

New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
Monday, September 23, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Participants:

Board of Directors: Michael Hartman (President), Dorian Winterfeld (Treasurer), Nancy Melandry (Secretary), Neil McConlogue, Lisa Voith

Staff: Terri Rutledge, Amethyst Dwyer

Visitors: Bill Doley, Chris Logan

Proposed Agenda

1. Approval and prioritization of agenda (amended and approved unanimously)
2. Approval of August 26 BOD meeting minutes (unanimous)
3. Members and Visitors

Reports:

4. General Manager (attached)
5. Bar Manager (attached)
6. Music Coordinator (attached)
7. Audit Committee (none)
8. Treasurer (none)
9. Secretary (none)

Old Business:

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New Business:

10. Stage Lights Replacement (C. Logan) -- Stage lights need to be replaced.
Motion: Request FONDCA to pay replacement cost for 4 stage lights and controller
(Dorian / Lisa 2nd / Unanimous)
11. QuickBooks Reports – GM to send monthly Profit & Loss numbers to Treasurer in Excel format and obtain second QuickBooks license.

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm



New Deal Cafe Cooperative General Manager's Report September 2013

Overall Summary

This month was extremely busy - many 10 hour days were spent in preparation for the 10th Annual Blues Festival, in support of fixing the grease recovery system leak, in preparation and clean-up after painting the front room of the café, in finally hiring bartenders, and in review of the management agreement.

Projects and Special Events

Greenbelt Blues Festival 2013

The 10th Annual Blues Festival was held last Saturday, September 14, and was a huge success. Roosevelt Center was full of beautiful music and lots of people. The café in the evening was packed as well. Many thanks to all who helped out this year, particularly John Vengrouskie for booking the bands, making it sound terrific, and for bringing it all together.

Greenbelt News Review Fundraiser

The fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 29 from 2-5.

Alonzo Washington Campaign Kick-off

I am happy to announce that Alonzo Washington , Maryland State delegate, chose the New Deal to hold his Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting and Official Campaign Announcement. We will be squeezing that in on Wednesday, Oct. 9th at 6pm, before the night's entertainment.

Café Painting

The front room and the hallway of the café were prepped and cleaned last Sunday and painted by professional painters on Monday.

Entertainment

The 2 pianos mentioned in last month's report were not suitable for the café.

We have a new sound volunteer, Johnnie Tucker, who is already quite experienced with sound boards. He has been a big help already, as Frank has been taking some time off lately.

Bar Operations

Three volunteers who were currently working at the bar were hired as very part-time (one night a week) bartenders.

I ordered a new gel floor mat for the bar, as the last one is torn in many places and seems unsanitary.

FONDCA

The newest art installation went up Monday after the painting. This month is the 2nd Greenbelt Studio Artist Tour, taking place on Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th. The reception is Sunday evening from 7-9 pm.

Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance

The Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance met to discuss projects and events being held for Co-op Month in October. We plan to play Co-opoly at the New Deal on Saturday afternoon, October 19, from 2-5.

Restaurant Contract and Facilities

Met with Karim many times regarding repairs to the facility and operational details.

The grease removal system was leaking into the hallway, so Craig Tooley spent over 6 hours fixing it. It is now drier and cleaner than I have ever seen it.

GM Action Items and other matters

Charge Card Machine For Bar

I met with one company to review rates and details on installation of a credit card machine at the bar. More will follow in the coming weeks.

Beer Price Increase

Amethyst submitted some suggestions for increasing beer prices, after I somewhat jokingly suggested that we raise them the day before the Blues Festival, but I haven't had time to review them yet.

Special Entertainment Permit

The application for exemption from Prince George's County's Special Entertainment Permit is still in process.

Recommendations on Management Agreement

The contract was presented to Karim on Thursday, September 19.

Meetings

Board Meetings = 1

Management Agreement Meetings = 1?

Coop Alliance Meeting = 1

Bar Manager Meetings = 1?

Blues Festival Meetings = 2

Committee Meetings = 3

Upcoming Activities

The next special event will be Acorns-A-Go-Go (not a café event) in Roosevelt Center on Oct. 12th.

Terri Rutledge

NDC Cooperative General Manager

September 20, 2013

Subject: [ndc_board] Bar Manager & Music Coordinator's Report
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Friday September 20th, 2013

Bar Manager's Report

Three bartenders were hired this month - Meg Haney, Barbara Glick, and Ronda Ansted. Meg will be working on Tuesdays, Barbara on Wednesdays, and Ronda on Sundays. Congratulations to our official new staff!

We had two very busy weekends in August/September - The 59th Annual Labor Day Festival and The Greenbelt Blues Festival. Laurie Crunk and Bill Doley stepped in as volunteer bartenders and did a fantastic job!

I had a training session with a new volunteer, Chris Welsh. Chris technically lives in Philadelphia, but spends part of his time in Greenbelt. He was a quick learner and is looking forward to helping out behind the bar whenever he is needed and is available.

I met with John Ray, our representative from Bob Hall, to discuss the beer currently available. Mully's, a new brewery from Prince Frederick, Maryland, has recently opened and they will be carrying their product. There seems to be a beer boom in the Old Line State as several breweries have begun locating here - Monocacy (Frederick), Milkhouse (Mount Airy), Burley Oak (Berlin) and Union Craft (Woodberry).

DuClaw's Blueberry Funk is now out of season and our current hefeweizen is Flying Dog's In Heat Wheat.

Music Coordinator's Report

Two festival weekends highlight this month with performances by The Wharf Rats and Black Masala over Labor Day, and Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner, Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark, and The Unruly Blues Band over The Greenbelt Blues Festival. All played to standing-room-only crowds!

Other highlights include: Bele Bele Rhythm Collective (an inter-generational, diverse group of women drummers performing West African polyrhythms on dun duns and djembes); Hym For Her (juiced-up backwoods country blues with a dose of desert rock that has been described as 'Hell's Angels meets the Amish'); The 8-Balls (classic rock); Buck and the Bucktones (bluegrass & honky-tonk); Melissa Sites' CD release party (Greenbelt's own Appalachian/Celtic ballad singer); and Wammie Award winner, Chick Hall, Jr. and Irish community favorite, Brendan Pelen.

The New Old Jamboree celebrated their one-year anniversary at The New Deal to a packed house! This has turned out to be a very good fit for the cafe and has brought in many, many talented musicians.

The Fez Tones Hafla featured a rarity in the dance community - a male bellydancer (and here we thought Karim

was the only one!). He was a truly fantastic performer and I hope they have him back soon.

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