

Meeting Minutes

01/08/25

Attendees:

Jon Lundbom - President
Lenny Nichols - Treasurer
Julian Root - Board member
Hannah Giardino - Board member
Roam Gunn - Board member
John Downing - Board member
Simon Waxman - Board member
Chelsea Burns - Secretary
Kyle Kline - Board member

Absentees:

none

- Meeting called to order by Jon at 6:33pm
- Board congratulated Jon on his acceptance to IBMA Leadership Bluegrass 2025
- Jon moved to approve December 2024 minutes, Simon seconded; motion passed unanimously
- Treasurer report (Dec. 2024)
 - Jon moved to approve, Chelsea seconded; motion approved unanimously
- Treasurer report (Nov. 2024)
 - Lenny announced two revisions
 - Lenny moved to approve revised report, Jon seconded; motion approved unanimously
- Lenny presented 2024 year-end report
- Board discussed the CTBA PayPal account and agreed to close it
- Membership update
 - 237 active as of 12/31/24
- Board elections
 - President
 - Lenny nominated Jon, Kyle seconded; vote was unanimous in favor
 - Vice-president
 - Jon nominated Simon, Lenny seconded; vote was unanimous in favor
 - Treasurer
 - Jon nominated Lenny, Chelsea seconded; vote was unanimous in favor
 - Secretary
 - Jon nominated Roam, Chelsea seconded; vote was unanimous in favor
- Committees
 - Scholarship
 - Board discussed prioritizing providing scholarships for youth camps
 - Composition

- Kyle (chair)
 - Lenny
 - Julian
 - Roam
 - John
 - Membership
 - Board discussed customizing membership-renewal email
 - Composition
 - John agreed to take responsibility for monthly membership updates
 - Newsletter
 - Composition
 - Julian
 - Hannah
 - Simon
 - Social media
 - Composition
 - Hannah (chair)
 - Roam
- Social media and shared-content logins
 - Jon recommended unifying login credentials
 - Board notified that all members have access to shared Google drive and calendar
 - Board notified that all members have moderator access to Facebook account
 - Board notified that all members have moderator access to Instagram account
 - Lenny, Julian, and Simon invited to join Constant Contact (newsletter)
 - Jon will invite Hannah to join Constant Contact
 - Jon will email the board with login information
- Notice of board member roles and responsibilities
 - Attend board meetings per bylaws
 - Add jams and bluegrass events to shared Google calendar
 - Contribute to social media channels
 - Attend CTBA events
 - Represent CTBA in the community
- Board agreed to continue meeting second Wednesdays at 6:30pm
- Board agreed to continue communicating via text when appropriate
- Recommended reading for new and returning board members
 - CTBA bylaws
 - *Bluegrass: A History* by Neil Rosenberg (esp. sections on bluegrass clubs)
 - History of CTBA by Ken Brown (on CTBA website)
- Scholarship update
 - Board discussed whether to continue partnering with Artist Works and decided to continue and reassess in a year
- Events

- Band scramble/garage sale (March)
 - Venue search
 - Austin Beer Works on Springdale (preferred location, with ample indoor and covered outdoor space, outdoor stage)
 - St. Elmo Brewing Springdale location floated as a possible alternative
- Memorial Fest (May)
 - Discussion deferred to future board meeting
- Annual meeting (November)
 - Lenny, in partnership with Bluegrass Heritage Foundation (Dallas), approached Volume 5, which has agreed to perform in Austin for \$4,000 fee
 - Jon moved that \$4,000 be allocated, Lenny seconded; motion approved unanimously
- Donkey Grass festival (Fisher, TX, March 28-30)
 - Cabin 10 (festival organizer) has requested that CTBA donate \$600 in exchange for two festival passes and a vendor table
 - Board discussed counteroffer
- KOOP nonprofit community partnership
 - KOOP has invited CTBA to be a nonprofit community partner
 - Lenny will follow up with KOOP representative to learn more
- Approving continued investment in certificate of deposit
 - Jon moved to amend December 2024 minutes to reflect board approval of maintaining investment (up to \$5,000) in CD, Lenny seconded; motion approved unanimously
- Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

ADDENDUM 01/14/25

- Jon moved to donate \$400 to Cabin 10 for the non-profit Donkey Grass bluegrass festival in exchange for three tickets, CTBA branding on their posters and promotion, and the ability to table at the event
- Kyle seconded
- Simon, Lenny, Hannah, Julian, Roam and John voted in favor; motion passes
- Chelsea abstained