

Houston Area Blacksmiths Association

Minutes of Meeting

March 11th 2014

Call to Order: 6:06pm

In Attendance:

Board: Pat Bossart, Pete Farrell, Steve Green, Ed Malmgren, Richard Boswell, Tim Bailey, Dana Flanders

Adcom: Chris Riffe, Daniel Riffe, Les Cook, Dave Koenig

Location: Sigma Solutions

Order of Business:

1. Minutes of last meeting: The minutes were read by Pat Bossart. Upon motion (PF) and second (EM), minutes were approved.
2. Financial Report: Ed provided copies of the report. Cost for Iron Smelt were high, but after sharing with Balcones and LAMA the net cost to HABA was about \$2100. IRS tax filing was completed in Feb 2014 - no taxes due. Upon motion (SG) and second (RB), the report was approved.
3. Bayou Bend Demo: Dave and Les will be expanding the demo with more campers coming on to do blacksmithing. Not enough member commitments are in place for us to confirm that HABA can handle 25 campers. Alternative approaches were discussed for increasing participation or reducing process time.
4. Magnolia Depot: Various outstanding work items were discussed. Magnolia Depot Day will be on April 12, 2014 and the shop is planned to be open and staffed for this event.
5. Battleship Texas: DK reported on the progress of the initiative. Upon motion (DK) and second (SG), it was agreed that this would continue on as a HABA supported activity. DK will aim to develop a monthly meeting focused on this subject.
6. Resignations: Bob Nichols resigned from board. Upon motion (DF) and second (PF), the resignation was accepted. Ed Malmgren resigned as treasurer effective April 15, 2014. Upon motion (DF) and second (PB), the resignation was accepted. To react to this vacancy in the Treasurer's position, it was moved (DF) and seconded (PB) and approved that the officers going forward from April 15 would be: President - DF, Vice President PF, Treasurer PB, and Secretary MM.
7. ABANA Conference: PB has 2 tee shirts, 2 posters, and raffle tickets. Ways to support ABANA were discussed.

8. Armand Bayou Skills Development program: PF and LC updated the group on positive progress over the last three months, with good attendance and 17 new members. Upon motion (DF) and second (SG), it was agreed to provide a budget of \$1000 to procure tools and materials to support this initiative.
9. Closure: The meeting was closed at 9:15 pm.