

Board Members Present:

President:	Bob Williams	WEB/ Communications Chair:	Jim Vineyard
Activities Chair:	Peter Smith	Secretary:	Yolanda Harper
Treasurer:	Karl Gray		

Board Member(s) Unable to Attend:

Vice President:	Marshall Brown	Membership Chair:	Gordon Jones
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There being a quorum present, Bob Williams called the meeting to order at 12:06p.m. and gave an invocation. This meeting will be the monthly meeting for January, 2017

Standing Agenda/Old Business – Treasurer and Committee Reports:

Approval of Minutes: The first order of business was to vote for the approval of the November 2017 minutes. Jim Vineyard moved that the minutes be approved. Peter seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor and the motion carried. The record should note there are no official board meeting minutes for December 2016. A board meeting was called for December 10, 2016. Bob Williams, Jim Vineyard and Yolanda Harper were in attendance; however, there not being a quorum present, an information meeting was held absent any voting items. Notes were taken and emailed to the board members to inform absent members of the conversation.

Treasurer's Report: Board treasurer, Karl Gray, gave the treasurer report. The 2016 cash flow report indicated \$1,015.00 total income; \$1,290.26 total outflow with an end-of-year deficit of -\$275.26. Karl then reported the 2017 expenditures YTD: Total expenditures = \$531.97. Karl then presented a draft general budget for 2017 based on anticipated expenses. Board members presented additional items for budget consideration and discussed strategies to increase income in order to offset expenses. Yolanda Harper moved the treasurer's report and budget be approved. Jim Vineyard seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Communication Report: Jim Vineyard reported that the website is updated. There was discussion about what types of communications to send to the MABA membership and Friends of MABA lists. Jim and Yolanda confirmed that Gordon Jones provided Dianna Ford's phone numbers. Yolanda will contact Ms. Ford to discuss the MABA Facebook page. Bob mentioned that there were individuals still arriving at 12:00pm for the Saturday jam because they were not aware of the time change from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m. (old time) to 1:00pm-4:00pm (new/current time). Jim will send a reminder email announcement to the MABA membership and Friends of MABA email lists.

Activities Chair Report: Peter Smith reported that he heard from Mike Kisner regarding his availability to teach a fiddle workshop. The Board tentatively set the date for March 11, 2017. Peter will confirm with Mr. Kisner and report back to the board. Peter Smith moved to pay Mr. Kisner \$250.00 for a two-hour Beginner/Intermediate workshop. Jim Vineyard seconded the motion. The motion carried with the consensus of the Board.

Membership Report: Gordon Jones was not present to give the membership report. Karl Gray reported that there has been no change in membership since the last report.

Welcome and Caring Outreach Report: Bob Williams reported that the daughter of one of the board members passed away within the past week. Jim Vineyard recommended flowers be sent to the board members'/parents' home. Bob volunteered to contact Jean Jones and request that she send flowers on behalf of the MABA Board and membership to express our sympathies.

New Business:

- The board discussed new marketing strategies in increase awareness of MABA, including business cards, event promotion and holding additional jam sessions in different locations.

Old Business:

- Old business included the discussion of the fiddle workshop logistics.

There being no further business, Peter Smith moved the meeting be adjourned. Jim Vineyard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Yolanda Harper
(DRAFT, pending board approval)