

CTBA Board Meeting
August 9, 2023

Started at 6:35 Central Time

In attendance:

Lenny Nichols
Jon Lundbom
Julian Root
Kyle Kline
Evan Hall
Celebrindal Roberts
Chelsea Burns

Absent:

Cody Mabe
Natalie Turner

Minutes: approved from July 2023 unanimously.

Treasurer Report: total assets around \$13,900. Not much action this month.

Lenny moved to accept, Celebrindal seconded. Unanimous approval of the minutes.

Note from Lenny about the money for the children's scholarship: Eddie indicated that it could be more than a scholarship. Could be a purchase for an instrument, something else.

Have to replace Amazon Smile on the website

Should we hire a company to digitally archive Ken Brown's massive collection of CTBA newsletters? Let's talk about this in the future.

At the annual meeting, we could honor Ken's longtime service to the CTBA with a lifetime membership. Perhaps we could find something to name for him or something.

Band Scramble: goal is to do one sometime in early October. Hopefully not punishingly hot. Sunday. Not close to the annual meeting. October 1?

Move to early March? Need to avoid SXSW and spring breaks, maybe March 3 2024. Oskar Blues likes hosting it, would be nice to be able to hold outside.

Annual Meeting

Contract with Po' Ramblin' Boys is signed. Lenny sent out the guarantee 50% payment at the start of August.

Merch:

- We are in good shape with logo shirts. Do we want to re-order tie-dye shirts or wait until the next festival? They were such hot sellers, people were asking for sizes we didn't have.
- Might be a different audience at the annual meeting, folks who hadn't seen the tie-dye yet. They're a hit, let's get some more
- Should we do a special shirt for the annual meeting? Maybe not. Maybe better to do a small order replenishing the sizes that are sold out.
- Texas blue grass logo could be sold for \$15 to get them out quicker
- Current inventory of tie-dye shirts: 1 XL, 5 L, 3 S
- A poster sounds nice, tough to get an artist/budget for it—Not Bad Design/Illustration could draw something pretty awesome, is a bluegrass fan and could work on a case-by-case basis. Maybe \$200–250 to get the design done.

Celebrindal put forward a proposal for an opening band for the Po' Ramblin' Boys, and the sound people said it could totally work. Karl Shiflett Family and Friends, The Big Country Show is available and excited to open. He's a traditional act, super entertaining, single-mic full band, does a bunch of stuff that could fit well with the Po' Ramblin' Boys. CJ Lewandowski started in that band, so there's a nice connection.

Current fees: \$4000 for the Po Ramblin Boys, \$500 for hotel. Would need to pay Karl and his band \$1500.

Elections: Lenny will run, yes!

Evan has one year left in his term, but he is leaving town and we should consider appointing someone to finish out his term. We will need to have elections this year, but everyone who is up for re-election is running again. Maybe Sylvan or Simon?

Chris Melas applied for a vocal Artist Works scholarship. The Scholarship Committee has referred it to the board and they are in favor of approving it. It costs CTBA nothing, donated by Artist Works.

Lenny moved approval, Chelsea seconded. Board unanimous approval.

Can our software platform add a "donate now" button? If so, let's use it to replace the AmazonSmile button.

More fundraising will be pursued! Perhaps some conversations should be had with local businesses to see what options might be available.