

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION
MEMBERS MEETING

April 12, 2008



President Wayne Walker called the meeting to order at 11:03 am.
A total of 18 members were present.

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) – March minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: (Ed Richter) Wayne Walker reported that we had a cash flow mainly from dues. Expenses for the month were primarily from purchase of t-shirts.

Committee Reports:

Communications (Dale Franklin) no report

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Phil Pickens) no report

NewsGrass – (Dale Franklin) no report

Activities – Gordon Jones and John Gay

Preparations for Earth Day (April 19th) at Shelby Farms

Jim Phillips is working to coordinate final arrangements for MABA bands to play at Earth Day. MABA bands, Single Tree, Delta Blue, Brush Arbor, and Real Grass, have agreed to play. The Earth Day event is free as is parking at Shelby Farms. Sam Ketchum will set-up a MABA table. Jim Phillips noted that a sound check will begin around 10:00 am and asked for any volunteers to show up at that time. MABA will receive a \$1,000 donation for their participation. MABA will have flyers to hand out announcing the upcoming Williston Festival.

Preparations for Bartlett Bluegrass Festival (May 2nd)

John Gay will have Kinko's print 350–500 color flyers to hand out at the Bartlett Festival announcing the Williston Festival.

There will not be a Saturday jam at Hope Presbyterian on May 3rd.

Preparations for the Williston Festival

John Gay reported that Rawley Cain arranged spots for two appearances of MABA bands on Channel 3 TV (Live at 9) to promote the MABA sponsored festival at

Williston Festival in June. Television dates are: Monday June May 26th (Delta Blue), and Monday June 9th (Hard Drive).

Harry McLellan and Roy Jenkins recently visited the site of the Williston Festival. Harry and Roy suggested that some cosmetic surgery such as replacing several tarps on the stage and tidying up the stage area would greatly improve the facility. Approximately \$1,000 will be necessary to replace the tarps, sound system, port-a-potty(s), moonwalk, and refreshments. Brenda Cole will be in charge of drinks, Carol Martin will be in charge of the gate. Jim Phillips has 13 bands scheduled to play over the two day festival. Mark Holder will be in charge of sound. Larry Bomar will emcee the show.

A suggestion was made that MABA should consider holding beginner workshops at our festivals.

Regulatory – (James Johnson) no report

Membership – (Gordon Jones) Gordon reported that during the past month, we acquired 10 new members, had 155 renewals for a total of 248 members.

Education – Jennifer Eggers (no report)

GRASS – (Al Gallarno) no report

Lucy Opry – (Beth Mays no report)

Welcoming/Caring – Loyce Smith, Jo Edith & James Hudson, Erna Wheeley
Loyce reported that two cards were sent in March and one was sent so far in April.

New Business:

A request was received by Bob Waters from Rita Justice (copy center at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, where our NewsGrass was previously copied) that MABA consider supporting the Fire Station where her husband works by providing a MABA band to play at their annual firehouse festival in May. Jim Phillips will try to arrange a band to play for this event.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.

Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.