

# **Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.**

## **Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2010**

*Board Approved as corrected Feb 1, 2010*

### **Call to Order:**

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:30 PM on January 11, 2010 by HABA President, Russell Parrish 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:**

Russell Parrish – President, Bob Hensley - Vice President , Richard Boswell-Secretary, Ed Malmgren-Treasurer. Board members, Pat Bossart, Pierre Coppola and Tim Bailey were present. Advisory member in attendance was Dave Koenig, Les Cook and Tee Hines. Board Member Bob Nichols was absent and excused. Member Dana Flanders attended.

### **Order of Business:**

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

- Richard Boswell read the July 14, 2009 Board Minutes. Ed Malmgren moved to accept the minutes as written with corrections. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bailey and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

#### **2. Financial Report**

- Ed Malmgren presented HABA's financial report. Additional details are on file at Ed's office.
- Ed reports that he writes about 15 checks each year and that Quick Books is no longer necessary to keep track of our account. This is important because his computer has crashed and we should not re-purchase Quick Books.
- Pat Bossard moved to accept the report and recommendation, and Richard Boswell seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

### **3. Board Members**

- President Russell Parrish reported that Steve Arial has resigned from the Board due to other personal commitments. The HABA Board recognizes and appreciates the efforts Steve has put forth in promoting our Training Progression at our meetings.

### **4. Monthly Meetings**

- Many options and suggestions were discussed and each Board Member was encouraged to sheppard an event. Dave noted that HABA was in the public face for 30 days in 2009.
- January 16 will be at Mike Newman's Castle in Bellville and will feature Cowboy Syzmanski as featured demonstrator for the Annual Knife making Workshop and will feature a Smith knife or letter opener. Tee Hines will cut and prepare 3/8" coil spring donated to HABA. Mike Newman will roast a pig and donations requested. Many details were discussed.
- January 16 will also be the opening date for the Iron:Forged ,Tempered, and Quenched show at HCCC which will run until May 16. Dave Koenig will be a featured Speaker. HABA regrets the scheduling conflict.
- February 20 will feature wrought iron forging with Dave Koenig
- March will feature Bowls at Dana Flanders in Simonton and Russell will lead.
- April will feature Katy folk Fest on 10<sup>th</sup>. Tee will contact Susan Hall about the future of Oldenburg meetings. Ed Malmgren will contact Chad Gunther about possible demo. Richard will contact Bob Patrick about possible demo. Any public forge welding or HABA meeting should include a shield to protect all attendees.
- May - Hardware Hinges with Tee Hines
- June is ABANA Conference in Memphis. Tool Making with Bob Hensley
- July – Kleb Barn Project?
- August – Kleb Lecture on Iron Making by Dave Koenig
- September at Armand Bayou with Les Cook
- October – Barrington Farm Smithing in Texas. Forgefest?
- November – Casting with Pat Bossart
- Other suggestions: Alan Lee, Rob Kirby, Mark Finstad as demonstrators.

## **6. Old Business**

There is no other old business to discuss.

## **7. New Business**

- Ed Malmgren suggests that the Board have a pre-announced schedule for meetings.
- Storage options were discussed such as a trailer and storage sheds. Pat will look into a trailer and Pierre will look into rental or free storage site.
- Dana Flanders was invited to serve on the Advisory Committee and he accepted.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM with motion by Richard Boswell and seconded by Russell Parrish, and this passed without discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Richard Boswell

Secretary