

6/15/20 Vermont Blues Society Board Meeting Notes

Zoom meeting called to order 4:06 pm

In attendance: Marian, Dennis, Charlie, Arlene, Tom, Sandy and Sal

Action Item

- 5/18/20 Meeting Notes-approval moved by Tom, seconded by Arlene Charlie to receive PDF version of meeting notes/agenda

Items for discussion

- Zoom & Facebook Virtual Blues Jam-Sal was recognized for his hard work on the blues jam on June 9th, and for setting up the VBS Youtube channel. Jam was well received with a total of 43 participants on both mediums.
- **Next virtual blues jam scheduled for July 21** with Zoom targeted toward VBS members, Facebook for non-members. Increased promotion of VBS & possible links to join & donations for musicians on the jam site was discussed
- VBS Youtube Channel is up and running. Videos must be sent to Sal who can give upload access to VBS board members if desired. Sal will further research the restrictions on copyrights & duplicate videos on Youtube and share relevant findings.
- Sunset Drive Inn concert - Sal floated the idea of a drive-in blues concert. PA vs broadcasting through radio was discussed, with agreement that the latter may be a better option. Possibly the event could be a benefit. Sal to follow up and rough out a potential revenue/cost assessment by June 29th.
- Specific updates to VBS website - Marian will update change in board positions; update wording for past events; add current newsletter, and include Arlene under volunteers Call For Action.
- Membership update - Paypal is currently being used for auto-renewal. Lengthy discussion if one time only subscription should be eliminated, installing different auto renewal software, and renewal dates. Ongoing discussion item.

- VBS Support of Black Lives Matter- Dennis and Rebecca will come up with a statement of support and report back to the board within a week for electronic discussion and approval. Uploading blues documentaries to VBS Youtube channel, and showing them at the library (in the future) was discussed.
- Volunteers Response For Blues In The Schools - Dennis will contact / establish a volunteer committee of Anna Stemoeller, Larry Revitt, & Sunny Lowdown. Possible Fruitland Jackson workshop was discussed. Charlie mentioned former VBS member Richard Maxwell as a potential volunteer.
- By law modification - There was consensus that the line “up to one director may be elected by the membership” in Section 2 should be deleted.
- Big Heavy World- Charlie & Sal toured the museum and will write it up for the next newsletter with a call for blues-related exhibit items. There is a 8x16 wall with a flat screen for VBS exhibit and a locked box for instruments/mementos. Ongoing discussion item.
- VBS Hall Of Fame - Tom, Charlie and Sandy to work on criteria for potential honorees and report progress back to the board next month. Hall Of Fame honorees could join the Big Heavy World exhibit. Ongoing discussion item
- Timing of newsletter- consensus was monthly rather than seasonal to better convey info to VBS members. Board meeting minutes will be excerpted and amplified as needed to simplify the newsletter task.

Meeting adjourned 6:08