

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes February 11, 2008

Approved as amended by Board May 07, 2008

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:19 PM on February 11, 2008 by HABA President, Tee Hines. Tee 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:

Tee Hines-President, Russell Parrish-Vice President, Richard Boswell-Secretary, Ed Malmgren-Treasurer, and Board members Dave Koenig, Les Cook, Tim Bailey were present. Advisory members in attendance were Steve Arial.

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

Richard Boswell read the November 26, 2007 Board Minutes. Dave Koenig moved to accept the minutes as written with amendments. The motion was 2nd by Les Cook and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Report and Budget

Ed Malmgren verbally presented HABA's financial report. The Board discussed the details of the recent activity and a formal report was waived. Additional details are on file at Ed's office. New signature cards are to be processed.

3. February Meeting Planning

The February meeting will be hosted by Ed at his shop, Components, Inc. at McCarty off I-10 and I-610. The demo will feature Dave Koenig and bowl making for the Empty Bowls project. Ed will have forming rings cut from pipe and various plates for bowl making. He reminds everyone to bring tongs, hammers, and coal forges.

4. Spring Round-Up at Oldenburg and Other Meetings

- The Round-Up at Oldenburg is scheduled for April 4-6, again hosted by HABA Lifetime Member Kennie and Susan Hall. The agenda will be similar to last Fall, with sequential demos featuring the ABANA Controlled Forging Techniques.

Volunteer demonstrators are Dave, Steve, Tee, Bob and Richard. E.J. was included on this list but was subsequently unable to attend.

- The Fall ForgeFest in Oldenburg will feature Bob Alexander. Approximate fees were discussed.
- Dave will contact Bayou City Art Fest to determine if we are scheduled to be there.

5. Tee Hines Resigns as President

This item was reserved for later discussion.

6. Liability Insurance

Dave K has discussed this with Roam Hutchings of Minneapolis. Russell P will talk with a local broker from whom we recently obtained D&O coverage.

Our present policy covers public injury and protects HABA, but not the HABA members or officers.

Some Board members have personal policy Riders to protect themselves.

RMI is a carrier for Artists. This is typically applied to volunteers and not for commercial vendors. Hartford is the present provider for HABA.

7. Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art

Dave K met with the Museum staff, and 2 members of HMAG about the ancillary show we are invited to participate in. This summer, the museum will show the 150 year old African Gold exhibit on loan from the Glazzel Collection. This is an internationally famous traveling collection of gold work from Ghana. HABA and HMAG will have an adjoining room for joint display (20'x30') and the show will last 14 weeks. June 1 is the deadline for submittals. Dave Koenig will Chair the Committee. Various types of display were discussed.

The motion to accept the invitation was moved by Russell P, and seconded by Les C. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

Permanent forge shops in partnership with Harris County were discussed for Rose Hill (Froehlich Shop), Cypress Top, Zube Park, and Kleb Park.

Russell P reported that a Newsletter Editor was still being sought.

9. New Business

.Tee Hines submitted a regretful letter of resignation as President because his relocation efforts require more of his dedicated attention (letter is attached, with note). The Board regretfully accepted and asked that he continue as Board Member.

Les Cook agreed to fill the remaining tenure of President until May. He then motioned to accept the resignation. Tim B seconded and the motion passed with out question. Dave K moves that Les be nominated to complete the and tenure fulfillment plan. Tee H seconds and the motion passes.

The Board is very grateful and appreciative to Tee for his diligent and attentive management of the organization, and for his outstanding leadership and activity as a lead demonstrator for HABA for the past 1 ½ years.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm by Les Cook following motion by Richard B and second by Russell P.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary