

Minutes of SWBMAI Board of Directors Meeting – October 8, 2009

Attending: Jean Knickelbine, Sharon Manion, Catherine Rhyner, Jim Hodges, Jim Knobloch
Regrets: Jon Peik, James Brocksmith, Julie Cherney, Lane Venden

Jean called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Old Business:

- 1) Approval of September 10, 2009, minutes postponed pending final revision.
- 2) Treasurer's Report Approval deferred pending clarification of jam facilitators' payment schedule (monthly or quarterly?) & T-shirt revenue from Brooklyn festival, Bill Evans/Megan Lynch concert, & Gandy Dancer.
- 3) Recruitment of New Board Members Email blast to be sent to general membership seeking volunteers before contacting suggested individuals.
- 4) Punch Brothers Concert Julie designated SWBMAI contact person for this event at the Wisconsin Union Theater on March 4, 2010.
- 5) In-Kind Donation Policy To be posted on website.
- 6) West High Mandolin Club Jean to deliver complimentary SWBMAI T-shirts during school hours.
- 7) Scholarship Program Catherine proposed that the Futures Award be presented to the West High Mandolin Club in the form of new or refurbished mandolin(s). For the Founders Award Jim suggested providing tuition support to John Fabke during his graduate studies in musicology at UW-Madison. Question raised how much money was appropriated for the scholarship program, as that item is not shown in the budget. Jean to investigate. Catherine to email proposal to all board members.

New Business:

- 1) SWBMAI Case Stickers UPS delivery scheduled for Friday in time for the Bluegrass Caravan shows. Jean to distribute. Decision made to request a \$5 donation for each sticker.
- 2) Rock River Threshere Held every year at Threshermen's Park in Edgerton over Labor Day weekend. Antique farm implements, craft demonstrations, & train rides (<http://www.threshere.org>). Jim H. to investigate possibility of a SWBMAI-sponsored jam at the threshere with member recruitment & promotional sales.
- 3) Holiday Party Will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Goodman Center in Madison with jamming from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, potluck dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, & "SWBMAI's Got Talent" competition from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The board agreed to spend \$20 for use of the kitchen. Sharon to inquire whether the required deposit would increase, if people are asked to bring their own alcoholic beverage (beer & wine) & SWBMAI only provides soda & coffee. Discussed awarding cash prizes (e.g. \$150, \$100, \$50) to winners of the talent show, as decided by a panel of impartial judges (TBD). Donations collected at the Holiday Party could also be presented to the best performance, as determined by audience applause. Jean proposed contacting the Nob Hill Boys & asking them to perform a set at the Holiday Party. Jim suggested The Krause Family Band as an alternative. Band members could then be judges for the talent show. Jim to email proposal to all board members for consideration.
- 4) 2010 SWBMAI Jamboree Fundraiser It had been suggested that we change the Jamboree format next year to attract more people. Using the MBOTMA fundraising model, Jim K. investigated the possibility of bringing Monroe Crossing (a SWBMAI member band from Minneapolis) to Madison to

head-line an early evening concert (7-9 pm) following a late-afternoon jam. The only weekend date that would work for both Monroe Crossing & the High Noon Saloon is Sunday, March 28. They will be on their way home back from the Naperville festival. The High Noon Saloon still has the following Saturdays available for our usual noon to 8 pm fundraiser: Feb. 20, Feb. 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8, & May 15. Cathy Dethmers promised to let us know as these dates become filled & suggests reserving a date as soon as possible. As an alternative, Sharon mentioned an article in the newspaper about the new facility Full Compass built in Verona. They have a performance area available for use by non-profit organizations. Sharon to investigate.

- 5) Bluegrass Caravan Jon & Julie will manage the SWBMAI information table in Milwaukee on Friday, October 9. Jim K. & Jim H. will staff the table on Saturday, October 10, in Baraboo.
- 6) The next board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 5, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jim Knobloch, Acting Secretary