

## **BOARD MINUTES**

April 4, 2011

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Herb Ransburg

Reno Mussatto

Jan Dake

Karen Stott

Jann Childers

John Gemmell, Mike Pappademos

Meeting: 7:27pm

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Corrections from previous Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved. Additional information was added to the minutes.

A motion was made to accept the minutes with the additions by Jann Childers. Jan Dake Second the motion

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The past (2) months Reports were reviewed by the Board. Jan Dake stated she had completed the 990 N Form and the C Form for our Non-Profit status, and is preparing for the Solicitation of Contributions, which all she needed was to get the paperwork notarized and sent off.

A Motion was made by Jan Dake to accept the Treasurer's report. Karen Stott Second the motion.

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Herb Ransburg began a discussion with the Board to discuss a proposal that Jerry Waller had presented for OBBS to assist with promoting shows at The Alley. There was some confusion as to whether it was "shows" or a regular "jam event". The main concern the Board has is there is no money in the Budget to finance the funds for this kind of promotion. The Board has some questions and expressed before a commitment can be made, more information is needed. Herb Ransberg said he will connect with Jerry Waller and discuss it at length as to which direction the proposal is for – shows or jams. The other concern that the Board brought to the table was that funds OBBS puts out for promotion should not be limited to "one location", but to many. The Board will discuss more about this at the next meeting.

Jann Childers proposed that the OBBS Board Meeting be held the first Monday of the month, so that the Board Members can schedule their calendars around it. With this proposal, if a Board Member cannot make the meeting, they can be "conferenced" in on a call to participate. This will make it flexible for people who have Business out of town to

be able to participate.

A motion was made by Jann Childers for the OBBS Board to meet every first Monday of the month. Jan Dake Second the motion.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Jann Childers presented to the Board to review the Resolution 1.0 July 10<sup>th</sup> 2005 with the Board. The Board discussed this Resolution at lengths, and decided more research is needed before making a decision, but everyone will share reviews in emails before the next meeting so a final decision can be made.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

Karen Stott has been designing and preparing the Newsletter for 2011 to be available on line, and will be available within the next few days. She has created a 14 page Newsletter which updates OBBS with great information to be shared. All agreed, Karen Stott has done an incredible job on the Newsletter and the Website.

### **SPONSORSHIP:**

Karen Stott will be emailing information to review and to go over with the Board in reference to the Newsletter, Websites, Challenge Sponsors, and focusing on the OBBS Banner with the sponsor's Logo's. It was suggested that the Banner be made of Decals that can easily be applied and removed. A decision over prices will be discussed at the next meeting after all the research information is compiled.

### **ON GOING BUSINESS:**

Blues In School: Reno Mussatto had made arrangements for the OBBS's Blues in the Schools crew to perform on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and had their 2nd annual presentation for the 3rd grade classes at Whispering Oak Elementary. Doc Williamson, Gary Whitehead, Reno Mussatto, Bird Dog Bobby and Pappa D and Mike Pappademos. Our host was 3rd grade Teacher and Orange Blossom Blues Society member, Beth Brissette. The presentation was a great success.

Gary Ingber Fund: Jann Childers discussed the next opportunity will be held at a new location. She is still reviewing options for a more workable venue.

Jann Childers also presented the G.I. Fund Guidelines for review, so that the new Board could review the text and documentation. Some changes were requested on the forms, and will be presented at the next meeting.

### **Memberships:**

Karen Stott began a discussion about what opportunities that OBBS can do for getting new members. Suggestions were to do a membership drive featuring the local bands

playing for an afternoon to raise “Blues” awareness. Another suggestion was to get kids involved in a “kids jam”, where the parents can bring kids who want to play Blues, or learn to play Blues. An “Art Contest” was brought up as an idea to design for OBBS with an entrance fee. Other social events; an afternoon jam at a venue that supports OBBS, a Blues Crawl. Another suggestion was to create an OBBS CD compilation of all the local musicians to be sold on the website for OBBS. More ideas will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Up Coming Shows:

Jann Childers had gotten information on the Kissimmee Blues show being held at Heritage Park on April 30<sup>th</sup>. They will have performers there from 10:00am – 11:00pm that day. Jann was going to investigate and see if a booth can be secured.

Meeting adjourned: 8:47pm