

**Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting Minutes (condensed)**  
**May 7, 2008**

**Present:** Ellis Bauman, Jim Knobloch, George Reynolds, Jean Knickelbine, Sharon Manion, and Catherine Rhyner  
**Regrets:** Jon Peik and Brian Ray

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ellis as the acting President. The April 2, 2008 minutes and treasurer's report were reviewed and approved. The association's net worth report showed a balance of \$12,604.69 as of 04/30/08.

The board welcomed Jean and George as our newest board members. They were voted in as members via e-mail prior to this meeting. The new members were informed of our by-laws which are posted on our website.

Prior to this meeting (via e-mail) Karen resigned as a board member and President. Brian reported to the board (via e-mail) that he would continue as the webmaster but would no longer attend meetings or vote.

On behalf of the Sugar Maple Festival and Four Lakes Traditional Music, Evan Murdock and Bill Malone appeared before the board to request \$500.00 additional financial support. They have the opportunity to bring Hazel Dickens in for their August festival. Four Lakes has received some financial contributions for this act but they are still in need of additional funding. After discussion, Catherine made a motion that we donate \$500.00 to Four Lakes, seconded by Jim with no from George, Jean, Ellis and Sharon. George made a motion to underwrite up to \$500.00 which was passed by the board.

Prior to the meeting, Brian had sent out his monthly statistics on the web site usage for the boards review. Site visit was up from the previous month.

A good part of the meeting's time was used to discuss the board structure. At our next meeting we will look at the officer's duties and elect positions.

Raffle tickets for the quilt/fiddle were discussed and Sharon suggested placing an order through an on-line company to save time and money. The board gave her the go ahead to order 2000 tickets. A date will be selected for a Monday night (Dry Bean jam) in October for the drawing.

To date, the \$200.00 deposit sent to Riley's for our May 30<sup>th</sup> party (which was later cancelled) has not been returned. It was suggested that Ellis contact Jon and ask that he send a letter requesting the money be returned since he knew the check number and date this was originally sent to them.

Ellis reported that he had left a message earlier in the day with the attorney who is handling our tax status change and requested an update.

Jim offered to organize the staffing of a SWBMAI table at the Brooklyn Bluegrass Festival which is June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ellis asked Jean if she would draft a press release for the Sugar Maple sponsorship and our quilt/fiddle raffle for review by the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at The Bar Next Door.**