

Lehigh Valley Blues Network
Board of Directors Meeting
Location – Ringers Roost, Allentown
Date- 2/20/06

Walt Garvin: President
Jim Mertz: Vice President
Don Plowman: Treasurer
Dr Jeff Zlotnick: Secretary

Board: Glenn Wasserman, Daryl Nerl
Recorded absent: Rich Lundberg, John White, Dan Guerrero

General Meeting & Elections

Sunday Feb 26th 4PM at Club 316, Emmaus.

Rich had ballots last year and Jim had them in previous years. Jim & Glenn will be handling them this year.

Going off the ballot: Dan Guerrero (Board), Jeff Zlotnick (Secretary), (possible) Rich Lundberg (Board)

Asked to remain on the ballot: Daryl Nerl, Glenn Wasserman, & John White

Don Plowman as Treasurer is now appointed by the board, but serves as full board member (by-laws change).

This will leave 1-2 open board positions, and Secretary position open.

Nominations for all open positions will be taken from the floor prior to the election

Agenda Items for General Meeting

Bylaws have been approved & are available on web. Copies may be available at meeting
Upcoming events were discussed: See below.

Inaugural jam will be that night and we are looking for extra musicians.
Smoke free Sundays will start March 5th.

Also to be discussed is the need for volunteers to help with various functions that the LVBN does. These volunteers do not need to be on the board.

We also need someone to help with advertising and billing for Bluesnet. Various names discussed. One other option discussed was to “hire” someone to sell ads at a commission (ie; 10-20%). This is within the new bylaws.

Agenda Items Tonight

Spring Showcase – Considering May 5th at Bluetone to have a national act which Jim has a lead on. ******(This is a change from the discussion in the November 05 minutes. See below)

IBTC – would be May 21st ******(see correction below) at the Rod & Gun Club in Springtown. Bands from outside areas have approached us to compete and represent the LVBN. As in the past, someone from the band has to be member of the LVBN. We haven't heard from any local bands as of this date and the board would prefer to have local bands. There was a discussion about the advantages & disadvantages to having

outside bands vs. having no representative. Glenn will be posting a form on the website for local bands to apply. Main discussion point was to have a successful event that the members will come too and enjoy.

This will also serve as fundraiser for the LVBN Equipment Fund and will be \$5 per person for the event, picnic, and the jam. Will discuss w/ vendors re food. We will also have the jam in an abbreviated fashion after the competition as was done last year.

****Correction:** At the November 05 meeting it was noted that we could not get the Rod & Gun Club in May but it was available June 4th. So, the May 21st in an error.

****** Also note that in the Nov 05 meeting this date was initially going to be Spring Showcase / Picnic and a fundraiser for the LVBN.

Touchstone Series - March 3rd & April 7th. Walt is currently working on bands.

Membership – Instead of mailing, Glenn discussed bringing the cards to the jam & distributing them there. This will save a considerable amount of money from mailing & would also encourage those to come to the jam.

Glenn is also going to get 3000 membership brochures for \$184 to distribute at events & leave at music stores.

LVBN Finances

Income ~\$1700 to date. There is still some on Paypal not yet counted

Expenses paid ~\$1700 to date.

Adjournment

Glenn motioned, Don seconded, and meeting adjourned 8:50P

Next meeting

General Meeting & Election Sunday 2/26 at Club 316 4PM before jam.

Submitted,

Jeffrey A Zlotnick, MD CAQ
Secretary LVBN