

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

## **Board Meeting Minutes February 1, 2010**

*Board Approved April 5, 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 February 1, 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, and Bob Nichols were present. Advisory member in attendance was Dave Koenig, Les Cook and Tee Hines. Advisory Committee Member Dana Flanders attended.

### **Order of Business:**

#### **1. Financial Report**

- Ed Malmgren presented HABA's financial report, including the results of the successful January meeting and auction. Six new Members were signed for a 5 year plan.. Additional details are on file at Ed's office.
- Ed reports that the Capitol One Cards are expired, and he has new ones for those in need of procuring materials for the monthly meetings.
- We will reimburse A.J. Garrett for the excellent dragon presented to Mike Newman for hosting our January meeting. This will be done as a five year membership to A.J.
- Pat Bossart moved to accept the report and recommendation, and Richard Boswell seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

- Richard Boswell read the January 11, 2010 Board Minutes. Ed Malmgren moved to accept the minutes as written with corrections. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Hensley and the motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

#### **3. Annual Meeting**

- The Annual Meeting for Board and Officer Elections will be June 21.
- Pat Bossart moved to accept the report and recommendation, and Bob Hensley seconded. Motion passed without further discussion.

#### **4. Monthly Meetings**

- February 20 will feature wrought iron forging with Dave Koenig at Tudor Forge. Richard Boswell is to champion this and has obtained round bar stock to use. Special clear welding curtains provided by Ed Malmgren will be used to protect the attendees from flux splatter. This will be a demo only for the wrought iron.
- Barrington Farm will be last weekend of February to celebrate Texas Independence Day. Russell will check on the arrangements.
- March will feature Copper Bowls at Dana Flanders in Simonton and Russell will lead. Please bring stumps and ball peen hammers.
- Bob H and Dave K will demo for Family Day at HCCC on March 6.
- April will feature Katy folk Fest on 10<sup>th</sup> and Dave K will demo if needed.
- Tee has contacted Susan Hall about the April Round Up at Oldenburg and this is a go, but no Hall Family cook out this year. We will need to clean up. Friday and Saturday only as Sunday is Easter. This will be a Hammer-In featuring our Training Progression via ABANA Controlled Hand Forging publications.
- May - Hardware Hinges with Tee Hines. Andrew Belcher will be invited to lead the demo. Tee will champion.
- June is ABANA Conference in Memphis. Tool Making with Bob Hensley
- July – Kleb Barn Project. Dave will contact Fred Collins about this.
- August – Kleb Lecture on Iron Making by Dave Koenig and he will contact Fred Collins about this.
- September at Armand Bayou with Les Cook featuring leaves and flowers.
- October – Barrington Farm Smithing in Texas.
- Forgefest will feature a well known demonstrator. Ed will contact Chad Gunter.
- November – Casting with Pat Bossart who requests help in developing the demo.
- The new HABA banner in chain maille needs a stand. We need to contact Richard Myer on this.

## 6. Old Business

There is no other old business to discuss.

## 7. New Business

- Bob Hensley has scanned nearly all of the ABANA Ring magazines in pdf format, totaling about 4 Gb. We will continue to discuss copyright issues. Can we can distribute this on thumb drives to new members with 5 year renewals? Ask ABANA in June.
- Pat Bossart provided a trailer update. A 1 axle 3000# 5x8 costs about \$1500 new. Double axle is about \$3500. Our bleachers are 9.5 ft long. Dave suggests we ask BAM about their experience.
- Tee H and Dana Flanders have been looking into coal purchases
- A meeting champion would be useful to organize and ramrod each meeting. This includes advance announcement of the event.
- Ed M discussed his storage container findings: 20 ft at @1400, 40 ft at \$1700
- Richard B discussed rental storage space options and will follow up with site across street at his farm.
- Pierre C discussed location of friends shop in Conroe that could place a container at no cost.

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM with motion by Tim Bailey and seconded by Richard Boswell, and this passed without discussion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

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Richard Boswell

Secretary