

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

In attendance:

Celebrindal

Julian

Simon

Kyle

Jon

Chelsea

Natalie

Cody

Absent:

Lenny

**February Minutes:** Jon moved to accept, Celebrindal seconded, unanimously approved

**Treasurer's Report:** very successful band scramble, but we also had some fees that totaled almost \$800. Assets at around \$10k, healthy. Jon moves to approve. Chelsea seconds. Unanimously approved.

**February Membership Report:** same as usual. Not much to report, ~200 members. Natalie will pick up with membership e-mails some. New business member looking to host bluegrass jams about an hour from town.

**Garage Sale and Band Scramble Recap:** Was very successful! Allen banjo still available, it's valuable and nice. CDs are still in Jon's garage, let's get them out! Maybe KOOP donation.

**Merch:** We are out of hats, and we're down to black logo shirts and the Texas blue grass shirts that no one likes. We have a good inventory on logo stickers. Could do a special shirt with a pre-order. Julian expresses enthusiasm for pocket tees with a small logo.

**Jam:** Problem that there is no paid bass player. Having a paid bass helps so much, and our current free participant is struggling. Proposed that we pay \$50 per week. If we pay for a bass player, that could work well and it seems financially viable (if we don't get any contribution from Sagebrush, it's \$2500 per year. But Sagebrush might help). Vote to spend \$50/week, moved by Jon and seconded by Chelsea. Unanimous vote.

**Annual Meeting:** Sharing booking with Alan in Dallas, who does a booking in November each year, it's good to pair them up. Sam Shelor and Lonesome River Band for \$4750. Another option is Bobby Giles and the Texas Gales. Major regional act, CTBA member, would be basically free because most of the members would play for free and Bobby would play for cheap. Last year's Annual Meeting was a total of \$6k. Discussion of moving Bobby Giles to Memorial Fest. If we want to pair with Dallas for the Lonesome River Band, we have to decide on it today. The other band he proposed was Special Consensus, which is \$4k per night (maybe \$3750 for us). Move by Jon to book Lonesome River Band Nov 10 for \$4000. Seconded by Kyle. All in favor except for abstention from Chelsea.

**Memorial Fest:** Need to pick a date. May 19 instead of the first Sunday in June? Sylvan River Band is interested. Bird Calls is interested. Wayside Bluegrass is interested. The bands usually play the fest for free or for beer.

**Newsletter:** Chelsea will write about Leadership Bluegrass, Natalie can write about South by Southgrass, Jon will write about Farmgrass.

**String Band Festival:** Austin Friends of Traditional Music reached out to see if CTBA would be involved in helping them have bluegrass at the string-band festival. They have a bluegrass jam every year. Suds Monkey has done it in years past. Would be fine, opportunity to have a table. May also want a bluegrass band to play. They don't want money or sponsorship, just want more bluegrass involved in the festival.

**Farmgrass:** Asked if we wanted to have a table there. Sometime in early May.

Jon called the meeting to a close at 7:40pm.

**E-mail amendment:** Following news from Alan in Dallas, on March 21–24 the board voted unanimously via e-mail in favor of paying \$3250 to have Special Consensus come in for the annual meeting in November.