

Central Texas Bluegrass Association
Meeting Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Present:

Lenny Nichols
Jon Lundbom
Chelsea Burns
Evan Hall
Celebrindal Roberts
Natalie Turner
Kyle Kline
Julian Root
Cody Mabe

Not in attendance:

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Jon called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

The board voted to approve the minutes as amended.

Moved by Jon, seconded by Lenny
Motion passes unanimously

Treasurer Report from Lenny: We do not yet have the January treasurer report (recovering from ice storm last week)

Membership report from Evan:

6 total individuals in the past 30 days. Renewal reminder e-mail may have encouraged someone to renew. 193 active total now

Treasurer Transfer:

Evan will train up with Lenny to take over as treasurer
Goal is to get Evan moved over in the coming months

Scholarships:

- ArtistWorks has offered 4 scholarships for 2023—website language reflects this
- Camp Bluegrass has offered a scholarship for 2023—will update website to reflect if needed

- Julian expressed interest, and you can apply, but important to see if there are other applicants first. Julian notes that the festival ends on his birthday, and that would be a nice birthday gift to receive!
- Normally, Camp Bluegrass provides only tuition. Historically, the CTBA has covered room and board for applicants to the scholarship. The plan is to continue with that norm.
- Do we want to revise the upper age limit for the general scholarship for bluegrass camps? We currently offer for 13–18 years old. Do we want to change to offer for adults?
- This money comes from the general budget of the CTBA
- We tend to have few applicants. There are many years in which we give no scholarships at all.
- Seeking to increase the application pool among kids if possible—maybe have folks from the instructor page of the website reach out to their students
- Will keep as is for now, and then pick up the conversation again later

Rod Moag died, very influential

- Family member wrote a lovely memorial, and Eddie has also written his own in memoriam. Will do an e-mail blast specially for this, separately from waiting for the newsletter
- It might be cool to add that a month before dying, the co-op Studio 1 was renamed Rod Moag studio, and he was there for the christening of the new name. Everyone agrees that sounds good.

Need an e-blast about Artistworks and Camp Bluegrass as well

Newsletter

- Julian is fine staying on as head of the newsletter
- Jon would like Julian to take on more of the planning of the newsletter

Merch is fine, we have plenty

- Should get tie dye t-shirts ordered next week, as Old Settlers is coming up (April 21–23)

Old Settlers

- Talent competition: We will provide judges for the preliminary rounds
 - One already happened at Farmgrass
 - One happening at Central Market south soon—Hunter Hollingsworth will judge
 - April 1 in Buda there is another prelim round

- We will also need a judge for the competition at Old Settlers
- OSMF would like help running the workshop tent again—no booking, just need someone to bring a PA and helping control flow of people through the tent
- No more separate non-profit area. Non-profits will be mixed in with vendors.
- All of the music during the day will be in the woods near camping, until 5:30, when mainstage shows start. Vendor area is in between. Anyone getting a ticket will have to sit at the table some, and won't be able to hear music during that time. But the table will wrap by 5:30pm.
- OSMF tickets per day: Talia said that 6 tickets per day or so should be fine
 - Jon has bought his ticket already
 - Last year might be the first time we have used all of the tickets they gave us
 - Not super concerned about getting coverage
 - Natalie will make a spreadsheet to track folks' time and commitments
 - Looks like most board members are willing to help the CTBA and be at the fest as well
- Unclear what is needed for the workshop—whether we'll actually need to bring the PAs or anything. But it will most certainly be less work than last year, because the board is not responsible for recruiting workshopppers, getting bios and photos, etc.

Events

- Memorial Fest
 - Went great last year! Oskar Blues is a great venue, duos are nice, then a great headliner
 - First step: getting a date from Oskar Blues. Jon will follow up on this
 - Next step: headline band to ask
 - Then: figuring out duo performers
- Band Scramble
 - Eddie is up for doing a band scramble this summer
 - Problem for this is rehearsal space with 105-degree weather. Hard to find. Oskar Blues has a lot of space, but outdoors is rough
 - Maybe Suds Monkey would be good? Also outdoors, hot space
 - Should we look at doing this not in the middle of the summer? Perhaps to do at some other event instead. Maybe at the annual meeting and the memorial fest?
 - This is Eddie's baby, maybe he should weigh in on it
 - Jon will follow up with Eddie about these dates
- Garage Sale
 - Jon is not up for running this summer

- Lenny might be up for running it this year—if folks have things, they should send them a note about it. Julian will have some banjo tuners probably.
- It's tradition, but it's also a lot of work—need a place to store stuff
- Annual Meeting
 - Should we try to hire a big band for this?
 - Lenny talked to our pals in Dallas about that. Looking to hire a big touring band is \$5k–7k, probably too much for our budget unless we charge for tickets, but it kind of goes against the spirit of the annual meeting
 - Perhaps if we could find a single player who could play with locals when in town
 - Like maybe just bringing in Lincoln Hensley and Ainslie Porchak from the Nashville Bluegrass Band, but not having the full band with them
 - Perhaps Alan Munde? Last year, he came back to Austin and recorded a new album with Dom, Tony, and others. He seemed like he might be interested in coming back when the album comes out in 2023, as an album release. He might be interested in that being a CTBA event.
 - We'll keep thinking about it
 - Lenny will talk to Dallas folks, see who's coming through

Jon called the meeting to close at 7:27pm