

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes September 27, 2010

Board Approved as corrected November 29, 2010.

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:15 PM on September 27, 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, Dana Flanders, and Russell Parrish – Past President, were present. Advisory members in attendance were Les Cook, and Tee Hines. Guest Arlie Beckendorf was present. Bob Nichols was excused.

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

- Richard Boswell read the June 14, 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 details are on file at Ed's office and he verbally reported the status of our accounts.
- We are not using our smallest account which has a small balance for our credit card if needed.
- PayPal account is still active but recently has been closed.
- Russell Parrish moved to accept the report and recommendation, and Tim Bailey seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

3. Oldenburg Planning

- Pat Bossart will pick up and deliver bleachers from the storage container on Wednesday. Will bring stock.
- Chad Gunter will be hosted by Steve Green. Ed M will pick up at airport Thursday and return him Sunday.
- Richard Boswell to bring high temp quench oil, belt grinder, tables.
- Tee Hines will bring treadle hammer, vice and an ice pick for donations.
- Forge and coal to be brought by Tee, Richard, and Pat.
- Ed Malmgren will handle sign in and donations. Porta John already ordered.
- Ed showed some of the items Chad will be making for his demo.

4. Regalia

A list from Ed Malmgren for actual costs of items with HABA Logo will be sent. These costs will be recovered by resale to the Membership. Ed showed samples of each item. Total costs may be more than estimated because of discounts realized with quantity purchases. Prices were discussed and agreed upon for most of the items presented.

5. Barrington Farm Smithing in Texas Work Weekend

- Russell Parrish, Bob Hensley, Bob Nichols, and Dave Koenig will be attending. Farm needs and requests were discussed (staples, scrapper, hinges, evener bar).

6. Fernland Blacksmith Shop in Montgomery

- Bob Hensley described his recent and upcoming visit with the new shop being constructed by a developer with Sam Houston State University. Five old buildings will be moved and reconstructed. Nov 20 is a fundraiser weekend for the non-profit located on 105 east of Montgomery. They have tools donated as part of a collection that was kept in good condition. Bob and Pierre will demo on Nov 20.

7. Use of HABA Logo by Members

- A proposal was made that:
 - The HABA Logo is to be used for official HABA business only unless approved or requested in writing by the Board.
 - A non-official logo/banner is to be created for use by members to promote our activities.

- Ed Malmgren moved and Russell Parrish seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

8. Storage Container

- Ed Malmgren reported that the new sheet metal roof with insulation was installed on top of our storage container located on FM 2978 at no costs to HABA via private donation. Ed and Pat Bossart installed holes for drainage, and Les Cook built and Pat Bossart installed vents on both ends.
- Pierre moved that the two roof installers be given a \$100 gift card each as expression of our appreciation. Pat Bossart seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

9. Monthly Meetings

- November meeting will be at Tommy Traylor's in Bellville and will feature an induction furnace. Dana and Pat will follow up with more information to publish.
- Bob Hensley will follow up with HMAG for a meeting in May.

10. Magnolia Depot Shop

- Richard Boswell reported on status and progress with Magnolia Historical Society for establishing a shop on their Depot site in Magnolia designated as historical district.
- Russell Parrish has reviewed our insurance policy. A renter agreement would compliment the existing policy. Construction is not covered. We need to add our Storage Container location to our policy.
- HABA responsibilities were discussed for the premises and security. A Depot representative should be present when we are having a public event to assure no problem occurs on the Depot facility and property.
- Ownership of the facility was discussed in regard to active use and if we should vacate. HABA wants a minimum 1 year lease type arrangement. MLS will keep the facility if and when we leave and HABA will not have to remove building.
- Dana Flanders will lead the development of a Business Plan for this and other HABA ventures such as regalia. All Board Members are on his committee.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business - None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by President Bob Hensley at 10:16 PM with motion by Russell Parrish with second by Pat Bossart, and this passed without discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary