

CTBA Board Meeting
July 13, 2023

In attendance:

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

Absent:

Evan Hall

Move to revise May minutes to add Chelsea Burns in attendance

Moved by Jon

Seconded by Lenny

June minutes accepted (moved by Jon, seconded by Kyle, unanimously approved)

Treasurer report reviewed by Lenny

Lenny moved to accept, Jon seconded, unanimously accepted

Included the numbers for the Memorial Fest

Newsletter

This quarter's just went out

The open and click rates crush the industry standard, 50% open rate

Need to remove Amazon Smile and put something else as a footer—Amazon has discontinued that program, so we have space for something else.

Po Ramblin' Boys will come for the same flat fee as they would have come with Bobby Osborne. Bobby Osborne RIP. Contract was not signed and returned—we have the option to change things up, or we can go for the Po Ramblin' Boys. We are paying \$4k, they are being paid \$6k in Dallas, and it was hard to book a national act for that price in Dallas. November 12.

Celebrindal notes that it would be good to hire a local band that is an actual band rather than just a set of pickers.

Everyone likes the idea of keeping the Po Ramblin' Boys on the ticket.

Julian, Kyle, Jon, and Lenny's terms are up on the CTBA board.

Jon is running for re-election

Kyle is running for re-election

Lenny is still having trouble deciding whether to run again or not

Scholarships

We have received 2 applications year to date

We have not received any youth applications in the past two years

Question of whether we should open up the Willa Beach Porter scholarship to either adults or other uses.

Not sure what the original terms of the donation/funding were.

Lenny will check with Eddie about it as well—he might have some insight.

Ken Brown CTBA Newsletters

Archiving his old newsletters?

Ken broke his arm. it's not healing at all—they've had it in a cast for a long time, they've tried electrical stimulation, it's not working. He doesn't have insurance, surgery is \$50k.

Ken is a longtime member, a founding member of the CTBA. He has played a lot of different roles in the organization.

Can we put together some kind of funding for him?

Ken Brown is perhaps the greatest living historian of the organization. He may be able to help us with the scholarship documentation.

Leslie Collier might be able to put together a GoFundMe. Lenny says that Leslie is quite busy right now.

Julian recommends Gary Mortensen for helping with that.

Lenny says he'll reach out to Gary.

Band Scramble for September/October?

Might be a good opportunity to combine things for a fundraiser for Ken

Our members like it