

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

ANNUAL MEETING

Board Meeting Minutes May 07, 2008

Approved as corrected by Board Aug 05, 2008

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:09 PM on May 07, 2008 by HABA President, Les Cook. Les 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:

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

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

Richard Boswell read the February 11, 2008 Board Minutes. Dave Koenig moved to accept the minutes as written with amendments. The motion was 2nd by Russell Parrish and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Report and Budget

Ed Malmgren presented HABA's financial report with three handouts: Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2007 and April 30, 2008, followed by a Profit/Loss Summary through April 2008. The Board discussed the details of the recent activity and discussed means of performing an audit. Steve and Russell will look into this further. Additional details are on file at Ed's office. Tee moved to accept the report, and Tim seconded. Motion passed.

3. Update from Dave Koenig

- Fire Permits and Fire Marshall fees are required within the City Limits of Houston for public demonstrations. Public and Commercial use are strictly regulated but personal use is of no concern. This will prevent HABA from participating in the Empty Bowls demo at HCCC.

- Dave has a submittal form from HMAG for the Pearl Fincher Museum Art Show. It will need to be modified. Any sales inquiries will be directly passed on to the artist.
- Precinct 3 progress with blacksmith shops in their parks is continuing. The County is to contact the Froleich family who are now agreeing on how to proceed. This process may require a year or two to complete.
- Kleb Farm was visited by Tee and Dave and possibilities were discussed.
- Magnolia City Manager Ryan Kelly visited with Tee Hines about possibilities of setting up a shop somewhere in Magnolia, using the building from Anderson.

4. Election of Board

Les Cook distributed tenure list. Class I members are expiring: Dave Koenig, Russell Parrish, and Tim Bailey. Russell and Tim were nominated for a new term. The motion to accept them was made by Boswell and seconded by Koenig. Motion passed.

Dave Koenig asked to be allowed to retire, and was automatically moved into the Advisory Committee Status. As Founder and Board Member/Officer for ten years, his request was accepted with regret and with appreciation for the essential service and leadership he has provided to the organization.

Bob Hensley and Steve Arial were nominated by Les Cook to fill the new vacancy and to expand the Board as Class I tenures (two years). Ed moves to accept the nomination and Russell seconded. The motion passed.

5. Election of Officers

Ed Malmgren agreed to continue as Treasurer. Les moved we accept this offer, Russell seconded and motion passed.

Richard Boswell agreed to continue as Secretary. Les moved we accept this offer, Tee seconded and motion passed.

Les Cook volunteered/elected for another round of Vice President. Richard moved we accept this offer, Ed seconded and motion passed.

Russell Parrish nominated as President. Les moved we accept this nomination, Tee seconded and motion passed.

6. Future Meeting Plans

Guido Schindler is scheduled to demo at Tudor Forge on May 10. Les will check if electric power is needed.

Tee Hines will demo forging a pot rack on June 21 at his Bucksnot Forge in Magnolia.

July meeting not confirmed but will likely be at Kleb Farm.

Bayou Bend has requested HABA to demo three days and will provide Fire Marshall and Permit, and \$1200 honorarium. Dave, Tee, and Les will cover this.

Richard and Bob will demo for Tomball Movie Night at the Depot on second Saturday of June.

August will feature making chain maille for a new HABA banner. Likely at Kleb Nature Center. Richard and Joe Myers will lead the demo.

Oldenburg will require help setting up, and we should let Dave be excused from this. Will need bleachers etc.

November will be holiday decorations at Tudor Forge. Russell may demo making ribbon items.

Tee has a number of ABANA Rings (magazines) to distribute at meetings.

7. Old Business

Our local insurance broker has retired.

Russell P reported that a Newsletter Editor was still being sought, and his wife may be interested but needs examples.

8. New Business

There was no further new business.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm by Russell Parrish following motion by Richard B and seconded by Les Cook.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary