

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2013

Preliminary pending Board Approval

Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order By President Pat Bossart, who expressed his appreciation to Dana Flanders for the use of his shop, his fine demo on tool making and for his hospitality.

Location:

Ziwa Forge, Simonton, TX (this board meeting was held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled club meeting).

In attendance:

Pat Bossart, Pres., Dana Flanders, VP,, Robert Nichols, Secy., Ed Malmgren, Treasurer, Tim Bailey, Pete Ferrell, Richard Boswell, Martin Miles, several non-board club members.

Order of Business

1. Reading and approval of minutes

The Minutes of the February 2013 meeting were read. Pete Farrell moved to approve and Tim Bailey seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes.

2. Financial Report

Ed Malmgren reviewed the financial report, stating that HABA was financially solvent with cash and CDs. Dana Flanders moved to accept the report and Martin Miles seconded it. The vote was unanimous for approval. The financial report is retained by the Treasurer.

3. Old Business

- a. Richard was asked about proposed work on the website and stated that he has been extremely busy but will get the work done soon.
- b. The issue of recruitment was again brought up; Ed suggested we create a simple sheet to be filled out by any interested party at a demo giving their name and email address. Pete Farrell would then add them to the newsletter list. It was suggested that we promote the term "Metal Arts" in our literature to encompass a greater potential audience. This idea was well received.
- c. Ed also suggested we print blank HABA cards to be handed out by the board at any event we attend. Dave Koenig submitted a design using the term "Metal Arts" for consideration. Ed will order a small box of cards for each board member and distribute them at the next meeting.
- d. Pat said he would set aside 45 minutes at the next board meeting to discuss how we should go about attracting new members.
- e. Richard reported problems with our Flicker account but that it is now up and running normally.
- f. Pete stated we need a generic HABA email and that he would set one up by the next meeting.
- g. Martin Miles, Bob Nichols, and Bob Hensley participated in this year's Depot Days in Magnolia. They reported a smaller event with few vendors. Visitors to the Smithy were few but all were interested.
- h. Ed reported that he has some volunteers lined up for the Iron Smelt at Oldenberg in October but need more, especially to make charcoal. Chris Riffe will be coordinating the fabrication of the barrels but much wood is needed. Commercially made charcoal is

available but it is expensive. It was agreed to have a work weekend on June 22 at Pat's place to make charcoal. All volunteers are welcome.

i. Pete said he can create a Survey Monkey survey for the club but wanted to know what questions to ask. Dana said he would submit a list to choose from.

4. New Business

a. Election of the Board

1) Pat Bossart, President, Ed Malmgren, Treasurer, and Richard Boswell, Board Member volunteered to serve on the board for a second 2 year term. Bob Nichols, Secretary, declined another term as Secretary but would continue on the Board.

2) Ed nominated Steve Green to serve on the board and Pete seconded the motion. Steve was approved for HABA Board Membership.

3) Pete Farrell nominated Martin Miles for Secretary and Ed Malmgren seconded. Martin was voted in as the new HABA Secretary.

b. Bob Nichols recommended that high quality photos of our Smithy be taken when all the work is completed to be used for promotional literature and on the website.

c. Ed pointed out we need some ornamentation on the front windows and several suggestions followed:

1) Ask for rosettes from each member and from members all over the country/world to be fastened to the lattice frames.

2. Collect objects from members that represent early or failed efforts.

3. Collect scrap bits and form them into a work of art.

d. The HABA chainmail banner is also available for display.

e. Meetings for the year were discussed and are as follows:

June: Hammer Demo at Magnolia

July: Picnic (Pete to create a To Do list)

August: Armand Bayou- Amanda

Sept: Armand Bayou – Controlled Forging?

Oct. Iron making at Oldenberg

Nov. Work Day at Magnolia

Dec. No meeting

Jan: Tinsmithing with Phil Love (Inside)?

Feb: Lee Brothers?

f. Dave Koenig reported that Bayou Bend (HFAM) has 3 Wednesdays in June set aside for school children to do forging. He said this is a significant revenue source but very challenging for the HABA members who volunteer.

Adjournment

Pete Farrell made a motion to adjourn and Martin Seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted by

Robert K. Nichols
Secretary