

Arizona Bluegrass Associations August 29, 2009, Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at home of Rick Rhodes, @ 7257 N. 50th Drive, Glendale AZ, 85301 @ 11 A.M

Presiding Officer: Rick Rhodes, Chairman

Attendees: Board Members

John Bragg	Beacon Editor, Data Base Administrator, Member Services
Sam Kerch,	Treasure, Web Site Designer
Bill Sheldon	Vice Chairman
Igor Glenn	Director
Leslie Rhodes	Director
Ken Killibrew	Director
John Harris	Secretary

Quorum for Meeting

There were four or more Board members present and a quorum was established for meeting

Old Business:

Approval of July 2009 past meeting Minutes was moved, accepted as presented and approved by all board members in attendance.

Topics of Discussion

Treasury Report.

Sam Kerch delivered the report FY May 1 – July 31, 2009, which was moved, accepted as presented and approved by board members in attendance

General Fund -	\$4,299.41
Les Preston Memorial Fund	\$615.00
Future Grass Fund	\$2,860.70
End Balance as of 7/31/09	\$7,75.11

Chairman's Comments:

EMC Liability Insurance ABA will keep current insurance coverage. Insurance covers all events and for volunteers who work in booth at festivals. Annual rate is \$680.00 dollars with due date of 10/01/2009.

Rick Rhodes, Booth – T-Shirts

After exploring different sources in cost and implementing new designs, it is cheaper to keep current T-Shirt logo/deign. Found new source, Layout fee is \$125.00 dollars, and one time set up fee \$25.00 dollars. Cost per T-Shirt @ \$5.00 dollars each. Benefit, don't have to buy large bulk of T-Shirts at one time.

Igor Glenn - Bass Workshop OPEN ITEM

Igor reports of a bass symposium in December in Mesa, wants to use this opportunity to conduct a bass workshop to introduce bluegrass music to 80 – 90 young bass players. He has requested the need for pickers to assist him. Date, time and location for the workshop have not been determined. He will notify ABA members John Bragg and Sam Kerch to advertise in Beacon and on ABA web site once date, location and times have been determined.

Future Grass, Igor Glenn

Igor announced he will be visiting the Navajo and Pima Indian reservations to introduce bluegrass music and the different types of musical instruments to the children there. He will ask Annie Beach to use some of the instruments for demonstration purpose to the children.

Ken Killebrew Utilization of ABA Telephone Hotline/Message Center

ABA hotline up and running. When a caller contacts the hotline they will hear recording listing of up-coming events and jams and will have capability to leave voice mail for the ABA. Hotline phone number is 602-518-9057. Ken will update actual monthly cost for operating hotline by next board meeting.

Sam Kerch, Budget Analysis

Sam reported that total operating funds for ABA as of July 31, 2009, was \$4,299.41 dollars.

John Bragg – Beacon Editor Discussed:

- Report great response with Electronic Beacon, 12 members switched from receiving hard coping to accepting the electronic Beacon on line.
- Article to Beacon must be submitted to him no later that 15th of each month
- Members who are delinquent on membership due are reminded of expired dues when provided last issue of Beacon (Hard Copy). Membership will be terminated if dues are not paid prior to time next Beacon comes out. Members who receive Beacon electronically will receive a 60 and 30 day notice prior to terminating membership.
- John reported new committee member, Jim Murray who has joined the Beacon Team. He will assist John on all membership work.
- John is working at getting volunteers for Beacon committee to be responsible for each section of the Beacon and Layout of Beacon.

Rick Rhodes - Strictly Bluegrass Jam

Rick discussed new location for upcoming bluegrass jam. The jam will take place on September 27, 2009, 3 – 6 p.m. located at the Ramada Inn, Grand Avenue, Peoria AZ. The upcoming jam will be advertised in Beacon and on ABA website.

Rick Rhodes – Rail Jams

Rick discussed possibility utilizing the Rail system downtown to expand the ABA jams to a greater audience. By acquiring locations along the rail system (restaurants, clubs, coffee shops) this would give individuals greater opportunities to attend various jams through out the valley plus advertisement for ABA.

Sam Kerch – Future Grass in Charter School

Sam announced Valley Academy Charter school holding a Spring Festival (March 2010) and has invited ABA board members put band together and perform bluegrass music, to help introduce to parents and children the sounds of bluegrass music.

- Feature instrument petting zoo that will allow the children and parents opportunity to get more familiar with the instruments
- Through parent/teacher night find out if parents/children are interested in attending workshops, if there is an interest then present flyers to the school, with dates and times for the various workshops
- ABA board members to put workshop together to expose what bluegrass music is and mentor children on how each of the instruments are played and a brief history of the instrument.
- It was recommended to have children as part of the mentoring process with an adult, possible utilize children from jam pack.
- Sam will work at finalizing all details and will provide update at next board meeting.

Leslie Rhodes – 2009 Fall Campout – November 21, 2009

No definite site has been determined. Leslie is checking in various locations to include Ramada Inn, Grand Avenue, Peoria AZ, who also offer RV parking, with hook ups. Discount rates would be available. Mount View Baptist church in Dewy AZ has offered the use of their property (3-5 acres) (dry camping), also Pima Fairgrounds in Case Grande AZ as a possibility. Leslie is still working at establishing a definite site location for the 2009 Fall Campout and will present findings at next ABA board meeting.

Election of New Board Member

Leslie Rhodes was elected as incumbence member to replace Bill Sheldon, current vice chairman for rest of 2009. Bill has elected to step down as ABA board member so he will have more time to work on his Beacon articles. He has volunteered to work on the Beacon Newsletter committee with John Bragg. The board members were sad to see Bill go but did understand his rationale for leaving prior to end of year. The board unanimously voted to add Leslie Rhodes as one of its new members. Nomination accepted, moved, and approved by all board members. Welcome aboard Leslie

Leslie Rhodes - ABA Christmas Party

Leslie Rhodes requested board approval of funds for the upcoming ABA Christmas party in the amount of \$1,200.00 to \$1,250.00 dollars. (Funds will be used to cover the cost of table settings & decorations per table and gift bags.

Leslie also presented the following items to the board for discussion and approval:

- Awards for 2009: None Recommended: Volunteer of Year award was recommended for 2010
- Nomination for Blue Grass of the year: Debbie Stone was selected. Nomination accepted, moved and approved by all board members.
- Raffle gifts for display (Instruments etc.) Each board member was encouraged to go out to different music stores requesting donations of instruments for ABA.
- Give away free gifts at Christmas Party (5) T-Shirts and (2) Free Membership
- Request board members to assist/help handicap individuals getting their evening meal
- The use of a Volunteer Table (need flyers/suggestions for areas where people can help)
- A booth that will have list of upcoming festivals, jams and sale of T-Shirts
- For the board to provide funds for cost of awards for Jam Pak kids: Ken Killebrew volunteered to donate \$150.00 dollars to cover the cost of the awards on behalf of the ABA board.

Board Members Returning

Rick Rhodes – Chairman
Ken Killebrew – Director
Leslie Rhodes – Director
Sam Kerch – Treasurer
Igor Glenn – Future Grass
John Harris-Secretary

Board Members Leaving

Bill Sheldon
John Bragg

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by 1 P.M.

Next Board Meeting

Date, Time and Location to be announced by Chairman at a later date.

John Harris
ABA Secretary