

**Arkansas Jazz Educators  
Summer Meeting Minutes  
Robinson Convention Center  
July 27, 2011**

President Ron Horton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

The minutes from 2-17-2011 were approved as circulated.

Treasurer Robin Ratliff reported the balance as \$4,322.86, with our expenses for the last year as follows: \$300 for ABA booth, \$75 for All-State clinician's plaques, \$628 for ABA clinician 2010, \$750 for recording the tryout accompaniment tracks, \$553.83 for All-State High School student meals. The deposit from Jon Ross music for royalties on the tryout material was \$3,175. Contributions toward the meal from various vendors defrayed most of the cost.

Dues are due by October 1 and are \$25.00 for regular members \$100 for patrons. Dues are now payable to ARJE, but need to be sent to Robin Ratliff, Heber Springs Middle School, 1100 W. Pine St., Heber Springs, AR 72543

Volunteers were requested to work the booth: Cody Jernigan, Robin Ratliff, Lowell Cavender & Jackie Lamar.

**Old Business:**

Thank you to Warren Casey, outgoing treasurer for over 25 years of work as Treasurer/President for first the Arkansas Unit of IAJE and as treasurer for ARJE!!!!

Thank you's were given to Todd Johnson for organizing the reading band for the clinician and to all players for volunteering their time. The clinician is Denis DiBlasio, who will be demonstrating his new improvisation method book and companion big-band arrangements. The music will be available at Pender's Music. DiBlasio is a Yamaha clinician and Yamaha corporation contributed to his appearance and provided him with a baritone saxophone to use.

Due to the success of the high school meal, the reasonable price, and the contributions from exhibitors to fund it, the membership voted to continue the practice.

**New Business:**

Todd Johnson informed the membership of a proposal to the ASBOA concerning changing the jazz tryout sight-reading and improvisation. This proposal was recommended "do not pass" from the ASBOA Jazz Committee and was subsequently defeated in the ASBOA meeting.

Also proposed to the ASBOA Jazz Committee and tabled for further review was to ask ARJE to provide ASBOA with 3 sets of jazz tryout music for rotation rather than a new set every year. Much discussion ensued about the ramifications this would have to ARJE.

Discussion was also held concerning the use of Jon-Ross Publishing for the jazz tryout material. The membership voted to review this and look at opening the process up for bid again. The issues with getting the music out on time was raised again. President Horton and Secretary Lamar contacted Larry Norred of Jon-Ross Music following ABA and there were misunderstandings regarding the time-line of publication. The person that ARJE negotiated the original agreement with is no longer with Jon-Ross and Larry Norred did not have all of that information. He apologized for not getting the music available by ABA, but had not known that was the deadline.

Discussion was also held about hosting another festival. Todd Johnson said his was successful, even though there were only 3 bands. A host is needed, and a volunteer is needed.

Attendance: Ron Horton, Paul Taylor, John Jordan, Adam Coats, Michael Underwood, Gary Meggs, Michal Williamson, Cody Jernigan, Cheryl Dunn, Michale Copeland, Larry Jones, Kevin Dunn, Lowell Cavender, Robert Kloap, Alexander Michaels, Jackie Lamar

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Respectfully submitted, Jackie Lamar, secretary