

Houston Area Blacksmith Association Meeting Minutes May 5th 2014

In attendance at the meeting:

Board Members: Bob Hensley, Pete Farrell, Pat Bossart, Tim Bailey, Martin Miles.

Members in attendance: Les Cook, Julian Pugh, Dave Koenig

5 voting members enough for a quorum.

The March minutes were read and approved.

Voting on members of the Board.

Dana Flanders for President: Unanimous

Pat Bossart for treasurer: Unanimous

Pete Farrell for Vice President: Unanimous

Martin Miles for Secretary: 4 votes 1 abstained

1. Financial Report was read with motion to approve by Bob Hensley seconded by Tim Bailey.
2. List of Future Meetings for HABA:
 - a. June 28th. Knife workshop by Cowboy at Bellville Castle. Pat to provide a description to Pete for the announcement.
 - b. July 19th Picnic at Magnolia Depot. Pete will organize.
 - c. August 16th Broom Tying with Ron Kirby location to be determined. Pat to contact Ron to confirm.
 - d. September not yet determined.
 - e. October 2-5 at Pat Bossarts House. Dana and Pete to work on demonstrator. Pat provided Pete with a sample of the smelt so he can show it to Bob Patrick in AR the week after the meeting as a possible demonstrator.
 - f. Monthly meetings will continue at Armand Bayou. June meeting will be slitting chisel from W1 tool steel. There was some discussion about charging for the tool steel but not conclusion or vote.
3. Pete reported on the Armand Bayou Skill Building meetings that things continue to go well and keep getting new member and good attendance. Pete has purchased 10 tongs from Pieh Tool and obtained a used rivet forge from a local antique shop.
4. Other demonstrations:
 - a. Battleship Texas exhibit starting May 23rd at Houston Museum of Natural Science. HMNS is looking for two dinosaurs made out of metal taken from the Texas before May 23rd to sell in gift shop along with some of the 59 pieces made into art.
 - b. Pat to check with Elysa to see if they want a relationship.
 - c. Tim Bailey brought up the idea of an industrial forge.
5. Pat has taken receipt of about 600 raffle tickets for the ABANA conference for this year. He has distributed them to members who feel they can sell some. There is no cost to HABA for unsold tickets.

HABA meeting ended 9:30 pm