

Hiawatha Music Co-op
Meeting Minutes
3-8-17

Present: Susan Divine, Julie Foster-Lindquist, Pearl Taylor, Erin Leahy Putvin, Michael Reed, David Sprouse, Susan Bertram, Doug Kitchel

Absent: Katrina Keough (excused), Jose Garcia (excused) Josh Thompson (unexcused)

-Meeting was called to order at 5:42 pm by Julie.

-Susan B. moved to accept the February minutes. David seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Doug

-HMC has officially shifted to socially responsible investments (SRI) with Bell Financial. New account was established on 2-12-2017. About \$200 growth since inception. Balance sits near \$71,000.

-MCFCU: Checking: \$5,085.92; Savings: \$30,088.29

-There was a recent transfer into checking on \$5,000. Big ticket items paid this past month were: Ben Hassenger, Director's paycheck, St. Paul Church rental fee, and quarterly rent (\$1,155 total).

-Doug requests that HMC promote the shift from standard investments to SRI in a press release.

-Erin moves to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit, Michael seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Old Business

Michigan Festival Roundtable March 18:

-Michael moved to cover the cost (up to \$150) for Susan D. and Julie to attend the Michigan Festival Roundtable in Denton, MI. Doug seconded the motion. The BOD approved this motion.

-Update: Susan D. and Julie both declined this trip.

Blackrocks Contract Review

-The contract is the same as last year. The calculated value of the Blackrocks reciprocation package is valued at approximately \$480. Michael will be in touch with Blackrocks to proposed new ideas and to request that HMC select the band for the Hiawatha beer release party in July.

Naming Tents

-It has long since been established that no tents will be named in honor of people.

-We discussed putting a request for name ideas out on social media to see what kinds of responses are received, then deciding on permanent name for tents and entrances.

Dance Floor Rental

-A request (by a member) to rent the dance floor. The BOD decided to get information from Lee Ossenheimer about the floor and if it is currently accessible before voting on this request.

Events

- Warm-Up Wednesday will be March 15 and will be hosted by UP Gumbo. The door volunteer schedule needs to be filled. Katrina will share the link for volunteer commitment again.
- Still waiting to hear back about details on Peter Yarro and Si Kahn.
- May 6 HMC will co-sponsor a free concert with the NMU Studnet Chapter at the Ore Dock.
- Next Events Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14 at 4pm.
- There is a preview concert on Saturday March 11 for UP Folklife.
- Reviewed Yooper Uke week. Will consider hosting the Yooper Uke Week concert from 6-8 next year as opposed to 7-9.

Consent Agenda

The following BOD actions were put to vote via electronic vote.

- BOD Action: 2-28-17: Approval or festival ticket voucher for charity, Ride FORCODY Day on March 4.
- BOD Action: 3-2-17: Approval of built-on tent on top of car needs tent tag, not parking pass.
- No BOD action: Be Local, Buy Local program- three BOD members responded, but no consensus was reached.
- No BOD action: SmartPrize participation. All BOD members agreed it was great, but it needs serious time commitment and attention to develop.

Director's Report

Thanks to Michael and Katrina for finding us some Ambassadors!

Thanks to everyone who helped make Yooper Uke Week a great success!

Thanks to Doug for researching and purchasing our event recording equipment!

Festival Items

- request to make change in Teen Scene to have Tween Tent Monitors be under the Teen Scene AC and put Teen Music Monitor under Music Comm.
- Use of old Ball field. We have verbal approval from John Cox at Public Health and Andrew Macgiver at the City to proceed with a plan. Lee O. recently measured so we have square footage. Now, need to decide how to use space – extra tent? only RV's?
 - c. Proposal from Green Team to move toward Zero Waste. The BOD is in favor of moving in this direction!
 - d. 40th – proposal from Beth Milner to have a commemorative piece of jewelry designed for sale for the 40th – ideas???
 - e. City ordinance about hammocks – they say no unless they are blow up or stand alone frame. None on trees.
 - f. Request for Festival voucher for Bonifas Arts Center annual Auction for the Arts on May 20th; and request for Festival voucher for Dancing with the Start Barton/Knafla team for UP Home Health and Hospice.

The BOD was in favor of both requests.

Office/General

- meeting scheduled with Caralee Swanberg from LSP 3/16 for Quickbooks tutorial. I am in process of sending data to her to begin Economic Impact Study.

Other Business

-Grants discussion: David

David talked to Carol Pence. She only teaches people how to find grants. She does not write grants. At Peter White Public Library, there is a library of grant profiles available to the public. David found seven different grants that HMC may consider. Many of these grants are due at the end of March into April. David's wife Melissa has offered to help David write a grant for HMC.

-Doug presented an idea for the 40th: Plant forty trees for the 40th!

Michael moved to adjourn at 7:45pm. Pearl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Leahy Putvin on 3-22-2017