

**Houston Area Blacksmiths Association  
Board of Directors  
Annual General Meeting  
April 27, 2016**

**Location:**

Via Phone or WebEx (on-line)

**Board Members Present:**

Dana Flanders, Peter Farrell, Kevyn Schneider, Bob Hensley, Pat Bossart, Tim Bailey, Bill Price

***Others Present:***

Dave Koenig, Dan Pratt

**Quorum and Call to Order:**

A quorum was present, and Dana Flanders called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Review of Minutes**

The Board approved the January 7, 2016, meeting minutes.

**Agenda:**

The Board approved the agenda proposed in an email circulated earlier among Board members.

**Items Discussed:**

1. Old Business: Please see the original entry in the January 7, 2016, meeting minutes.
  - a. Dana Flanders contacted the ABANA representative and members of the other Texas blacksmith organizations. HABA will take no further action on this matter at this time.
  - b. Iron Hat ticket sales: Pete Farrell and Pat Bossart are handling ticket sales for HABA.
  - c. Dana Flanders has completed the ABANA affiliates forms and has forwarded them to ABANA.
  
2. Board member retirement and election:
  - a. Ed Malmgren will retire from the Board, but will continue to work with HABA as an "Adviser."
  - b. Dana Flanders, Pat Bossart, and Pete Farrell have completed their two year Board terms. All three agreed to continue to serve on the Board. All three were therefore re-nominated and unanimously elected to the HABA Board. All three also agreed and were confirmed to continue in their present positions as President, Treasurer and Vice-President respectively of HABA.
  - c. Bob Nichols and Dan Pratt were nominated as new Board members. Their nominations were duly seconded and both were unanimously elected to the HABA Board.
  
3. Treasurer's Report and Related:
  - a. Pat Bossart reviewed HABA's 2015 through year-to-date 2016 financials with the Board and answered questions. In summary, HABA maintains the same three accounts as in

past years (cash, checking and CD) and continues to have a net positive cash flow. Account details have been shared with Board members via email.

b. Pete Farrell reported that HABA had canceled an account with Flagship Merchant Services (FMS) in October, 2015. However, FMS had not acted on that cancellation as of April, 2016. Therefore, Mr. Farrell contacted FMS, had FMS correct the problem, and asked that FMS provide an appropriate refund. FMS promised that refund. Mr. Farrell has forwarded details to Pat Bossart.

c. Pat Bossart reported that HABA's liability insurance is current and that he has filed both Texas state sales tax forms and federal tax forms (Form 990N) for HABA.

4. Armand Bayou Forge and Magnolia Forge:

a. Pete Farrell reported that Armand Bayou meetings continue to be well attended.

b. Kevyn Schneider reported that he and Bob Nichols are planning activities for upcoming Magnolia Forge meetings. They will forward details to Mr. Farrell to be listed on the HABA WEB page calendar.

5. Calendar Updates:

Pete Farrell reminded subcommittee members to email specifics to him regarding updates to the calendar. Dan Pratt is planning to host a meeting on the topic of Antique Woodworking Tools at his shop soon.

6. ForgeFest:

Pat Bossart agreed to host the 2016 Fall ForgeFest. Mr. Bossart, Pete Farrell, and other members will contact possible presenters. Mr. Farrell will publish presenter information, the date, and a solicitation for donations to the auction on the HABA WEB site.

**Adjournment:**

Dana Flanders closed the meeting and the Board adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Bill Price, Secretary.