

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Annual Board Meeting Minutes June 14, 2010

Board Approved as amended September 27, 2010.

Call to Order:

The Annual Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:15 PM on June 14, 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,. Board members: Tim Bailey, Pat Bossart, Pierre Coppola, and Bob Nichols were present. Advisory member in attendance was Dave Koenig, Les Cook, and Tee Hines. Ed Malmgren-Treasurer was excused.

Order of Business:

1. Financial Report

- Ed Malmgren was not present but sent his report and President Russell Parrish presented HABA's financial report through June 14. Additional details are on file at Ed's office.
- Pending expenses for HABA regalia were discussed. This includes caps, tee shirts, etc.
- Richard Boswell moved to accept the report and recommendation, and Pat Bossart seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Richard Boswell read the April 5, 2010 Board Minutes. Bob Nichols moved to accept the minutes as written with corrections. The motion was 2nd by Bob Hensley and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

3. Board Elections

- Class I tenure Board positions are expiring. Dana Flanders was nominated to fill a vacancy in this group. Motion was made by Boswell and seconded by Hensley and passed with unanimous approval.

- All others in Class I included Russell Parrish, Bob Hensley, Tim Bailey, and Pierre Coppola and all agreed to accept nomination (5 total). Motion was made by Boswell and seconded by Nichols and this passed with unanimous approval.
- Class II tenures will expire May 31, 2011 for Malmgren, Boswell, Nichols, and Bossart (4 total).

4. Officer Elections

- President Russell Parrish submitted his letter of resignation with regret after serving two years in this capacity. The Board accepts this and commends Russell for his dedicated service and leadership.
- The slate of officers proposed by the Board are:
 - President – Bob Hensley
 - Vice President – Pat Bossart
 - Secretary – Richard Boswell
 - Treasurer – Ed Malmgren

Russell Parrish moved to accept this slate which was seconded by Tim Bailey. The motion was passed unanimously without further discussion and was thus approved by the Board of Directors.

Additionally, Bob Nichols will serve as Assistant Secretary, and Pierre Copola will serve as Assistant Vice President.

- Advisory Committee members were discussed and it was agreed that this should be reviewed and revised to reflect current participation.

5. Regalia

A list from Ed Malmgren for estimated costs of items with HABA Logo was discussed. These costs will be recovered by resale to the Membership.

6. Magnolia Depot Shop

- Richard Boswell agreed to head a Committee with Parrish, Coppola, and Hensley. Hines will also be an interested helper.
- The purpose is to evaluate the invitation form the Magnolia Historical Society (MHS) for HABA to build and operate a small blacksmith shop on the Depot premise in Magnolia.
- HABA will create a Memorandum of Understanding to submit to MHS.
- Various styles and designs were reviewed and discussed.

4. Storage Container

- The Storage Container on FM 2978 is leaking when it rains and does not ventilate effectively. More vents will be installed to remove moisture. Water is trapped at the lowest corner and drains will be installed.

5. Upcoming Demonstrations

- June is ABANA Conference in Memphis. Tool Making with Bob Hensley will feature Priceless Anvil Tools.
- July – Kleb Barn Project. Dave is in contact with Fred Collins about this.
- August – Kleb Indoor Lecture – Val Link has agreed to provide a demo on cold forming and we will see if this time slot is good for him.
- September at Armand Bayou with Les Cook featuring leaves and flowers.
- October – Barrington Farm Smithing in Texas.
- Forgefest will feature Chad Gunter. Contracts have been signed and returned.
- November 15– 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

- Tee Hines has a pallet of coal from C&M with discount for HABA.
- Boy Scout badge training requests continue to be received. HABA needs to have a position statement to provide consistent declines since we do not have insurance for this or BSA certification.
- Fire Extinguishers were inspected and tagged. Thanks to Dave Koenig for taking care of this for HABA.

7. New Business

- A discussion was had that HABA should purchase some Easy-Up tents to use for demos and keep them at the storage site. Tee Hines will look into this.

- October 9 is the Pearl Fisher Museum Family Day and demonstrators are requested.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by President Bob Hensley at 9:06 PM with motion by Richard Boswell and seconded by Russell Parrish, and this passed without discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary