

9/18 2016 Chippewa Valley Blues Society Annual Meeting

1:30 to 2:30 pm, Stones Throw, 304 Eau Claire Street

Attendees: Tracy Hirsch, John LeBruin, Cheryl Apfel wise, Don Bestul, Dean Kolander, Debbie Fischer, Scott Spicer, Lisa Spicer, Evangeline Cliver, Shelly Johnson, Dan Callan, Steve Rheaume, Chris Alcorn, Mike Fischer, Eric Johnson, Ken Fulgione

- I. President Announcement: Eric Johnson Greatly in need of new members and volunteers to help out with Tuesday Night Blues. Need muscle, people to help with set up and tear down.

Eric introduced Steve Rheaume and Chris Alcorn from the Northwoods Blues Festival. The festival will be June 30 and July 1, 2017 at the Northern Wisconsin State Gairgrounds in Chippewa Falls.

- II. Secretaries Report: Cheryl Apfel Wise. Read minutes from last year's annual meeting. Mike Fischer made a motion to accept last year's minutes, seconded by Cheryl Apfel Wise. Motion carries.

- III. Membership committee report: Cheryl Apfel Wise. Reported that we had 64 current paid members and 20 of those were new. **CORRECTION: we actually had 70 current paid members, 22 of which were new as of 9/18.** 2015 ended with 84 paid members. So we are down 14 from last year. Last year's goal was 100, which we did not make.

Mike Fischer asked to discuss why we are down so much this year. We would like to make a big push for membership this year. Asked for who would be interested in being on the membership committee meeting in 2017 – Shelly Johnson, Debby Fischer, Eve Cliver, Don Bestul. Cheryl to schedule first meeting for membership committee in October.

- IV. Treasurers report: Mike Fischer reported that we have approx \$8500 in the bank account and almost all bills are paid.
- V. Sponsors report: Ken Fulgione. Sponsors committee needs help with getting sponsors, knocking on doors. Our goal last year was \$12,000, but we only did \$9,000. Ken is going to get out earlier in order to get sponsors earlier.
- VI. Tuesday night blues report: Mike Fischer. Mike read the last Bluesletter aloud. It was the best TNB season we've had so far. Average of 1100 people a night.
- VII. New business: Mike Fischer made a motion to move the annual meeting to October to combine with the October quarterly meeting. This is with the understanding that we will need to make a bylaw change to reduce

the number of meetings per year from five to 4. This would give us more time to put things together for the annual meeting.

Mike Fischer motioned that the 2017 annual meeting be held in October in conjunction with the October general meeting. Shelley Johnson seconded. Dean asked if this is for future years only. Yes, from now on. Motion carries.

No new bylaw changes at this time.

Next general meeting is in October.

Discussion related to how to get volunteers. Ideas: Music students, marketing students from tech school.

VIII. Elections

Secretary – Mike Fischer nominates Cheryl Apfel Wise for secretary, Shelly Johnson seconded. Nomination carries.

Treasurer – Cheryl Apfel Wise nominated Mary Dettman for Treasurer, Debby Fischer seconded. Nomination carries

Member at large – Ken Fulgione nominated Duane Kebschull for Member at Large, Shelly Johnson seconded. Motion carries

TNB chairperson - Mike Fischer nominated Eric Johnson for TNB committee chairman, Dan Callan seconded. Motion carries

Vice President - Cheryl Apfel wise nominated Debby Fisher for Vice President, Shelly Johnson seconded, Mike Fischer nominated John LeBruin, who declined. Motion carries for Debby Fischer.

President - Shelly Johnson nominated Mike Fischer for President, Debby Fischer.

IX. Conclusion – Need to establish date and time for October General Meeting

Don Bestul moves to adjourn, Debby Fischer seconded, motion carries.