Black Swamp Blues Society Meeting Minutes

13 June 2010

Sidelines – 2111 Mellwood Toledo, Oh

(Meeting moved when discovered DeSimone's' on Laskey was not open)

I. **Call to Order** by President Kujawa - Pres LaVonne Kujawa, Secretary Tom Davis present with 11 other members.

II. **Minutes** of Previous Meeting – Motion by G. Curtis to suspend the reading of the minutes seconded by Pat Lewandowski – motion passed.

III. **Treasures Report** – Report given by LaVonne Kujawa – Motion to accept the report as read by R. Hough and second by G. Curtis – motion carried. We owe the State of Ohio $21.56 for items we have sold at shows. Lavonne will make sure this is paid on time.

IV. Old Business

A) By-Laws – The By-Laws of BSBS have been revised as was voted on at the April 2010 meeting. The new revised by-laws have been printed and are available. The Secretary will email the revised bylaws to all members that we have a current active email address for. President Kujawa handed out copies to those attending the meeting. There were no motions for corrections, additions or deletions. It was noted the By-Laws were not radically changed.

B) Tee – Shirt for Blues Challenge Competition. Rolly was kind enough to bring in shirts from years past that we looked at. We also looked at 2 new designs. A motion was made by Janet Pelczarski to pick 2 favorites from these to be considered with any others received before going to print. This was seconded by Flo Curtis. The motion carried. The membership voted for the "Crossed Guitar" design and the design that we used last year. These 2 will be considered with any others submitted.

C) Vice – President of BSBS position is open. Al Dewey resigned as the VP so that position is now open. Nobody was nominated at this meeting but President Kujawa asked everyone to consider it as this position really needs to be filled. It was mentioned that whoever might accept the position would only have to serve until January 2011 when the current term would expire. The duties of the VP are

as follows: *The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of those duties and preside in the absence of the President. The VP shall also assist the President to fill vacancies in other offices when necessary.*

D) President Kujawa gave a report on Clair's Day on the Maumee Library grounds in May. Rolly and Sue attended and report all went well.

E) Cherry Street Mission – We received a thank you from the Cherry Street Mission for the Sauce Boss show there on Thursday April 15th. Amanda from the Mission was very helpful with media contacts.

F) President Kujawa gave a report of the Sauce Boss Show at the Wild Hog on Friday April 16th. Show went well but attendance could have been better. We ended up losing money but not a great deal. The Sauce Boss did email his many thanks to us for having him and helping serve the gumbo.

V. New Business

A) Past President Pat Lewandowski announced the dates of the Tent City homeless awareness event will be Friday October 29th and Saturday October 30th. He would like a BSBS band to perform from 8:00 PM until 9:30 PM Saturday. Contact Pat at patblues@buckeye.access.com for more details. Pat says the event will be held at the Civic Center Mall downtown Toledo. Note: Pat has been the volunteer musical director for this event for many years and has done an outstanding job.

B) President Kujawa advised that the dues for the International Blues Foundation have gone from $100 to $125 this year. These are dues to be an affiliate of the Blues Foundation in order to send acts to the International Blues Competition.

VI. Good Of The Order

A) The NW Ohio Food Bank Blues show will be held at Centennial Terrace Saturday June 19th. Originally the promoters contacted BSBS but didn't follow up so we will not be involved as far as an organization but members are encouraged to attend and support the artists.

B) John Nemeth (National Act) will be at Clazel in Bowling Green on Friday June 25th. For more info check out www.clazel.net

C) Pat Lewandowski and The Gray Devils will be doing an outdoor show Sunday June 20th from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the old West End Park (Robinwood and Delaware) in Toledo. This will be a concert on the lawn, bring your cooler.

Tom Davis / Secretary – Black Swamp Blues Society