

Arizona Bluegrass Association

September 20, 2008 Board Meeting

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Call to Order – Bitz-ee Mama's Restaurant, Glendale, AZ; 9 AM

Presiding Officer: Rick Rhodes, Chairman

Attendance

Attendees -

BOARD MEMBERS

Rick Rhodes, Chairman
John Harris, Vice Chair
Bill Kamper, Secretary
John Bragg, Director

GENERAL MEMBERS

Gayle Bragg
Maxine Eldredge
Sam Kerch
Carol Pearce
Leslie Rhodes

Absent –

BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Burns
Jane West

Old Business

Minutes from the July 2008 Meeting

- Were not reviewed or approved. According to the by-laws, without approval of minutes, a meeting and its decisions cannot be considered valid. ACTION: Bill Kamper; Route minute via e-mail for Board approval before next meeting. 11/22

New Officer

- Rick Rhodes introduced Sam Kerch, a CPA, and recommended him as Treasurer of the ABA to replace Jane West who stepped down. J. Bragg made the motion, it was seconded by J. Harris and passed unanimously. This makes Sam a Director and an Officer.

Treasury – Sam Kerch

- The financial status was not available due to transition of treasurers, Sam will audit and have a report completed by the next board meeting. ACTION: Sam Kerch, 10/30. DONE
- At the proper time he will prepare the Tax Statements. ACTION Sam Kerch, timeframe not known.
- Sam must be made a formal signer on the checking account and be given access to the past records. ACTION: R. Rhodes, B. Kamper, S. Kerch; 10/15. DONE

ABA Booth – Rick Rhodes

- In October there will be conflicting needs for an ABA Booth at the Mesa Riverview and at Festivals. Bill Kamper moved the ABA maintain two booths for such occurrences. John Harris seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Beacon – John Bragg

- Last month e-Beacon distribution increased to 121 members, 283 were printed.
- Sam suggested we buy stamps directly using ABA credit cards. USPS.GOV provides the service. ACTION: Sam Kerch, investigate the details; 11/22.
- Rick appointed John Bragg to officially be the contact person for flyer inclusion in the newsletter, including payment when appropriate, and forwarding PDF artwork to B. Kamper for the Web.
- There were some concerns the file size was large and so not being received. ACTION: B. Kamper, 11/22; DONE: the original e-Beacon file was 2.5 MB; after max compression it was still 2.1 MB; not enough to help.

Website – Bill Kamper

- Web was brought fully up to date after a lapse of four months due to personal reasons.
- Rick asked that we don't date the pages except Jams, Bands, Festivals, and Events.
- Leslie asked Bill to designate a backup webmaster. ACTION: Bill Kamper, 11/22. DONE: Sam Kerch has agreed to backup both the domain registries and the web content as needed.
- Website advertising costs is separate from the Beacon advertising costs. As far as what prices to charge for website advertising, was tabled until the next meeting.
- Bill attempted to link the membership application form as a PDF as was earlier suggested but it did not work properly. Sam explained how it could be done. ACTION: Bill Kamper, Fix the link. DONE.

New Business

Directors and Assignments – Rick Rhodes

- With Sam Kerch, the ABA now has six Directors and one opening. We are presenting recruiting a seventh. Two were contacted by B. Kamper who expressed potential interest, Igor Glenn and John Burton. ACTION: Rick Rhodes, contact each of them to explore the possibilities; 11/22.

Bluegrass of the Year

- Carol Pearce and Maxine Eldredge made a recommendation to elect an ABA Member for this honor. The board will submit their nominations as well by 09-27.

By-Laws

- The By-Laws must be updated for any increase in dues as happened in 2007 without a membership vote. In the next meeting we should review needed changes and propose how to incorporate them. ACTION: Bill Kamper, OCR the existing By-Laws and distribute before the next meeting, 11/22.
- John Bragg recommended we table a previous proposal to charge a premium of \$2 for postal delivery of newsletters.

Committee Directors – Rick Rhodes

- Rick asked John Harris to assume directorship responsibility for the Entertainment Committee and he accepted.
- The Committees currently are:

Booth	Rick Rhodes
Website	Bill Kamper
Beacon	John Bragg
Entertainment	John Harris
Jams Coordinator	TBD
Camp Outs (Fall & Spring)	TBD
Futuregrass	TBD

Futuregrass - John Bragg

- Futuregrass Scholarship needs to be defined and discussed at the next board meeting. ACTION: Rick Rhodes, 11/22

Official ABA Logo - John Bragg

- Each issue of the Beacon has a different logo. Although no one has complained, John proposed the membership choose a logo at the Christmas Party. Meanwhile we will return to the previous logo. ACTION: John Bragg, arrange the event, 11/22.

Next Meeting – Rick Rhodes

- In discussion we agreed the next meeting should occur immediately before the Christmas Party November 22, 2008. ACTION: Rick Rhodes, 11/22.

Adjournment – 12:00 PM

Reported by:
Bill Kamper, Secretary, 11/12/08