

Abita Springs Trailhead Museum Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021  
Abita Springs Trailhead Museum  
Minutes taken By George Long and transcribed by George and Courtney Blicht

**Members Present:** Martha Gruning, Marian Roper, George Long, Stewart Eastman, Courtney Blicht

**Absent with notice:** Geralyn Lips, Steve Davis, Margaret Blicht, Ron Blicht (emeritus)

- Meeting called to order at 5 pm by President Courtney Blicht.
- Marian Roper moved that minutes of the May 25, 2021 meeting be approved. Stewart Eastman seconded the motion, which was approved.
- Financial report was not available but no significant changes that we are aware of. Martha mentioned that we await the \$3000 LEH grant.

**Old Business**

- Busker Festival profits will be given to the Farmers Market this year since we are not directly involved with its production. ASTM will not provide money toward sound system as it has in the past. George met with Town Events Coordinator Katie Weaver and Market Manager Michaela Lauer to review our Busker planning checklist. George said banners would be placed at Citizens Bank on the structure created by Ron Blicht and other banners and signage elsewhere around town.
- One ethics certificate for current year is still due.

**New Business**

- George assumed Cajun Dance on October 16 would be canceled. (Transcriber's note: scheduled for October 23 in Abita Springs Park.) ASTM will help with shopping and transfer of products for volunteers in the future, as requested by them.
- Dale Hauck exhibit postponed with the hope of expanding attendance once pandemic worries subside. George suggested that the ASTM should meet with Town Hall to discuss dates for next year's events.
- Museum hours: Martha received feedback from docents and we will continue with current hours of Friday and Saturday 10-4 and Sunday 11-3. Stewart presented a MOTION that the museum close until the pandemic is declared all clear. There was no second to the MOTION. Martha mentioned that the mask mandate had just been extended to the end of October.

- Maintenance: George mentioned that he has asked the Town to paint the museum. He said the Pavilion has raw wood needing paint. The fans on the Abita Beer Stage need to be replaced after part of the ceiling collapsed. George mentioned that there is still a large broken branch wrapped in vines above the Pub fence across from the museum's Trace entrance in need of removal and cleanup. Martha communicated with Lisa Maddox at the Trace to get it done. It is on their To Do list.

- Stewart expressed his concern that the mayor did not ask for board and public input about the new storage shed, which is in close proximity to the Museum. Courtney said communication with the Town continues to be a concern because there is still no approval from them of our elected 2021 Board of Directors and revised by-laws. Martha said tables and chairs are still stored inside the museum during museum open hours even though Janet Dufrene said they would be removed. Stewart suggested that a formal letter be written and sent to the Town about our concerns

- The next meeting will be at 5pm on October 26, 2021.

- Courtney Blitch moved and George Long seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 pm.

*Our upcoming Events:*

*Cajun Dance in Abita Springs Park on October 24, 2021*

*En Plein Air - November 12 – 14, 2021*

*Other events:*

*Busker Festival – October 17, 2021*

*Abita Springs Opry – October 16, 2021 and November 20, 2021*

*Abita Fall Fest- November 16, 2021*