

CTBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 6:35 PM - 7:20 PM

Attendees

Present:

- Jon Lundbom (President)
- Simon Waxman (Vice President)
- Roam Gunn (Secretary)
- Kyle Kline (Board Member)
- John Downing (Board Member)
- Hannah Giardino (Board Member)
- Julian Root (Board Member)
- Chelsea Burns (Board Member)

Absent:

- Lenny Nichols (Treasurer)
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Meeting Proceedings

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Lundbom at 6:35 PM.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Motion:** After review, Jon Lundbom moved to approve the amended minutes from the August 2025 meeting
- **Second:** Chelsea Burns
- **Decision:** Motion approved unanimously

3. Membership Update

- **Current Membership:** 211 total members
 - 20 bands
 - 4 business members
- **Action Items:**
 - Use CTBA business cards, distributing at jams

- Consider developing a one-sheet with QR code for easier member recruitment

4. Social Media Update

- Banjo Ben promotional content to be posted soon
- Bluegrass Guide currently in development (work in progress)

5. Website Update

- Links have been updated, including sister organizations in Texas
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Annual Meeting venue Meanwhile is confirmed.
 - Volume Five confirmed and has created a poster
 - Lost Patterns has confirmed
- **Promotional Discussion:**
 - Board discussed flyering strategies around town
 - Hannah suggested utilizing Do512 and Texas Monthly for event promotion
 - Additional venues mentioned: Kessler Presents, Meanwhile, Devils Backbone

6. Scholarship Program

- Board acknowledged gracious email from Gus
- **Artistworks:** No ArtistWorks applications received this year
 - **Available Scholarships:** 4 scholarships available for distribution
- **Action Item:** Board members encouraged to actively seek qualified applicants

7. Board Elections

- **Positions Up for Reelection:**
 - Jon Lundbom (President)
 - Lenny Nichols (Treasurer)
 - Kyle Kline (Board Member)
 - Julian Root (Board Member)
- **Updates:**
 - Julian announced he will not seek reelection
 - Kyle to announce decision soon
 - Simon Waxman will serve as Election Coordinator
- **Goal:** Seek candidates who can enhance board diversity

8. Leadership Succession Planning

- Jon indicated availability for one additional year as President if reelected
- **2026 Priority:** Focus on leadership training and succession planning to ensure smooth transition

9. New Business

A. Texas Fiddle Contest Sponsorship Request

- **Request:** Sponsorship for Old Time Fiddle Contest in Texas
- **Decision:** Board declined, as event focuses on Old Time style rather than Bluegrass, and other regional organizations better suited to support

B. Jamming Workshop Initiative

- Members of Burnt Orange Bluegrass attended recent Batch jam
- **Proposal:** Organize jamming workshop to help new pickers learn jam etiquette and skills
- **Discussion Points:**
 - CTBA-hosted workshop vs. Wernick Method workshop
 - Cost concerns (Wernick workshops can cost hundreds per person)
 - Chelsea offered to explore campus venue options
- **Action Item:** Further research and planning needed

10. Newsletter Planning

- **Target Distribution:** End of September 2025
- **Proposed Content:**
 - Shane Orr memorial article (Roam to source)
 - Pickin' for a Cause recap (Hannah)
 - Texas State Championships recap (writer TBD)
 - IBMA recap (Roam)
 - Camp Bluegrass update (John)
 - Livermore event coverage

Action Items Summary

1. Create membership recruitment materials (business cards/one-sheet with QR code)
2. Post Banjo Ben promotional content
3. Seek ArtistWorks scholarship applicants (all board members)
4. Research jamming workshop options and costs
5. Prepare and distribute September newsletter with assigned articles

Next Meeting

Date: October 8, 2025

*Minutes prepared by Roam Gunn, Secretary
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