

CTBA May 2024 Meeting
May 8, called to order at 6:35pm

In attendance (entire board, full attendance):

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

Minutes:

- Lenny moves to accept, Jon seconds, accepted unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed the report, prepared by Lenny
- Lenny moves to accept the report, Jon seconds, everyone unanimously approves
- Financially we're doing well

Membership:

- Up slightly, but still several out-of-date memberships

New website:

- A Wordpress site, which Jon has created following Wild Apricot's big raise in prices
- Functionality seems good, \$100 per year hosting (maybe), \$80 one-time fee for the add-on software.
- Membership payments will be handled through Paypal, but people can still send a check if they prefer
- We will be able to create logins, which could be useful for membership and treasury reports

Sunday jam update:

- Has improved dramatically over the past two months
- Because board members have been playing bass a fair bit, we haven't had to have a significant outlay of cash to cover the bassist

- Jon will be out of town June/July, still need to plan bass schedule for everything after Memorial Fest. Jon/Kyle/Lenny will discuss at Memorial Fest.

Memorial Fest:

- All set for a great event, as long as the weather behaves
- Need a couple of extra XLRs
- Natalie can sit at the merch table (we need to replenish our merch before the annual meeting, but we have a few things still that could be sold for Memorial Fest)

Annual Meeting: no news

- For reference, Simon talked to Danny Paisley and Southern Grass, but they said \$10k or so to make it worth coming to town
- Randy Powell with Baba (Houston area) is hiring some bands as well. Could partner with them to bring in some folks. Celebrindal has spoken with them. New president (Randy Powell) is close with Celebrindal, would be happy to partner with them
- Hired Charla Freeland band out of Arkansas, hiring the Cox Family, hired Karl Schiflett band and Bobby Giles and Texas Gales recently. Open to bringing bands broadly on tour

Thanks to Simon and Lenny for making a new KOOP/CTBA underwriting promo.

Scholarship

- Camp Bluegrass at South Plains University.
 - They donate a scholarship to every bluegrass club in Texas. We got an application for Camp Bluegrass; the scholarship committee said that they would like to grant it to this applicant, Liz
 - CTBA has historically covered double occupancy housing for the recipient. It is approximately \$180 out of pocket for the organization
 - This is likely the last year of Camp Bluegrass
 - Jon moved to accept the applicant, Chelsea seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - Jon moved that we fund room and board up to \$300. Lenny seconded. Unanimously approved.
- ArtistWorks scholarship applications
 - We have received two: Noah and Paula. Paula's committee vote was unanimous, Noah's was majority in favor.
 - These are granted by ArtistWorks to us, and we re-grant them at no cost to the organization

- Jon moved that we award for Noah. Seconded by Natalie. Unanimously approved.
- Jon moved that we award for Paula. Celebrindal seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Applications for Bluegrass camps, from siblings. They have their application in, and one letter of rec each. Board can approve when everything comes in—will be all \$ out of CTBA's coffers (Willa Beach Porter fund).

Farmgrass: a couple of board members attended

Old Settlers: this upcoming weekend. Have not reached out to the CTBA about anything (sponsorship, etc.). Both Old Settlers and Farmgrass offered discount codes for members.

A brief discussion of possible venue change ensued, with the conclusion that board members could pursue and discuss with business owners if they have a place in mind that interests them.

Meeting called to close at 7:36pm