



*Celebrating **Blues Music** in the Greater Madison, WI Area*

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2018

Present: Christine Johnson, Julie Ethridge, Shari Davis, Peter Gill

Absent: Chris Kalmbach

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

There was a motion to review the minutes via email.

Picnic: The picnic did better in 2018 due to cutbacks on the expenditure side. However, revenue was down too. It appears that overall we are only down about \$2000. Insurance coverage was high. We paid \$2207 insurance this past year, including \$783 for Director and Officer Insurance, \$884 in Liability Insurance for the Picnic, and \$540 for Event Cancellation Insurance of the Picnic. Pete will finalize a picnic summary of the last 3 to 4 years and send out to the Board.

The Picnic location was discussed. Christine said she would put a hold on Warner Park for the Saturday of Father's Day weekend in 2019. Shari Davis suggested we also review other sites. Julie Ethridge motioned that Christine would also reach out to Winnequah Park in Monona and connect with the Director of WestFest to see if a partnership could be an option. Shari will research Keva Sport Center and check for possible other locations. Christine will also complete the historical narrative that Julie started in order to summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the Annual Picnic.

It was noted that the event at FLIX Brewhouse was a success and the board would pursue more social engagements with members.

Bylaw revisions were discussed. The board felt strongly that staggered terms were needed. The board also felt that a full slates of candidates who had a clear sense of time and effort involved in serving on the board was needed.

Music Committee: Susie Launder resigned as music chair. The Board thanked her for her service and Christine said she would ask if other Music Committee members would be interested in staying on.

Julie made a motion that a portion of the proceeds for the bowling fundraiser go towards a scholarship fund of some sort for a high school student or young adult to attend Blues Camp in Chicago or another educational event. Julie was going to reach out to music teachers in the area and see if there was a need.

Shari Davis contacted about a dozen local musicians and a few already got back to her about participating in Bowling, Brew and Blues on December 2. She will send a status update.



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Christine said she would be in charge of publicity and Peter said he would be in charge of shirts for the event on December 2. Julie would work with the facility and be in charge of registration and logistics. Shari would work with the volunteer celebrities. The official name was determined to be Bowling, Brews & Blues. Julie said she would update the spreadsheet of duties and publish it on Google docs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM with a motion from Peter and a second by Shari.

Respectfully submitted.

Julie Ethridge