



**Central Texas Bluegrass Association Meeting
5/2/2020 (meeting held via Zoom)**

Business Conducted between the April and May Board Meetings:

During the month of April, the CTBA performed much business on-line mostly through email. There was one Zoom meeting of the Scholarship committee. That meeting was held on April 9, with the four officers, Jon Lundbom, and Leslie Collier (scholarship coordinator) present. During that meeting, due to the cancellation of most of the spring and even summer music camps, the committee agreed that offering an on-line learning scholarship was a good idea. Expediting the scholarship offer and awards was discussed as well. The committee felt getting the scholarships available in an expeditious manner is best and felt application closure should be 5/15, voted on by the board, with an announcement of recipients prior to June. Because the 5 scholarships will cost just under \$1000, this will be put to a full board vote. On 4/10/2020, Libby moved (with Chip seconding) that:

- (1) CTBA offer 5 on-line scholarships in 2020 in-lieu of the Willa Beach-Porter scholarship with,
- (2) 3 student scholarships (21 and younger) be awarded, and 2 for adults, and
- (3) Adult recipients must be members, and student recipients will receive a one-year complimentary family membership in addition to the ArtistWorks subscription, and
- (4) the requirement for 2 recommendations be retained, and the application process placed on-line, and
- (5) that Izaak Mora be awarded the 2020 Willa Beach-Porter which may be redeemed in 2021.

The motion carried with six of nine board members voting unanimously in favor.

The board offered one of the 3 student scholarships to Izaak Mora, and the offer was declined.

In addition to the scholarship discussion on the 4/9/2020 Zoom meeting of the scholarship committee, Chip reported that ArtistWorks had provided a unique CTBA discount code which reduces the normal cost of a one-year subscription from the normal price of \$279 down to \$199. This generous code, expires on 5/1/2020. Chip said that ArtistWorks often runs sales that lower the price to \$204 (25% discount), and less frequently (a few times each year) runs the \$80 discount such as has been made available under the CTBA code, but that neither of these sales were currently active. The board agreed to offer this discount code to the CTBA membership on 4/9 via email. As there was no cost or risk to CTBA, this was determined not to require a full board vote.

Libby called the May CTBA Board Meeting to order at 12:40. A quorum was established with 6 of 9 current board members present.

Attendees:

Libby Brennan
Chip Bach
Jon Lundbom (non-voting)
Chris Jones
Celebrindal Roberts
Lenny Nichols
David McDonald

Absent: Sammy, Mike, Noah

Treasurer Report (Lenny):

The treasurer's report will be available later this week.

Secretary Report (Chip):

Chip reported that he is still working on the April minutes. April minutes will be presented for board approval along with these May minutes during the regular June meeting.

Merch update (Chris):

Chris provided copies of the invoices for the new CTBA hats and key ring pick holder. Several board members complimented the quality of the hats.

Chris ordered 54 hats and 250 pick holders.

Jon stated that he will build a new web page for displaying and selling this new merch.

The board voted to reimburse \$625.14 Chris for the hats and Chris wishes to donate the pick holders (\$435.48). Chris abstained from this vote, and it carried with 5 of 9 board members voting unanimously in favor. The price structure was discussed for each. The board agreed that an initial pricing of \$20/\$5 plus shipping were reasonable prices. Also, the board agreed to give a pick holder to each new member from January 1, 2020 going forward while pick holders are available.

Membership Report (Jon):

Libby reported that we now have 130 members

Jon provided a membership report.

Scholarship Update (Jon):

Jon reported that we have received five scholarship applications, including some students and adults. The two recommendations required have not been provided by all applicants. Jon will reach out to the applicants to be sure all requirements are met for each.

For reference, the application deadline is 5/15 with the announcement of recipients to occur on 5/25. Libby indicated we would hold a board meeting on or around 5/17 to finalize the awards.

Band Scramble (Libby and Chip):

The band scramble had been previously delayed into late June or July due to virus precautions. The sense of the board is that this is likely too early to hold an event at which physical distancing may be significantly challenged. Chris suggested moving the band scramble to August. Chip suggested we consider holding a video 'contest.' Jon added that the band scramble, as has been held in the past, would severely challenge social distancing, however, indicated there are ways to support physical distancing depending on the venue. Lenny offered that the band scramble could be moved to coincide with the CTBA annual meeting in November and that scholarship recipients might play some songs. Libby added that the current "published" date for the band scramble is June 28. The sense of the board was that June 28 will likely be too early to hold the band scramble. Libby suggested that we work towards holding a CTBA video contest with a target date of June 28. After board discussion, Chip stated he will develop and send out a strawman proposal for board consideration and comment. Lenny felt the categories and judges should be carefully selected. Lenny also initiated some discussion of joining the video contest with the Garage Sale.

Garage Sale (Libby):

Both Jon and Libby have some items that have been donated to CTBA for the garage sale. We discussed the possibility of holding the auction on line perhaps concurrent with the video contest (if held). This will be a continuing topic for the next meeting. Libby felt that we should keep the video contest and the garage sale as separate events.

McD discussed the need for CTBA to remain open to new and different ideas in light of covid.

Celebrindal asked if we could form a committee to follow up on the Video conference. Libby agreed, and that the full board will be kept aware and vote as necessary.

Jon reported that he had completed updating the instructor information on the CTBA page. Discussed adding ArtistWorks to the instructor page, but we have already added links to our web page.

Libby talked about the Central Texas Food Bank, and perhaps offering to bring some bluegrass music to the stations. Libby will follow through with Leslie Collier.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17 to determine scholarship awards. The next regular monthly meeting is June 7.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46