CTBA Minutes Sunday February 26, 2017

Board members present:

Jamie Stubblefield Alice Moore Cheryl Waggoner Mike Hurlbut Nan Hurlbut Bob Vestal Lenny Nichols Jim Wiederhold

Board members absent:

Jason Pratt Sam Dunn

The February meeting was called to order by Jamie.

Re: Approval of minutes from January 15th board meeting. Alice moved that we approve the minutes; Cheryl seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Lenny Nichols (Treasurer) presented the report for January 2017. Total assets: \$13,188. Checking account \$3,613.35; Money Market 7,013.44; and PayPal \$2,561.21. Total expenses were \$298 including \$80 to KOOP radio and State Sales Tax of \$218.60. Income for the month was \$165.43. Lenny moved that the report be accepted and Alice seconded the motion.

Membership update

Mike Hurlbut reported that CTBA has 193 total listed members to include individuals, bands, and businesses. 128 are current and 66 are not current (past due), which is 1/3. Membership is slightly up from last month with six new members. We discussed ideas of how to get the non-current members to re-up their membership. An idea was presented that perhaps at the next band scramble, participants would need to have active memberships to participate. Mike mentioned that new (not renewing) members are now given their choice of a new hat or tee shirt. The idea of window stickers was brought up, but they may be cost-prohibitive.

Newsletter update

Bob Vestal put together the February CTBA newsletter. We still have no permanent newsletter editor and need articles and information for the publication. The responsibility for editing the document will be on a month-to-month basis.

Jams

A record number of 24 people attended the most recent Leander jam; and they will probably add an additional room so that jams can be divided by experience level.

The Dripping Springs jam was well attended on February 25th. The jam has officially moved to Dally's Down Under, 9097 US Hwy 290, Junction City, TX 78636.

Website

Meeting minutes and financials will be sent to Jeff White to be put on the website. Bob will also send Jeff info after getting feedback for website changes.

Voting problems

The voting issue has been resolved; multiple persons in family memberships will now be able to vote.

Bluegrass in the schools

Cheryl noted that she is one of two music teachers in her school, Blazier Elementary, and that she and the other teacher can combine classes for any group interested in performing. It is only February, but because we are entering "testing" season in the schools we may have to wait until fall.

Annual memorial event

The yet-to-be-renamed Raybo Fest will once again be at Hill's Café and is scheduled for May 21st. This year's event will feature four member bands. In addition to finding a new name for this memorial event, we also need to compile a list of persons the event is commemorating.

Radio Spots

Our spot on KOOP still needs to be redone. Per Jamie, Eddie Collins has agreed to record a new one. Ken Brown recommended that we also consider a well-known bluegrass personality (local or other) to do a voice-over, perhaps someone who will be at one of the local music festivals. In either case, copy needs to be written for the spot. Jamie has offered to compose it.

Mike will find the cost of underwriting at Sun Radio. The station occasionally plays bluegrass and is very community oriented.

NEW BUSINESS

In Memory of Clarence Vogel... Bob made a motion that we donate \$100 to VFW of Manchaca in his name. Mike seconded the motion.

Randy, Leslie & Lenny went to the Austin Music Foundation Expo where they met a vendor who offered to put our event posters around town at no charge.

Leslie continues to work on the scholarship program. Though it is announced later in the year, we would like to award it by June because so many workshops and camps are early in the summer.

Bob suggested we could have a quarterly paid concert with a discount for CTBA members. Details would need to be worked out.

Meeting next month is tentatively planned for March 12th.

Adjournment:

Bob moved that the meeting be adjourned Lenny seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.