

MEMPHIS AREA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERS MEETING

October 13, 2009



President Harry McLellan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

A total of 12 MABA members were present.

Secretary's Report: (Bob Waters) September minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: (Larry Bomar)

Larry reported there was no activity on the MABA bank account this month. Several new members have joined through Pay Pal and Gordon Jones, Membership Chairman, will add their names to the MABA membership mailing list. Larry stated that he is now authorized to work through Pay Pal.

Larry reported that Ed Fleener will receive a check from MABA to cover expenses incurred at Ed's Pickin Porch during the MABA fall picnic.

*Communications* (Karen Clark)

Yahoo News Group – (Mike Albert) no report

Website – (Chuck Clark) No report

NewsGrass – (Karen Clark) no report

General comment made that NewsGrass looks real good and always arrives on time.

Rick Crenshaw stated that he will write an article for NewsGrass on the MABA Members meeting.

*Activities* – (Gordon Jones and John Gay)

—John Gay reported that the MABA picnic, held at the Fleener Pickin Porch, was poorly attended likely as a result of the inclement weather. It was estimated that approximately 40-50 people attended, although most were not MABA members, but rather guests of Ed and Beth Fleener.

MABA is appreciative of all the work that do in putting-on and hosting the MABA picnic.

John Gay will speak with Mark Winborn about locking into a date in February for the MABA potluck dinner at Woodland Presbyterian Church.

*Regulatory* – (James Johnson; Wayne Walker and Peter Smith) no report

*Membership* – (Gordon Jones) no report

Rick Crenshaw will send out a reminder to the MABA members about renewing their membership for 2010.

*Education* – () no report

MABA thanks Helen Davis for a job well done in hosting the Lisa Ray fiddle workshop at her home.

*GRASS* – (TBA) no report

*Lucy Opry* – () no report

*Welcoming/Caring* – Loyce Smith, Jo Edith & James Hudson, Erna Wheeley

New Business:

President McLellan reported that he was contacted by a city representative from Millington as to how the city might go about putting on a bluegrass festival. Harry also reported that he would contact the Memphis Folk Alliance about MABA joining their organization.

Larry Bomar spoke with a representative from the Tennessee Arts Commission about how MABA might go about applying for grants to support our organization.

Another lively discussion took place about the status of our organization and how we might “grow the club”.

Harry McLellan adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

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Meeting notes taken by Bob Waters.