

## VIRUTAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 14, 2023

Members Present: Jeff Baker, Jo McLachlan, Scott Cavner, Andy Munsch, Kent Blackmer, Carrie Harris, Maria Reiser, Claudia Rey-Perry, Caroline Passariello, Mary Ane Krum

Absent Members: Marilyn Hummel, Don Short, John Reiser

Emeritus Members Present: Greg Hoff, Marco Menezes, Barb Oakley, Kim Croy & Tom Ball

Employees Present: Lola Tyler

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.

Proposal Chili, second Andy, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

1. M-66, south of Remus, will be closed from July 5<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> to replace two culverts. It is a 'soft' closing from Remus to 2 Mile Rd, but a hard closure from 2 Mile to the south county line. Traffic will be detoured through Blanchard to M20. Lola will meet with our County Road Commissioner and the Sheriff Dept to see about working out a different plan for Festival traffic.

2. Land Management - Ben plans on workdays the third Saturday of each month; April-August. He has some volunteers who would like to come on different days and do tree trimming. The policy is there needs to be a Board Member or Committee Head on site when volunteers are working. Several Board Members volunteered to be on site if needed. The policy of only volunteers trained on chainsaw usage would be allowed to use chainsaws. Jeff suggested Land Management should have radios when working on site.

3. Kent has a full set of the 7 albums produced by Wheatland Music. He would like to donate them to the raffle. We also have the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary that can be raffled off when it is finished.

4. The Brian Schafer family would like to cover the costs of improvements at the Schafer Song Stage. A plan is being worked on.

### IRA'S BOOKS:

We need to finalize a plan to get the books from Ira. To fly 2 people down and rent a U-Haul truck to bring the books back home would be around \$800, not including fuel, meals, etc. Maria mentioned renting U-Haul Pod. It would be delivered to the house where the books are, remain there for a couple of days while the books are loaded, then delivered to WMO. When Maria used the surface the cost was less than \$500. A motion was made by Jeff, second Mary Ane, to use the U-Haul Cube. Lola will make arrangements.

### WMO APP:

Now that the pandemic is over Lola would like to see WMO have an app for the festival again. She contacted the company that develops the app for the Folk Alliance conference; Aloomba.

The cost, without any add-ons, is \$8,500 annually. This would include the four annual events. Our previous developer was \$10,000 annually. The information from Aloompa was sent to Carrie, Caroline, and Claudia to look over. It was suggested we do some comparable pricing so Carrie will reach out to a couple other developers.

#### HERITAGE AWARDS:

MSU would like to present Heritage Awards to two selected people/group during the Festival. It would be Sunday afternoon on the Centennial Stage. Awardees are Sheila Graziano and the Pretty Shaky String Band. They would need Sunday comp tickets for each awardee and one family member. Sheila and her husband are volunteers so they are already on site. Since Pretty Shaky String Band has consisted of different members over the years, a motion was made by Kent, second Jo, that the names for them not exceed 7 people. All in favor.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

The Personnel Committee is reviewing their charter and will present a current charter to the board at the April meeting.

#### ADJOURN:

Proposal Scott, second Carrie, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. All in favor.