

# Black Swamp Blues Society Meeting Minutes

Sunday 8 August 2010 6:00 PM

Secor Lanes – 5520 Secor Road Toledo, Ohio

- I. Call To Order - President Kujawa called the meeting to order
- II. Roll Call Of Officers – President Kujawa & Secretary Davis present. President Kujawa mentioned that the Office of Vice President and Communications are still open and welcomes anyone who would like to fill these offices.
- III. Reading Of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Flo Curtis made a motion that we suspend the reading of the minutes, seconded by Rolly Hough – motion carried.
- IV. Treasures Report – President Kujawa gave the BSBS treasury report. She also explained that the required taxes have been paid. The source of or income since the last meeting has been new memberships, renewals, newsletter ads and sales of items at various events. Motion made by Janet Pelczarski to accept the Treasurer’s report seconded by Robin Kendrick – motion approved.
- V. Unfinished Business  
The bylaws as revised have been posted on the web site for awhile now. President Kujawa asked for any input, feedback or discussion on the By-Laws as revised. Nobody had any comments.

Tee shirt design for the Challenge was discussed. We reviewed some designed submitted and President Kujawa said the designs will be emailed to members and the majority will rule on the one we use.

We discussed newsletter ads, prices etc. A business card size will be \$25.00 and advertisers can have a link on the BSBS site to their site.

Secor Lanes said we may have our meeting at their location. The old DeSimone’s on West Laskey is no longer open on Sundays and do not care to open just for our meeting.

Lavonne Kujawa & Tom Davis have been setting up the BSBS merchandise table at the Clazel in Bowling Green on Blues show nights to raise funds for BSBS. Robin Kendrick has also helped out.

International Blues Competition for 2010 was discussed. We want to have the letters out to the acts by August 23<sup>rd</sup> with a deadline of Sept 20<sup>th</sup> for them to be back in. Fred (owner of Longhorn) has bought the old Eagles on Jackman and will soon be opening a bar called Fifty/Fifty. We can have the competition there. We don’t have to pay for the hall and sound would be provided. All in all a better deal money wise than the Maumee Theater. It was questioned if Fred will have it open by our competition time. It was decided to check with him for sure and if he is going to have it open to move both the Solo/Duo and Band competition there. We need to know for sure from Fred by August 21<sup>st</sup> on the place being

ready to go. There will be a pre-competition night at this new location on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> (if he is open) that will feature last year's winners as a kick off for this year's competition.

President Kujawa has been working with Dave Gierke of the Toledo School of Arts for a kid's band for this year. It was then discussed that we should send a youth band act to Memphis this time around. Mike Curley made that motion and Gene seconded it – motion carried. We also discussed Judges for the competition this year. It was suggested to get impartial Judges, possibly school music teachers or even College music professors to judge.

- VI. New Business – President Lavonne Kujawa is willing to host a garage sale if members have items to put in it and donate the proceeds to BSBS. Anyone with stuff they want to put in the sale should contact her. Rolly then said he has talked with promoters for Blues Singer and artist Candye Kane. Kane is going to be in Michigan on Sunday August 22<sup>nd</sup> and has a gig in Ohio on Tuesday August 24<sup>th</sup>. She will be passing thru Toledo and would like to give us a deal on a show Monday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. After much discussion Janet made a motion that we give Rolly the authority to book this show if he can get an acceptable price that would work for BSBS and not put us at too much financial risk. Second by Al Dewey and the motion carried. Rolly will report back. If Kane agrees to our terms he will work on a place to have the show right away.
- VII. Announcements / Good of the Order – John Lee Hooker Jr & Janiva Magness will be performing at the Clazel in Bowling Green Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup> – show at 8:00 PM. BSBS members get \$2.00 off the ticket price by showing a valid membership card at the door. Danny Pratt and the Vipers will be at Manhattans in Toledo Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mike & Terri Curley will be having their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Taco & Margarita Party on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:00 PM at 11058 Harold Dr. Luna Pier, Michigan. Call them at 734-848-8194 for details. An email will be sent out about this to members with an email account. Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Rib Off at Lucas County Rec. This is Blues day with numerous bands. Lavonne will have a table set up so contact her if you can help. The Labor Day Blues Festival in St. Mary's, Ohio cost is \$30.00 per day or \$35.00 for the weekend. Anyone interested in transportation to and back on that Sunday (Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) contact LaVonne. If we have enough people interested we can rent a passenger van and drive down and back that Sunday.
- VIII. Motion To Adjourn – Motion by Mike Curley to adjourn and second by Gene Curtis – motion passed. Social time followed at Secor Lanes with a jam. Tom Turner's band started (outstanding!!) and other followed. As usual a fun time was had by all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Davis / BSBS Secretary