Kevin Dettmann and seconded by Dan Callan.

Secretary: Mary Dettmann and Debbie Fischer were nominated and accepted position. Motion: Juanita DeMars and seconded by Kevin Dettmann.

Vice President: Dean Kolander was nominated and accepted position. Motion: Mary Dettmann and seconded by Ken Fulgione.

President: Mark Morgan was nominated and accepted position. Motion: Debbie Fischer and seconded by Luke Fischer.

Music: Rhythm Posse performed at the annual meeting and were given a one year membership each.

2. Next meeting to be held at: (?) undecided at end of meeting. Will be posted on website.
3. Motion to adjourn made by John Berman, seconded by Eric Johnson. Motion carried.