

BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL CANADA

BMACC

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – May 7, 2011

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Bluegrass Music Association of Central Canada (hereinafter referred to as BMACC) was called to order at 1:15 pm on May 7, 2011 at New Market Public Library, NEW MARKET, Ontario.

Directors Present:

Denis Chadbourn, Leann Chadbourn, Gord De-Vries, & Roland Aucoin

Directors Absent:

Donald Tarte, Bill Blance, Murray Hale and Larry Johnston

=====

Minutes of February 5, 2011 reviewed, moved by Gord deVries to accept, Seconded by Leann Chadbourn - **CARRIED**.

.....

FINANCIAL POSITION: Treasurer - Rolly Aucoin presented the Financial Statements. Motion to accept by Gord DeVries, Seconded by Leann Chadbourn – **CARRIED**

.....

BMACC Name Change to BMAC – Bluegrass Music Association of Canada. Articles of Amendment were filed. We should be receiving the stamped original within a few weeks. Motion by Denis Chadbourn that a media release should be prepared and sent to IBMA, OCFE, CCMA, MOBS, MFM, CMN etc. Noting the change of the association to a National Level, Seconded by Gord deVries – **CARRIED**

.....

REPRESENTATION IN ALL PROVINCES – Denis Chadbourn made motion to try to contact a representative from each Province, Seconded by Gord deVries – **CARRIED**

.....

BMAC NOTES – Last publication was the festival publication, as discussed previously contact was made with as many Festival Promoters as possible, via email and telephone calls. We also included Step-dance and Fiddle Festival venues with a few responses. Unfortunately, many responses were provided after the deadline date but these festivals will be included next year. Denis Chadbourn moved that we should contact Folk Festival Promoters as well, Seconded by Rolly Aucoin – **CARRIED**

Leann Chadbourn made motion that Publication due dates for the NOTES be noted on Website, Seconded by Gord deVries – CARRIED

The board discussed the possibility of recruiting Regional Correspondents for the new BMAC. Each one of us can promote amongst friends and acquaintances in other Provinces/Territories. It would be an excellent addition in the NOTES to get acquainted with other bands outside of Ontario. Denis Chadbourn made motion to have the BMAC Meeting dates published in the Notes – Motion tabled to next meeting for further discussion with board members.

ARTICLES IN NOTES – Leann Chadbourn advised the Board that Gary Hubbard and Diana van Holten are providing on-going articles in the Notes.

.....

MOTIONS TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING –

BAND SWAP

GRANT PROGRAMS – both items to be discussed with Directors in charge of these matters.

.....

DISCUSSIONS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – Discussion of the recent membership drive. Over 1000 copies of the BMACC Notes were distributed across the country. Although this may be costly we will re-visit next meeting to see if it was a worthwhile endeavour.

Gord deVries advised that he had a conversation with John Sawartzky – President of MOBS indicating that BMAC would like to work together with the MOBS to garner membership throughout all Provinces and clubs across the country. As well, Rick Thompson may be willing to share his list of Bluegrass Clubs.

Denis advised that he had contacted Neil Rosenberg providing him with a copy of the NOTES as well as advising him that BMAC will soon be a National Association, in an effort to get representation in the Eastern Provinces.

Discussion whether or not non-members should post events on our website – both Denis & Gord agree that we should as this small gesture will most likely increase membership. Further discussion with board at next meeting.

CCMA have agreed to assist in promoting BMAC through various measures – further discussions will be necessary.

BANNERS – existing banners will have to be modified to remove Central from the name.

BMAC NOTES

Leann expressed interest in advertising for a graphic designer to volunteer to share their talents in the NOTES. Leann will also be looking into the price of plastic wrap as opposed to envelopes for distributing the Notes in.

Gord discussed the possibility of changing the name of the NOTES. These items will be discussed at the next meeting.

WEBSITE

Leann advised Board that an inquiry had been made regarding the opening and maintaining of a Facebook page for BMAC. Directors were not supportive of the idea at this point. We should look into it further.

.....

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:00 p.m. by Leann Chadbourn, Seconded by Rolly Aucoin – CARRIED.

.....

.....