

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Annual Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2012

HABA Board Minutes pending approval.

Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:15 on May 8, 2012 by HABA President Bob Hensley who expressed his appreciation 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-VP, Richard Boswell-Secretary, Ed Malmgren-Treasurer, Bob Nichols-Assistant Secretary. Board members Tim Bailey, Dana Flanders, Pete Farrell, Past President Tee Hines, Chris and Daniel Riffe, Dan Pratt, and Martin Miles were also present.

Order of Business

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Richard read the minutes of the Feb. 21, 2012 board meeting. Ed Malmgren moved to accept the minutes as read and corrected ; Dana Flanders Seconded and the motion passed without further discussion.
- b. Richard informed the board that due to a computer crash, the electronic copies of the past several board meeting minutes were lost. However, he has used hard copy backups and preliminary versions (as corrected) to reconstitute the website content.

2. Financial Report

Ed Malmgren reported that complete details of the financial report are on file in his office. He provided a summary report which was discussed and reviewed.

- a. Ed clarified a comment from the February 21 meeting that HABA should be able to obtain a SALES tax exemption certificate.

- b. The Audit Committee of Dana Flanders and Pat Bossart has not yet had time to audit the year-end balance but were expected to complete the work this Saturday
- c. Richard gave Ed the \$660 check from the MHS for their half of expenses.
- d. Richard moved to accept the financial report and Dana seconded the motion which passed without further discussion.

2. Board Elections

- a. Dana moved to remove Russell Parish from board membership per his verbal request and Pete seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Pete moved to replace Russell on the board with Martin Miles. Tim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- b. All presently serving Board Members agreed to continue to serve.

3. Officer Elections

- a. Pat Bossart was nominated for president by Ed Malmgren and seconded by Pete Farrell. Pat was elected HABA president unanimously.
- b. Dana Flanders was nominated for VP by Richard , seconded by Bob and unanimously elected.
- c. Bob Nichols was confirmed as Secretary.
- d. Ed Malmgren was confirmed as Treasurer,
- e. Richard will continue as Webmaster but begin to train Pete Farrell as a back-up.

4. Magnolia Depot Shop Update

- a. Richard reported that the window grills that were made by the HABA members were fitted into the windows last week.
- b. A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Dana Flanders for leading this effort.
- c. Ed reported that the shop location was now listed on our Insurance Certificate.

- d. The board discussed the need to address drainage problems at the site and the possibility of requesting some dirt backfill from the city.

5. Meetings for the rest of the year

- a. May: Chris and Daniel Riffe will demo how to make top and bottom fullers for making hammers at the Depot Shop.
- b. June: Trinket Day at the Depot. Members are asked to manufacture any small project that can be sold at the Depot Museum to support the HABA shop. We can also make needed hardware for the shop. The originally planned activity for June, the Demo with Anthony Addison was postponed until next spring to allow more time for planning and promotion.
- c. July: No Meeting.
- d. August 11: Picnic at the Depot
- e. September 15: Armand Bayou with Les Cook
- f. October 5-7: Oldenburg Forge Fest with Jay Close.
 - i. Dana sent contract to Jay and is awaiting its return in June.
 - ii. Dana to arrange for publicity for the event and auction.
- g. Nov. 10: Tom Lundquist: Dana to contact.

6. Old Business

- a. Dana Flanders announced he had created a HABA Facebook site as promised at the last meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Tee Hines suggested we should thoughtfully consider what equipment we need to put permanently in the Depot Shop and to make a list of these items. A brick forge and bellows was discussed.

8. Comments for the Good of the Order

- a. Ed Malmgren encouraged members to volunteer to demo at Bayou Bend Summer camp in June.
- b. Ed Malmgren noted that HABA membership has declined from 150 to 65 and many members were not keeping current with dues. New methods for increasing membership were discussed.
- c. Ed Malmgren suggested that we present a slide show in the evenings of our meetings and events on basics of Blacksmithing to stimulate interest with visitors.
- d. Training programs at the Depot Shop were discussed to develop interest and membership.

- e. Dana suggested that the person responsible for the monthly meeting also be accountable for the web content to promote the meeting.
- f. Pete Farrell will serve as a meeting coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned by President Pat Bossart at 8:50 PM with a motion by Bob Nichols and a second by Pete Farrell. This passed unanimously.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by

Bob Nichols, Secretary