

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2010

Board Approved June 14, 2010 as corrected

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:40 PM on April 5, 2010 by HABA President, Russell Parrish who expressed gratitude on behalf of HABA to Stress Engineering for the use of their conference room and hospitality.

Location:

Stress Engineering Services, 13800 Westfair East Dr, Houston, TX.

In Attendance:

Russell Parrish – President, Bob Hensley - Vice President, Richard Boswell-Secretary, Ed Malmgren-Treasurer. Board members: Pat Bossart, and Bob Nichols were present. Advisory member in attendance was Dave Koenig, Tee Hines, and Dana Flanders.

Order of Business:

1. Financial Report

- Ed Malmgren presented HABA's financial report through April 5. Additional details are on file at Ed's office.
- Ed reports that our CDs will mature in December 2011.
- Ed reports that 3 checking accounts is one too many. A motion was made by Richard B to close the PayPal account and Pat B seconded. Motion passes without further discussion.
- Richard Boswell moved to accept the report and recommendation, and Bob Hensley seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

2. Membership Report

- Ed provided a listing of 87 active members and advisors. A reminder was sent in January to all whose dues were coming up.

3. Approval of Minutes

- Richard Boswell read the February 1, 2010 Board Minutes. Ed Malmgren moved to accept the minutes as written with corrections. The motion was 2nd by Pat Bossart and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

3. Storage and Trailer Update

- Ed reports that his contact is back in town and will be looking for a container under \$2000.
- Richard reported that a temporary storage was arranged and donated for 3 months by Boswell on Feb 28 at 27914 FM 2978 in Magnolia. A handout of photos was provided. This is across the street from his farm. Everyone was invited to store HABA equipment there and to try out the new central storage concept rather than the distributed storage method traditionally used. A storage container can be placed there for \$30 a month.
- Ed M moves that HABA go to a monthly rental starting June 1. Bob Nichols seconds and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
- Pat B reports he has been looking but not found a trailer in our price range. Once found we could leave it at his father-in-laws.

4. Coal Purchase

- Dana F reported on his coal investigation and provided a handout. After a discussion it was determined to not pursue this through HABA, and that coal is available from local vendors. Tee H will look into obtaining 50 bags and handle distribution between HABA storage and interested Members.

5. Upcoming Demonstrations

- April 17 is Depot Day in Magnolia. Richard B, Bob H and Pat B will be there.
- May 15- Hardware Hinges with Tee Hines. Tee will champion and demo.
- June is ABANA Conference in Memphis. Tool Making with Bob Hensley
- July – Kleb Barn Project. Dave will contact Fred Collins about this.
- August – Kleb Lecture on Iron Making by Dave Koenig and he will contact Fred Collins about this.
- September at Armand Bayou with Les Cook featuring leaves and flowers.
- October – Barrington Farm Smithing in Texas.
- Forgefest will feature a well known demonstrator. Ed has contacted Chad Gunter.
- November 6– Casting with Pat Bossart who requests help in developing the demo.
- Dec 11 and 12 will be demos in downtown Houston for Candle light Tours in Heritage Park. Bob H will work the night shift.

- Next year HABA will consider a dual HABA/Balcones meeting at Alan Lees shop.
- Annual Knife Workshop will be with Cowboy at Newman's Castle in March (5 or 19?) rather than January.
- All demo expenses can be reimbursed when requested.

6. Old Business

There is no other old business to discuss.

7. New Business

- Ed M and Tee H will look into new caps and tee shirts for HABA. Ed moved and Pat B seconded to obtain estimates and make purchase and this passed without discussion.
- The HABA fire extinguishers need inspection updates and Dave K will arrange this before Depot Day.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM with motion by Richard Boswell and seconded by Bob Hensley, and this passed without discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary