

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes November 29, 2010

Board Approved by Board February 8, 2011 as corrected.

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:30 PM on November 29, 2010 by HABA President, Bob Hensley who expressed gratitude 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 - Vice President, Richard Boswell-Secretary, Ed Malmgren Treasurer. Board members: Tim Bailey, Pierre Coppola, Bob Nichols, Dana Flanders, and Russell Parrish – Past President, were present. Advisory member in attendance was Dave Koenig, Past President.

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

- Richard Boswell read the September 27, 2010 Board Minutes. Russell Parrish moved to accept the minutes as written with corrections. The motion was 2nd by Pierre Coppola and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

2. Financial Report

- Ed Malmgren reported that treasury details are on file at Ed's office and he verbally reported the status of our accounts.
- The 2010 Budget Expense and Revenue was reviewed and the results used to prepare a budget for 2011.
- Regalia purchases were slightly exceeding budget due to quantity discounts that were available and more quantities were purchased.
- Capital One will begin Service Charge when balance is less than \$5,000.
- Russell Parrish moved to accept the report and recommendation, and Pat Bossart seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

- Signatures were obtained from current officers for the checking account. Presently two signatures are required for checks above \$500. Pat Bossart made a motion to allow for single signature if expense >\$500 is previously approved by the Board. This was seconded by Bob Nichols. Motion passed without further discussion.

3. HABA Logo usage

- Ed Malmgren requested approval to use HABA Logo on his new business card. This has been topic of recent Board meeting which determined that the Logo is to be controlled and that a special banner graphic be created for public usage in advertising HABA.
- Bob Nichols moved to approve the request from Ed, and this was seconded by Russell Parrish. Motion passed without further discussion.

4. Storage Container

- Richard Boswell reported the recent repairs were effective to keep the inside good and dry, not too hot, but dark (light needed).

5. Monthly Meetings

- The need to support Candlelight Tour in downtown Houston is no longer needed. They filled our place before we could confirm this.
- Meetings for 2011 were discussed and the following schedule is in place:
- January 15 is Fold Forming featuring Val Link at the conference center at Kleb Woods. Dave K is coordinating.
- The February 19 meeting will be at the Lee Brothers (Alan & Jeff) Shop in Bryan, Texas . They will demonstrate their Power Hammers and let us have some hands on experience. This will be a joint meeting with the Balcones Forge group. They have proposed and we have accepted having a trade item competition. The trade item will be a trade axe / trade hawk (tomahawk) and a committee will be formed to judge them. The trade axe is to be made from a ball peen hammer prior to Feb 19.
- March 18-19 will be Blacksmiths Round-Up in a new location. Armand Bayou was discussed but has since been withdrawn due to lack of camping. This will now be scheduled at Kevin Crawford's near Alvin.
- April 16 will be the annual Knife Making Workshop with Auction, relocated to Newman's Castle in Bellville.
- May will be coordinated by Dana Flanders.
- June will be coordinated by Pat Bossart.
- July will be coordinated by Bob Hensley.

- August will be coordinated by Bob Nichols.
- September 17 will be coordinated by Les Cook at Armand Bayou featuring Tom Scarcella demo on hammer handle fitting.
- Sept 30-Oct 2 will be ForgeFest in Oldenburg, coordinated by Bob Hensley.
- November will be at Magnolia Depot Shop coordinated by Richard Boswell.

6. Magnolia Depot Shop

- Richard Boswell reported on status and progress with Magnolia Historical Society (MHS) for establishing a shop on their Depot site in Magnolia designated as historical district. We are not responsible for the Depot facility other than our shop.
- The proposed budget is based on sharing costs equally with MHS with HABA contribution limited to \$1500 for roof, structure, walls.
- Ed Malmgren moved to accept the Agreement presented in June for signature of both parties, and to provide the limited funding. Tim Bailey seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

6. Old Business

- Dana Flanders is drafting a Strategic Plan for Bob Hensley review.

7. New Business

- Recruiting and the Strategic Plan will be discussed at next Board meeting
- Board meetings will move to the 2nd Tuesday of every third month (Feb, May, Aug, Nov).
- Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 8.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by President Bob Hensley at 9:28 PM with motion by Russell Parrish with second by Dana Flanders, and this passed without discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary