The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. CST on Zoom, 7/18/23
Thirteen board members were present, including the president, treasurer and secretary as well as representatives from Maroon Bells, Oak Appple, Uptown-on-the-Lakes, Pullman Morris and Sword, Braggarts, General Hardware, MTM, Ann Arbor, Braintrust and Bells of the North. Additionally, guests from Maroon Bells and Braintrust were present.
The treasurer reported that there was enough money in the bank to pay a site deposit for 2024, despite 2023 Ale expenses exceeding revenue.
The board accepted new representatives from Ann Arbor, Pullman Morris and Sword and Oak Apple.
The board discussed the Covid survey results and whether the organization should document whether attendees have been vaccinated or taken Covid tests. Survey results from about 50 people, indicated that many people still wanted verification of vaccination and testing at the next Ale. The MTM rep said the Covid policy had caused several problems for their team, which organized the last Ale. Campers were quarantined on arrival because the team couldn't figure out what to do with them under existing Covid protocols; six people did not attend because the Covid policy was too strict; and the team's "Covid czar," in charge of enforcing the policy, found the experience stressful and difficult. The Ann Arbor rep suggested the MWMA board make the Covid policy the responsibility of the team planning the Ale and that team should survey potential attendees to help determine what policies to use that year.
Four new members were appointed to the social media committee and the Maintaining a Respectful Environment committee said they were talking to interested volunteers and adding members in advance of the 2024 Ale.