**MAC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

**Date of meeting 14 October 2017**

**Board Members Attending:** Lennie Watts

 Julie Miller

 Frank Dain

 Stearns Matthews

 Thomas Honeck

 Sidney Myer

 Bob Diamond

 Jennie Litt

 Roy Sander

 Kim Sutton

**Apologies:** Kim Grogg

 Amy Wolk

 John Koprowski

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Meeting called to order: 12:07 pm by Lennie Watts

1. President Watts introduced members of the Board of Directors.

2.Stearns Matthews: There are593 members with 63 club memberships.

3. Treasurer’s Report: Lennie states MAC is doing just fine financially. Wendy Russell is currently filling in as an interim treasurer in John’s absence. Lennie explains John’s medical situation; all in attendance wish him well.

4. Lennie: Open mics are going great! The September open mic focused on songwriters, which was Jennie’s fabulous idea. It was attended well. Kim Sutton is hosting the October open mic on Halloween at Don’t Tell Mama. Recently, we’ve been using new piano players such as Matthew Martin Ward, Dan Furman, Bobby Peaco and Yaz, to change things up a bit, and they’ve all been great.

5. Lennie: The annual holiday soiree will be held at Elmo (same as last year) in Chelsea, on December 4th. Bob has been working hard on pulling that together.

6. Lennie: We are not having They Write the Songs this year, due to scheduling issues. We hope to be able to regroup and have it back next year.

7. Lennie: MAC to School was also a great success with over 30 attendees. We had very interesting classes and master classes. We will have this program again next year in September. Anyone having ideas for seminars for Mac to School, please send an email to us.

8. Lennie: The Flea Market was a great success; Amy runs this. We made over $3000 this year and had lots of volunteers.

9. Lennie: The MAC Awards will be March 27th at BB King’s. Sharon McNight and Ruby Rims will be the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Awards. James Gavin will receive the Board of Directors Award.

10. Julie Miller: There are three ways to receive info from us: email blast, facebook group, and google group. This is how you can find out what we’re up to. Julie explains how the google group works, and explains that once you send an email to the group, the ENTIRE group gets it. If you have an event to promote, it’s appropriate to send information about it once per week. Lennie adds that you should check your info for accuracy before you send it out. Bob adds that you are in the google group with the same email you signed up with.

11. Julie Miller: MAC Awards: this year we are adding a new way to submit for MAC Awards: email. You will get an automatic receipt that it was received. More info on this will follow. Submissions will begin around December 1st. You can also still submit via US postal service.

12. Lennie mentions that online voting has been a great success, and many more members have been voting. The votes go to a website which goes directly to our accountants; ONLY the accountants know who won the awards. Board members do not know who won until the envelope is opened.

13. Open Floor: Debbie Zecher is requesting that the open mics are listed on the MAC website calendar.

Also, anyone can enter his/her event on the calendar on our website. It is in the members only section of the website, so one needs to sign in to access the calendar.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:43pm.**

**Kim Sutton-Secretary**