

Chippewa Valley Blues Society Meeting

July 23, 2014

The Chippewa Valley Blues Society meeting was at Dooley's Pub in Eau Claire on July 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Mike and Debbie Fischer, Jennifer Hazen-Coyne, Duane Kebschull, Ken Fulgione, E.J. Johnson, Don Bestul, Dean Kolander and Mary Dettmann. Mike Fischer called the meeting to order.

Items on the agenda

Treasurer Report: Account balances are CVBS: \$1,855.07 and TNB: \$7,769.72. Jen would like to merge the CVBS and TNB accounts together with separate accounting for each. Jen believes we should be able to with the use of the "Zero" program. This program should enable us to list a description of costs and print and distribute monthly. A request was made to put together a yearly budget with a prediction of costs. Our donations through the Bucket are \$2,919.77 this year.

Membership: Don reported memberships total of \$390.00. We should mention membership option at each TNB and availability at the booth.

Tuesday Night Blues(TNB): EJ reported this is a successful season so far. Ken is working on the invoicing for our sponsors. We discussed making duplicate copies and leaving or sending one to the sponsor for their accounting purposes. This may help with timely collections. There are a few left to collect from, Ken will follow up. Vendors have all paid with the exception of one. We may increase fee to \$75.00 next year and grandfather in our existing vendors for one year. The fees will be collected up front.

Old Business: Square tracking program: we have the ability to take electronic payment at our booth. We can purchase an Ipad device from DMI Sound that Dano can set up for us. This will enable us to presell tickets for Blues in the Pines and other events or merchandise.

New Business: Approval of T-shirt purchases: request was made for committee approval of t-shirt purchases. Discussion on best practice for budgeting and ordering merchandise.

Events: The Mega Foods event **BBQ and Blues** will be on July 25th at West location and July 26th at East location. Event is all set up and request for volunteers to hand out flyers and an option to use the bluesmobile was mentioned.

Blues on the Chippewa: Dean has a list and need for more volunteers. Please sign up with him.

Blues in the Pines: Dean has a list and request for volunteers to help at the event. It will be held September 5th and 6th in Osseo. Posters and flyers are available and inserted into TNB flyers. If someone signs up for 2 volunteer options, they will get into event for free. There will be camping available on site at Whispering Pines campground.

EJ has a contact that is willing to donate a handmade quilt for us to raffle or take donations toward. Further discussion to include legal matters.

The next meeting to be determined. Check on the website www.chippewavalleyblues.com for details. Meeting was adjourned.