

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Annual Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2009

Board Approved as corrected January 11, 2010

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:31 PM on July 14, 2009 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, Les Cook –Vice President , Richard Boswell-Secretary, Ed Malmgren-Treasurer. Board members Bob Hensley, Pat Bossart, Tee Hines and Tim Bailey were present. Advisory member in attendance was Bob Nichols. Board Member Pierre Coppola was absent and excused, and Steve Arial was absent.

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

- Richard Boswell read the Feb 5, 2009 Board Minutes. Bob Hensley moved to accept the minutes as written with corrections. The motion was 2nd by Les Cook and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Report

- Ed Malmgren presented HABA's financial report. Additional details are on file at Ed's office.
- Bleacher and Demonstrator expenses were discussed, along with Ice-pick and Auction incomes, and demonstration incomes.
- Scholarships, Grants, and tax reporting income limits were discussed.
- Paypal has become troublesome to manage and requires a separate bank account to protect our primary accounts. Ed moved that we shutdown and eliminate this payment tool from the website, and this was seconded by Richard Boswell. Motion passed.
- Richard moved to accept the report and recommendation, and Les Cook seconded. Motion passed.

3. Director Elections – Annual Meeting

- Tenure of the Board is split into Class 1 and Class 2 term expirations. Class 2 expires with this Annual Meeting: Ed Malmgren, Richard Boswell, Les Cook, Pat Bossart, and Tee Hines.
- Les Cook requested that he decline a nomination and the Board regretfully accepts his request. He will continue to serve HABA as valued Advisory Board Member and Past President.
- Tee Hines requested that he decline a nomination and the Board regretfully accepts his request. He will continue to serve HABA as valued Advisory Board Member and Past President.
- Bob Nichols was nominated by Russell to fill the Class 2 position vacated by Tee. Seconded by Boswell and motion passed.
- The Board now has nine Directors.

4. Officer Elections

- The Board nominated the following as Officers
 - President – Russell Parrish
 - Vice President – Bob Hensley
 - Secretary – Richard Boswell
 - Treasurer – Ed Malmgren
- Pat Bossart moves that the slate be accepted by acclamation, Bob Nichols seconds, and the motion passes.
- **Other Board Business during Pizza Break**
 - The need of an assistant treasurer was discussed and Les Cook volunteered to work with Ed.
 - Tee will send Pat an asset list to update.
 - Richard will tell ABANA who the new Officers are.
 - Tee shirts and Aprons were discussed. Mallets for demonstrator “thank you” were discussed. Ed will follow up on these items.

5. Monthly Meetings

- July 25 at Tee Hines shop will feature an open forge day.
- Aug 15 at Kleb Woods Farm : Dave is arranging a “talk-in” meeting.
- September at Armand Bayou with Les Cook arranging.
- October at Oldenburg
- November at Dave Koenig’s shop to make iron or forge wrought items.

6. Burn Permits in Houston City Limits

- Pat Bossart reported on recent discussions with City Fire Marshalls. He says that hoods on coal forges will satisfy the open fire restriction. Permits are required which costs \$250 per event, but not standby Fire Marshall at \$75/hr. The hood can have 4 openings and must have a chimney to qualify.

7. Old Business

There is no other old business to discuss.

8. New Business

- Tee Hines discussed our D&O insurance and noted Ed Montgomery is not there now. We previously had Service Corp review this and they said it was a good policy. We should seek a local agent for Liability Policy.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM with motion by Tim Bailey and seconded by Pat Bossart, and this passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary