

BOARD MINUTES

May 23, 2011

ATTENDANCE:

Herb Ransburg
Jan Dakel
Jann Childers

Reno Mussatto
Karen Stott

Meeting held at Pinaro's: 7:05pm

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan Dakel presented a report which shows our financial status.

A Motion to accept the Treasury Report for May, 2011 was made by Jann Childers. Herb Ransburg Second the Motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Jann Childers had sent the previous Minutes out to the Board to approve by email. It was proposed that the Meeting Minutes will be drafted quickly, and then sent to the Board for approval so that the Minutes can then be posted quickly to the Website.

A Motion to accept the April, 2011 Minutes was made by Jan Dakel. Karen Stott Second the Motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A review of BI-LAW REVIEW OF SECTION 1.0 by the Board. At this time, a decision was made to keep it "As-Is" – no change.
2. Central Florida Best Of The Blues CD – Herb Ransburg will send out in an email and recruit tracks from various Central Florida bands. A question as to whom the project would be open to, and a decision was made that there must be an OBBS member in the band.
3. Karen Stott proposed to set up an OBBS Events Calendar in Gmail, so that we can post separately events such as "Annual Meetings", "CFBC", etc.
4. Karen Stott suggested for a monthly or a weekly email sent out to Members. Herb Ransburg said he would do an email mid month to Members. Jan Dakel said she will be sending updates to Members in reference to their

SPONSORED EVENTS AND FESTIVALS:

Chuluota Festival with Jeff Willey. The Board reviewed over participating in the Festival which will be in November. The Board agreed it would be able to support the Festival.

OBBS SPONSORED EVENTS:

Jann Childers announced the next Ladies of the Blues show is scheduled for Sept. 18th at BB Kings.

Karen Stott suggested that an Events Setup/Kit be created so that when an event comes up to participate in, the kit would contain everything necessary for setup. Some supplies would be needed; bungee cords, duct tape and another table

BLUES IN THE SCHOOLS:

Reno Mussatto discussed with Karen Stott about different options to use on the website for BITS, and inquired about other computer graphic ideas. Reno is currently finishing up an article for BITS from the last presentation. A suggestion was given to investigate other presentation options, etc: Summer Camps.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blues Festival in Kissimmee was held April 30th. Herb Ransburg, Onzie Fruster and Jann Childers participated in the Kissimmee's First Blues event held at Heritage Park. The participating acts: Eric Gales, Eddie Shaw and The Wolfgang, Pat Travers, Shemekia Copeland, Kenny Neal, Ruthie Foster, Mickey Thomas, Elvin Bishop, and John Mayall. All day, they collected names of interest for the OBBS newsletter as well as to keep connected to OBBS for events. The Festival had some great performers for the day and with the tent that Herb had secured, it was a "popular" stop for concert goer's.

Mt. Dora Festival was held May 20-22nd. Karen Stott, Paul Stott and Jann Childers participated in the Mt. Dora Festival. The participating acts were: Nightly Blues Band, Shaun Rounds Band, T. Scott TropRokers Blues Band, Ernie Lancaster Blues Band, Jackie Jones, Selwyn Birchwood & Deuces Wild with R.J. Harmon, Beautiful Bobby Blackman, and a Houseshakers Reunion. The Festival had great local performers, and with the booth setup in the center section, our presence gave great exposure.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

A discussion with the Board over Memberships incurred. A concern about Zaida Zoller of ZShows taking Memberships at her shows – as no paperwork is given to OBBS and Zaida then sends in a check with a name. A suggestion was made to give her Membership Forms so that accuracy of contact information is turned over to OBBS with the check.

It was also suggested that any Events that OBBS does participate with or partner with that the opportunity to collect names for a Mailing list with the potential goal of getting membership

CENTRAL FLORIDA BLUES CHALLENGE:

Karen Stott stated that promotion for the CFBC needs to begin now. The first concern is the “location” of the event. Karen asked the Board to investigate different locations to handle the CFBC event for bands, as well as the band supporters. A tentative date of the event was decided on October 23rd. This date is tentative due to the “Harmonica” competition, as we do not want to book the CFBC the same day. The Board will be talking with some locations this week with hopes of securing one for the event.

The Application process was brought up for discussion, and the requirements for the CFBC will remain the same; an OBBS Member must be present in the band competing. \$80.00 submission fee. Photo and Website must be included into the application. Jan Dakel said she would redesign the application.

A Motion by <u>Jan Dakel</u> to keep the CFBC Application at \$80.00, with the same requirements as last year. <u>Reno Mussatto</u> Second the Motion.
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SPONSOR LIST:

Karen Stott brought up the need for Sponsorship as well as what benefits the Sponsors will have. More to be discussed at the next meeting.

A message will go out requesting Volunteers to the Members for the CFBC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm