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Houston Area Blacksmith's Association
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HABA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2003

Present: President, Les Cook; Vice President, Richard Boswell;
Treasurer, Larry Hoff; HABA Member, James Porter

The meeting came to order at 6:00 PM with Les Cook presiding.

In Dave's absence, no minutes from the Dec 12, 2002 meeting were read.

No financial report was presented.

First item of discussion was the web page. There is a problem with posting ads. Richard needs to put them in. Ads need to be dated and have an expiration date. Soliciting commercial advertisers and charging for ads was discussed. Item to be reviewed later as research is needed as to how this would impact HABA's 501(C)(3) status.

Agenda item 11: Resolved to change web server service to Guidon, Inc. with option #1 at \$20.00 per month.

Agenda item 10: Carried to recognize Andy Walters' hard work in upgrading and maintaining HABA's web site, with \$100.00 and dinner. Date to be set later.

A definition of family as "two adults living together and all of their children under age 18" was presented. No actions taken.

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Agenda item 9: The need for more board members was discussed. James Porter was nominated for board member, voted on and unanimously carried.

James and his wife Kathy have assumed the duties of maintaining HABA’s books and membership roll.

Discussion was held on the Treasurer’s position. Les expressed a need for the Treasurer to perform the duties as put forth in HABA’s Bylaws Article 9- Officers Section 7. Treasurer.

In the past Larry, had expressed a desire to step down from the Treasurer’s position. Discussion was held with Larry on his current feelings about the position. Discussion was held on James becoming Treasurer. Motion was carried that James would become Treasurer and Larry would become Assistant Treasurer to assist James with the transition. A change of banking institution, which would allow for, a more flexible operation is under consideration.

Class and tenure of the board members will be researched by Les. It was established that board of director’s tenure and executive board terms are independent.

Agenda item 3: Hosting the Metallurgists with a Damascus steel knife workshop was discussed. Insurance coverage needs to be determined. Les will call our provider.

Agenda item 1: Treadlehammer/Flypress tool making workshop with John Crouchet was discussed. All agreed to hold it. Les will head it up. A May date to be finalized.

Agenda item 2: Oldenburg was discussed. It is agreed that event should provide income for HABA. James Porter is to head up a committee for this event. Dates, theme, etc. to be submitted by James.

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Agenda item 4: HABA's involvement with IronFest. At this point HABA had no involvement and it was decided not to seek any involvement.

Agenda item 6: A-Gas forge workshop to be researched and chaired by Richard. Date to be set.

B-There is interest in a tong-making workshop. Proposed for Sept.

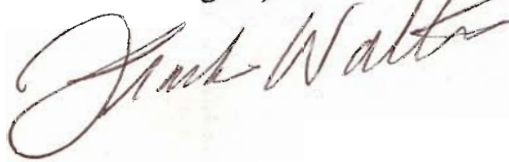
C- Smithin Magician workshop. There was discussion but no decision made.

Agenda item 7: July meeting and involvement with Meeting of the Guilds. No actions.

Agenda item 8: August brainstorming meeting. There was discussion as to its value and how to draw more members. Need to have a "draw" such as a demonstrator film. Suggested holding it at a BBQ place. Definitely to be held inside. Suggested to also having tailgate activity here. There was no final resolution.

Other items that were brought up, silent auction at HABA meetings, Iron in the Hat, members donate items to HABA for sale at Oldenburg, have a workshop where items are made for sale at Oldenburg, HABA touch mark. No official action was taken on these items.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15



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