

Board Members Present:

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

Board Member(s) Unable to Attend:

Vice President:	Marshall Brown
Membership Chair:	Gordon Jones

There being a quorum present, Bob Williams called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. and gave an invocation. This meeting will be the monthly meeting for September, 2016.

Standing Agenda/Old Business – Treasurer and Committee Reports:

Approval of Minutes: The first order of business was to vote for the approval of the August 2016 minutes. Yolanda Harper asked for clarification regarding the availability of minutes from the July 2016 meeting. Bob Williams and Jim Vineyard confirmed that no minutes were submitted for the July meeting by the previous secretary. Jim Vineyard moved that the August 2016 minutes be approved with the inclusion of the statement “No minutes were submitted for approval for the July, 2016 meeting.” Peter Smith seconded the motion. All board members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Karl Gray gave the report. The bank balance remained at \$7,118.99 and the YTD net receipts remain at \$263.16. Karl will complete and mail in the State of Tennessee Annual Exemption for Charitable Organizations document received. Peter moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Yolanda seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Communication Report: Jim Vineyard raised the issue he communicated with the board members by email: that he received a communication announcing a Bluegrass Festival to be held October 29, 2016 at Shelby Forest State Park, the same date selected for the MABA Fall 2016 picnic. It was agreed that further discussion of this should be added to the agenda in order to vote on whether or not to change the date of the MABA picnic.

Bob Williams reported that Dianna Ford was the name he was given as the administrator of the MABA Facebook page and that Jeff Talent knows how to contact her. Yolanda and Jim will attempt to contact Dianna in order to gain administrative rights to the MABA Facebook page.

Activities Chair Report: Peter Smith reported that he contacted Mike Kisner as a possible teacher for a fiddle workshop. Both Bob and Jim said they received much positive feedback from MABA contacts and others regarding interest in a local fiddle workshop. Peter will continue to pursue communications with Mike regarding the logistics of having him offer the workshop on behalf of MABA.

Membership Report: Karl Gray reported the current membership to continue to be 58 paid members as reported at the August meeting. Bob Williams reminded the board members that Jean Jones is the Welcome and Caring outreach member who sends cards and facilitates communications regarding members who are ill or who experience a loss in their families.

New Business:

- The board continued discussion of the issue Jim Vineyard raised during his Communications report regarding another Bluegrass Festival also being scheduled at Shelby Forest State Park on the same date selected for the MABA Fall 2016 picnic. Board members discussed pros and cons of having the MABA picnic on the same date in the same state park and the consensus was that the advantages outweighed any potential disadvantages. Peter moved that we continue to hold our annual picnic as scheduled and for Jim to send the official flyer to the MABA members and the “Friends of MABA” email list. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jim volunteered to be Marshall's backup for picnic arrangements.

Old Business:

- Bob Williams raised the topic of changing the Saturday jam meeting time from 12:00pm-3:00pm to 1:00pm-4:00pm. Jim discussed the feedback he received from the email survey he sent regarding a potential time change and found

no significant opposition to the proposed time change. Peter suggested changing the time as a trial for several months in order to monitor attendance and receive any additional feedback from members. Jim moved to begin with the October 1 meeting for a one month trial. Peter moved to amend the motion to allow for a longer trial period due to the transient nature of some members' attendance. Extending the trial would also allow sufficient time for the change to be communicated. The motion was amended to change the Saturday jam meeting time from 12:00pm-3:00pm to 1:00pm-4:00pm beginning October 1 through December 31. Karl seconded the motion. Bob called for the vote. The vote was unanimous in favor of the change. The board authorized Jim to send the communication regarding the change by email to the board and to update the website.

There being no further business, Peter Smith moved the meeting be adjourned. Jim Vineyard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

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