

Board Members -- Present:

President: Bob Williams  
Treasurer: Jon Jenkins  
Secretary: Bill Erskine  
Membership Chair: Gordon Jones  
Communications Chair: Bob Davis  
Activities Chair: Peter Smith

Absent:

Vice President Marshall Brown

There being a quorum present, Bob Williams called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and gave an invocation.

Standing Agenda/Old Business – Treasurer and Committee Reports.

Approval of Minutes: There was no meeting in September or October.

Treasurer: Jon Jenkins gave the report. Net earnings of \$276 YTD, and current bank balance \$8,217. Recent expenses include \$50 for internet support to Catalog.com and \$261 for food for the October picnic at Shelby Forest. The report was approved by the Board.

Membership: MABA now has 67 paid members, slightly fewer than a year ago. Dues for 2015 are due in January. After discussion about dues and membership, the Board approved lowering membership dues to \$15 per year effective now. This might encourage a few more members.

Activities: The pick-camping event was deemed a success, having an estimated 35-40 attendees on October 11.

Communications: The MAA website has been updated. We will send out written reminders about dues and membership to members for 2013 and 2014 only, about 110 reminder letters. Email reminders will go to all names we have.

New Business:

1. The group discussed having the Gary Williams Potluck Dinner in 2015, possibly at an indoor location in March or at an outdoor location such as a park gazebo/shelter in May or June, which would be a smaller expense. This will be discussed again at the December meeting, and suggestions are welcomed. Larry Bomar mentioned that the shelters at Shelby Farms include one able to accommodate up to 100 people.
2. Discussion was held about the entry door access for the Saturday jams at Hope Church. Bob Davis will add cell phone numbers for regularly-attending members to the dues reminder letter, so people arriving at various times can call upstairs for help in getting into the church. Members also discussed possible alternate locations for the Saturday jam, but we are generally pleased with the Hope Church location. Many locations are concerned about liability and security of their buildings.
3. Elections are held in December, so everyone is asked for input and volunteers to serve the organization. Bill Erskine mentioned that he does not expect to be able to serve as Secretary for 2015, so at least that position will be open.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Erskine, Secretary

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