

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes August 09, 2011

Board Approved November 8, 2011.

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:24 PM on August 09, 2011 by HABA President, Bob Hensley 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:

Bob Hensley - President, Pat Bossart - Vice President, Richard Boswell-Secretary, Ed Malmgren Treasurer. Board members Tim Bailey and Bob Nichols were present. Russell Parrish, Dana Flanders, and Pierre Coppola were excused absent. Advisory members in attendance were Past President Tee Hines, Chris and Daniel Riffe, Pete Farrell, and Martin Miles.

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

- Richard Boswell read the May 10, 2011 Annual Board Minutes. Ed Malmgren moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was 2nd by Pat Bossart and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

2. Financial Report

- Ed Malmgren reported that details are on file at Ed's office and he verbally reported the status of our accounts, and provided copy for Secretary files.
- Richard Boswell moved to accept the report as presented, and Tim Bailey seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

3. Armand Bayou Planning for September 17

- Pete Farrell reported for Les Cook that the demo is arranged for hammer handle making with Tom Scarsella, and reviewed the details of what needs to be brought. These include draw knives, shave bench, and hammer heads needing handles.
- Pete will send email with write-up and directions.

4. HABA Storage Container

- Discussion of improvements in the Storage Container on FM 2978 was deferred for another date.

5. Magnolia Depot Shop

- Richard Boswell reported on progress at the Depot Shop construction.
- Boswell presented his expenses since previous report through December 03, 2010 which was \$1829.66. As of August 08 the additional expenses total to \$1320.75 bringing total construction costs to \$3150.41 (shared equally with Magnolia Historical Society Inc). This brings the total shop cost for 410 sq ft to \$7.68 per sq ft. HABA has paid half of this for \$3.84 per sq ft. The invoice for rough cut lumber has not been received or paid yet (\$700).
- Bob Hensley moved and Ed Malmgren seconded a motion to reimburse Boswell and send invoice to MHS for half of this amount. This was passed without further discussion.

6. Name and Signage for Shop

- Discussion was made about what to name the shop and what style of sign to put up. Suggestions included Mink Shop, Blacksmith Shop, Depot Blacksmith Shop. Pat Bossart will check Census Records for Smiths who have operated in the City.

7. Meeting plans for rest of year

- Forgefest - Chris and Daniel Riffe will look for a one piece Spur maker to demonstrate. Our host Susan Hall will be contacted about arrangements.
- Meeting Planner – discussion was held about the need for a specific task for a Board Member to plan all the meetings for each year, and to assign each to a specific Board Member to organize.

6. Picnic as annual event

- Discussions were provided about the success of the July 16 picnic held at the Depot Shop. All considered this a valuable community experience and that it can be worth the effort to produce annually.
- A motion was made by Bob Hensley to make this an annual planned event. Bob Nichols seconded. The motion passed without further discussion.

7. Old Business

- The HABA Library was discussed. Chris Riffe has contacted 3 other organization about how they do this. Mississippi Forge Council does not do this. Arizona does this on a monthly basis with no deposit. North West does

this without any problem. A suggestion was made to ask Balcones about their policy.

- A discussion was held about a HABA presence on IForge Iron web site.
- A suggestion was made that HABA maintain Reference Class books that are available but not for loan.

8. New Business

- Bob Hensley reports that Phillip at the Montgomery Pioneer Village Park has a forge with bellows. They need a grating material and asked what they could use for this? They are also requesting a demo in September and November up to 4 times a year.
- Tee Hines reports that Alan Lee would like to borrow a bleacher to replicate for their shop in Bryan. HABA agrees and looks forward to another meeting at their shop.
- Tee also reports that the next Little Giant course will be October 7 and 8.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by President Bob Hensley at 8:24 PM with motion by Bob Nichols with second by Pat Bossart, and this passed without discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary