

Abita Springs Trailhead Museum Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
Abita Springs Trailhead Museum (ASTM)  
Minutes taken by George Long; transcribed by George and Courtney Blich

**Members Present:** Martha Gruning, George Long, Stewart Eastman, Courtney Blich, GERALYN LIPS, Ron Blich (Emeritus) **Absent with notice:** Steve Davis, Marian Roper **Visiting:** Jessica Laborde Schilling

- Meeting called to order at 5 pm by President Courtney Blich.
- GERALYN moved that minutes of the September 28, 2021 meeting be approved. Martha seconded the motion, which was approved.
- Financial report by Martha: account balance is \$32,996.28 as of August 31, 2021. \$3,731 in income year to date with expenses of \$4,176.29. \$3,000 of income was the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities grant.

**Old Business**

- Courtney reported that one ethics certificate for the current year is still due.
- Martha is working with Town Hall to create greater clarity in communications between them and ASTM.

**New Business**

- En Plein Air: Ron reported that plans are on schedule and there is good coordination with the Town and participating artists. Courtney is requesting food items from members of the Abita Springs Women's Society and members of the community at large with consideration for a safe presentation at the reception.

ACTION ITEM: Martha will contact Town Finance Clerk Stacy Ludlow regarding the use of VENMO and/or Square for EPA sales.

Stewart inquired as to the legality of a board member participating in any ASTM event, therefore potentially making money from that participation.

ACTION ITEM: Stewart will contact Town Council Clerk Leanne Schaefer for clarification on this.

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- Status of by-laws revision: Board members will be allowed time to review the draft in order to vote on acceptance at the November meeting.
- Busker Festival: George said the event was a big success. ASTM confirmed plans to host it next year. Tentative date is March 20, 2022.
- Need for new board members: George requested recommendations for future board members. The new by-laws would limit the board to seven members.
- Museum maintenance by TOAS: George discussed maintenance issues that include painting the museum, refinishing the floor, deck replacement, and regularly scheduled replacement of air conditioning filters. The filter is currently being drawn up into the attic. George will continue communication with TOAS on these issues.
- Volunteers for Cajun Dance: Martha wants to make sure that the North Shore Cajun Dancers organization and volunteers who provide and sell concessions at the dances have the support they need with shopping, delivery, and setup before each event. Martha will assist at the November 13th dance. December 4th dance volunteers include Geralyn and Courtney.
- Volunteers for Christmas Village setup: December 1 is setup date by board members Stewart, Courtney, Geralyn, and Martha along with volunteers Lynnette Soules and Mary Davis. Stewart requests he be allowed to include some reference to Hannukah in the display. Board members agreed.
- Meeting schedule for 2022: Board agrees to hold meetings on the last Tuesday of each month except in June and July.
- The next meeting will be at 5pm on November 30, 2021.
- Courtney Blich moved and George Long seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.