

Minutes-Meeting of June 13, 2010
Columbia Chapter-Western Music Association
The Dalles, Oregon

Pursuant to Official Notice of Meeting which was made 21 days prior to October 23 on October 2, 2010 the WMA Columbia Chapter annual meeting and elections were held Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Cherry Park Grange, 3200 Old Dufur Rd., The Dalles, OR. The agenda, previously distributed via e-mail, was distributed in hard copy.

The meeting was **called to order** by Bruce Matley, President, at 4:42 PM. See list of members and guests present, attached. At Bruce's request, members briefly introduced themselves. New members Don Duncan, Terry Paxton, Ned Bodie and Lonnie Shurtleff were welcomed by all. Bruce thanked John Schultz for arranging the Cherry Park Grange venue; John suggested the Chapter send a thank you to Cherry Park Grange.

Officers' reports were presented as follows:

Secretary-The minutes were read (by Susan Matley, for Secretary Clark Crouch who could not be present) and unanimously approved as written (moved-Lauralee Northcott; second-Leslie Young). Member Dallas McCord requested that minutes be made available to members in advance of the meeting; the membership was reminded that the minutes of all membership and executive committee meetings are available at the chapter website (columbiawma.org).

Vice President-Lauralee Northcott requested ten minutes to discuss progress on the House Concerts/Venues project. A general discussion ensued, with various members contributing the following comments:

- Permission from hosting parties must be obtained before house concert venue information is posted online at the Chapter website
- House concerts should be booked at least one and preferably two months in advance to allow sufficient time for publicity
- Educating the public as to what Western music *is* could help build good contacts for house concerts (today's event being noted as an example of this)
- Contact information for house concert hosts should be forwarded to Lauralee
- Hosts need to let their neighbors know that they're doing an event
- Hosts may desire some way of researching/assuring quality control (knowing that performers will be competent and professional) if they are not familiar with the performers
- There are two types of "house concerts": those hosted in homes and those hosted by individuals at other venues

Lauralee will integrate the above comments into her worksheet as appropriate, which will be posted at the Chapter website. This will generate a brochure Chapter members can hand out to prospective house party hosts, with completed forms being forwarded to Lauralee.

Treasurer-Susan Matley, Treasurer, reported third quarter beginning balance at \$237.30, plus membership dues received for second quarter \$135.00 and bank refund for check printing \$11.45: ending balance \$383.75. Dallas McCord moved to accept the report, seconded by Lauralee Northcott. Unanimously approved.

Report from the House Concert and Venues Committee: see Vice President's report, above.

Appointment of Committee to explore chapter participation in Cowboy Poetry Week-Susan Matley urged all members to organize/participate in Cowboy Poetry Week activities in their various communities in 2011, stressing this as a good opportunity to educate and involve the general public in Cowboy and Western poetry, music and history. Libraries, schools, museums and historical societies were suggested as possible venues. Ned Bodie, Lynn Kopelkie and Susan Matley volunteered to serve on a Cowboy Poetry Week committee and will communicate this fall/winter via e-mail.

Discussion of need for new webmaster-President Bruce Matley informed the membership that founding webmaster Clark Crouch desires to step down from this responsibility. Member Jennifer Epps volunteered to serve as webmaster and will follow up with Clark. The membership acknowledged Clark's excellent work in setting up and maintaining the Chapter website and expressed their thanks for his service.

Nominations of new officers/executive committee for 2011-

Nominations were taken from the floor as follows:

President-Bruce Matley (nominated by Jennifer Epps, 2nd by Leslie Young, Dallas McCord moved to close nominations to unanimous acclaim)

Vice President-Lauralee Northcott (nominated by Jennifer Epps, 2nd Leslie Young, move to close Dallas McCord, closed by unanimous acclaim)

Secretary-Dallas McCord (nominated by Jennifer Epps, 2nd Duane Nelson, move to close Leslie Young, closed by unanimous acclaim)

Treasurer-Susan Matley (nominated by Dallas McCord, 2nd Marty Davis, move to close Lauralee Northcott, closed by unanimous acclaim)

Interns-Duane Nelson and Jessica Hedges will continue in their roles until elections in 2011 (elected June 13, 2010). Leslie Young (nominated by Dallas McCord, 2nd Lauralee Northcott, move to close Duane Nelson, closed by unanimous acclaim) was nominated as an additional intern, with the responsibility of shadowing the Treasurer position in the coming year and interest expressed in running for that position in the 2011 election.

Alternate-Sherry Walker will continue in this position until elections in 2011 (elected June 13, 2010).

Election of officers (paper ballot)-Joseph Sartin called for a vote. Given the unopposed slate, the motion to conduct a voice vote was made by Jennifer Epps, seconded by unanimous acclaim. A voice vote of members present was conducted; all nominees were elected by unanimous acclaim. Terms for those elected begin January 1, 2011.

Open agenda items from the floor-

Lauralee Northcott-Suggested that Cherry Park Grange would be a good spot for the Chapter's Annual meeting; also suggested that one member meeting per year was preferable, with which the membership concurred.

Susan Matley-Encouraged members to develop regional meetings and showcases (to which all members would be welcome) during the year, given the large geographic area of the Chapter and the attendant travel time/expense for members.

Bruce Matley-reviewed the policy for showcase sign-up

Keeter Stuart-Noted that the Chapter is missing opportunities to have a WMA presence at cowboy and western events (such as the Pendleton Roundup) and suggested an information booth at such events.

Lonnie Shurtleff-Recommended an advisory committee for House Concerts (re: liability issues, etc.). Also suggested that, given the success of today's event, the Chapter develop relationships with other Granges for showcase and other events. Suggested considering social networking for the Chapter, especially as a way into the "younger crowd". Finally noted that many community colleges have "cow kids" in computer programs that might be interested in assisting with website, etc..

Joseph (Joe) Sartin-He's organizing entertainment for Cattle Baron's Weekend in Pendleton (second weekend of May). Six clubs are lined up for a "Whiskey Crawl", and other events will happen at the Convention Center. Some compensation and hotel/discount on hotel is available to performers; those interested should contact Joe. Joe will send a web link to the Columbia Chapter website.

Adjournment-Dallas McCord moved to adjourn; 2nd Keeter Stuart; passed by unanimous acclaim. Bruce Matley declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Matley
For Clark Crouch, Secretary