

Chippewa Valley Blues Society Meeting

March 8, 2011

The meeting of the Chippewa Valley Blues Society was at the Metropolis in Eau Claire on March 8th at 6:30 pm. Those in attendance included: Mark Morgan, Dan Callan, Mike Fischer, John Berman, Buck Barrickman, Ken Fulgione, Mark Steil, Hans and Laurel Mikelson and Mary Dettmann

Items on the agenda:

Approval of February 2011 meeting minutes:

Motioned to accept: Mike Fischer; seconded: John Berman.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance in CVBS account = 3,563.45 + \$240.00 in new memberships not deposited yet.
Balance in Tuesday Night Blues account = 5,748.31+ \$350.00 from Bearpaw Design

Approval to spend \$500.00 for development of new website.

Lust IV will need 2 cashboxes with \$100.00 each for Sunday's event.

Acceptance of treasurer's report motion by John Berman and seconded by en Fulgione.

Old Business:

Lust for Blues IV: Looking for items for silent auction and raffles. Print sign up sheets for items. Bring some type of buckets to drop in tickets for raffle. Pick up dual tickets, maybe 4 different colors. Mary volunteered to handle these.

Website:

We need to check with John LeBrun about owning the cvblues.com site. If not available, we will need to secure another site/s. A decision is needed on a host site and what features are we need or want. We will investigate the options of accepting electronic payments for memberships, donations and merchandise. Various devices using a mobile phone are available.

TNB (Tuesday Night Blues):

We have no documentation on how to split monies from CVBS and TNB. Discussed options on how to control. We will bring to a future vote. As of now, CVBS has not given any monies to TNB directly. Individual sponsors put advertising monies toward TNB for startup. Determine the balance needed to start 2011 season.

Blues on the Chippewa:

The dates are August 6th and 7th. The Prairie du Chien fest is the weekend before and the Duluth fest is the weekend after. We will discuss details and needs at a future meeting.

New Business:

Membership:

Ken will update membership sheet with new/current members and revise the form with new columns including dues renewal date. We would like to have this available to edit on our website by officers. Facebook site offers options to have multiple administrators. Ken offered to write the blues letter for TNB newsletter. Mike Fischer stated we need someone to write the Blues Notes.

Bluesfest:

A presentation was supposed to be made regarding a possible Bluesfest at the Renaissance grounds. No one was at the meeting to make the presentation. Discussed possible options, such as an agreement as a joint venture, and whether a one day or weekend fest. There are lots of questions to answer, and we tabled for a future meeting.

Miscellaneous:

There is a Blues Jam at Shari's Chippewa Club once a month, the 1st Sunday at 6:00 pm. Dan suggested that CVBS sanction this event and maybe have monthly meeting at the Sunday Blues Jam. We determined this should be voted on with a quorum to approve. This July it will be on the 2nd Sunday to avoid conflict with the July 4th Bluegrass Festival. Decision made to have one summer meeting on July 10th at the Blues Jam. Further information in the future.

The next meeting will be on April 12th, 2011 at 7:00 pm. at Shari's Chippewa Club in Durand. The May 10th meeting will be back in Eau Claire. Check website for location. Discussion on future meeting locations and frequency. We may approach Volume One for cross advertising of events.

Meeting was adjourned. Motion: John Berman and seconded: Buck Barrickman.