

Lehigh Valley Blues Network
Monthly Board Meeting
January 28, 2007
Club 316, Main St. Emmaus, Pa
Annual Open Meeting and Election

President Walt Garvin called the Meeting to order.

Present were President Walt Garvin, and Board Members: John White, Glenn Wasserman, Jim Mertz, Matt Roman, Bob Hall, Barry Hay and Treasurer Mike Carlson. LVBN Members and guests.

Walt Garvin introduced to the membership Mike Carlson our new LVBN Treasurer. He expressed on behalf of the LVBN members and Board our thanks to Don Plowman our past treasurer.

Walt then went over the order of the meeting for this our Annual Open Meeting and Election of Officers and Board members. He went over the Nominations that were previously submitted; Walt Garvin- President, Jim Mertz, Barry Hay - Vice President, Bob hall, Matt Roman, Glenn Wasserman, John White, for Board of Director Positions. Then Walt asked for any nominations from the floor.

For board members; Pam Gaughan, Frank Rzonca, Doc Z, Bill Morrison, Ross Trotter. Also Barry Hay presented an e-mail from Bev Conklin for nomination for the Position of President. Ross Trotters nomination was called in by phone because he was running late. These two nominations brought the discussion of absentee nominations. It was noted that in the LVBN By Laws there was no reference to this only that you must be present to vote. Walt poled the board members and the vote was cast to allow this procedure. There was further membership discussion on this topic and a motion was made to not allow these 2 nominations because they were not present, but the membership voted to allow these valid nominations to be accepted.

The ballots were handed out to all members present who were eligible to vote. Our Treasurer Mike Carlson who was not being elected and is a board member oversaw the counting and handling of the votes.

During the vote counting Walt went over several other topics. The jam and the changes. The response from the jammers so far is very good. Barry related that he had received an e-mail from Dave Irving about the Jams (Dave had originally started the petition that brought to light the jammers dissatisfaction with the Jam) and that he was glade that changes were being made and that he hoped the board would continue and that the board would be more open in the future. Walt explained that Doc Z, Matt Roman, Glenn Wasserman, and John White now ran our Sunday Jams each week on a rotating basis. It was also pointed out that if members or bands would like to take part with special hosting or presence, that they should contact these gentlemen, our Jam team. It was also noted that there would be no jam next week.

Walt informed us that the Mary Hawkins band at the last minute had to cancel representing the LVBN at the International Blues Challenge February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, because of problems with the band. Because of the paper work and Blues foundation requirements it was too late to even try to submit our runner up Octavia.

Walt said that there is in the works a possible event around the Memorial Day, more information will fallow. Barry stated that Catasaqua had okayed the Lehigh River Blues Jam again this year (June 2007).

Mike presented Walt with the Election report:

President - Walt Garvin

Vice President - Barry Hay

Board Members - Matt Roman, Glenn Wasserman, John White,
Jeff "Doc Z" Zoltnick, Bill Morrison, Bob Hall.

Walt thanked all for their participation and presents during the meeting and election. He congratulated all of those elected.

A motion to close this Meeting was made by Doc Berger and the meeting was adjourned and the Jam began.

Respectfully submitted

Barry Hay

Secretary LVBN