

February 19, 2013

Chippewa Valley Blues Society Meeting

Dooley's Pub , Eau Claire

6:30 p.m. Call to order

In Attendance: Mike and Debbie Fischer, Buck Barrickman, Dan Callan, John Carroll, Eric Johnson, Duane Kebschull, John Berman, Don Bestul, Snapshot and Lisa Vandevale, Mark Morgan, Dean Kolander, and Mary Dettmann.

Minutes approved from previous meeting: motion to approve-John Berman, 2nd- Mike Fischer.

Treasurers Report

- CVBS Account \$3,480.21.
- TNB Account \$5202.19 + \$80.00 credit from DigiCopy. Savings: 51.11, plus one sponsor has not fulfilled their commitment from last season yet.
- Plus membership renewals from Buck for total of \$105.00. 167 membership forms have been filed, including families.

Old Business

- **Lust for Blues** – no one stepped up to organize this event this year, so we will not have one this spring. We talked about organizing a band competition type of event. A possible band competition at the State Theater? Mark Morgan volunteered to head this committee with the addition of John Berman and Don Bestul. Event possibly at the end of the Tuesday Night Blues season, maybe in September. More information will be presented in the future. Decision to table the Lust for Blues event for this year.
- **TNB** – Attendance average for the 2012 season for Tuesday Night Blues was 500 people. Decision to adopt the mission statement of “Keeping the Blues Alive”.
- **Unplugged Event**- going okay, not sure if profitable yet. Suggestion for the need to advertise more broadly, realize that event takes time to grow and talked of future expansion possibilities. There are 3 more events left until the TNB season starts. Next performance is March 12th with the the Jones Tones.

New Business

- **Annual Meeting:** By-laws need finishing, have holes in them but will have to wait until next year to properly amend them. Buck made request to make a change to fiscal dues. Members paying after September 1st will be members through following year. Motion to accept: John Berman, 2nd: Don Bestul.

Election of officers for 2013:

President Mark Morgan

Vice President: Dean Kolander

Treasurer: Don Bestul

Secretary: Debbie Fischer and Mary Dettmann (co-chair)

Mike Fisher brought up the need to have a credit card for our organization to pay for goods and services. The idea was agreed upon, motioned to pass by Snapshot and 2nd by John Berman and passed unanimously. Mike also presented the idea of putting some merchandise sales dollars into buying some bands CD's. We could maintain a library through re-investing some sales dollars and sell these at our events. We have had requests at the tent for artists CD's who were not playing that particular event but had in the past or would be in the future. Dan Callan suggested asking the artists for spec merchandise. Dean Kolander volunteered to handle the sales and finance situation. Mike Fischer motioned to maintain a budget of \$250.00 to purchase the CD's. 2nd: by Snapshot and motion passed.

Again, we discussed wanting to obtain a 501C status for tax advantage purposes. Most sponsors would like the ability to deduct donations and it would be better for finding additional sponsors and contributions. We would like to pursue information and rules for running raffles. We will investigate the costs and details and present at a future meeting.

Next meeting will be April 16th at Smith's Country Inn on Hwy. 37. It's the first place on the right, after the Hwy. 85 turnoff on Hwy 37. Meetings will now be 3rd Tuesday every other month, unless posted otherwise. Please check our website at: chippewavalleyblues.com for further information.

Motion to adjourn made by John Berman and 2nd by Eric Johnson. Motion carried.

Music performed by Nick Foytik after the meeting. Thank you Nick, for the beautiful music!