

Houston Area Blacksmiths Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 6, 2015, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Members in attendance: Ed Malgrem, Dana Flanders, Pete Farrell, Martin Miles, Pat Bossart.
By phone: Richard Boswell, Bob Hensley, Kevyn Schneider, and Dave Koenig.

Reading of the last meeting minutes: No changes were requested and the minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Reading of the financial state of being: The checking account was up \$500 from last meeting. We spent approx \$5600 the last year on forges, coal and supplies. Two Cd's in the bank at Wells Fargo maturing on Dec 15th each of the coming years.

The following officers agreed to stand for re-election and were elected by unanimous vote: Dana Flanders as President, Pete Farrell as Vice-President, Martin Miles as Secretary, Pat Bossart as Treasurer. The following current members of the Board had come to the end of their two year term, agreed to serve another term, and were unanimously voted to continue: Bob Hensley, Richard Boswell and Tim Bailey. Kevin Snyder was proposed as a new Board member and was unanimously voted in. Steve Green had not indicated a willingness to serve another term as director and therefore was not re-elected.

A discussion came up about if we should try to bill the Magnolia historical society for half of the cost of the past window grill-works. A unanimous vote of not trying to work on billing the Magnolia Historical Society was reached.

The October forge fest was discussed. It was discussed that the same location (Pat Bossart's ranch) would be used as last years and the date would be before the Texas Renaissance Festival started. The October forge fest was proposed to be a meeting where we will create forges for some of the newer members. Cost and type of forges would be researched by Kevyn Schneider and his findings would be discussed on May the 27th when another phone Board meeting will be held. A secondary or fallback October forge fest demonstrator would be Lyle Wynn and his wife.

Other items under discussion are the following: Project to transfer the membership control system to a database online. Demonstration standard and safety procedures for all members who would demonstrate under the HABA name in public.

Future meetings were discussed. The May meeting would be sponsored by Dana Flanders, scheduled for May 16, and feature a demonstration of various chain links.

June it was discussed to see if we could reschedule with EJ for a meeting in Louisiana.

July was written down as another picnic meeting due to heat concerns.

Dave Koenig briefed the Board on the plans for the Bayou Bend camp during the summer.

August and September meeting are still outstanding, without a scheduled specific plan other than the two monthly meeting at Armand Bayou and Magnolia depot.

Future equipment purchases discussed include a first aid kit with spray for burns for Armand Bayou and Magnolia. Martin Miles said that he would take an inventory of equipment and propose possible additions for the Magnolia Depot shop.

It was mentioned that the Magnolia Historical Society would like the Depot shop windows washed so that visitors could see the work we have done with the window grills.

The meeting was concluded shortly before 9pm.