

HABA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2005

Call to Order

A HABA Board Meeting was called to order August 3, 2005 at 6:15 PM by President Richard Boswell. The meeting location was Schindler Metalworks, 1802 Crocket, Houston, TX 77007.

Officers in attendance were Vice President James Porter and Secretary Dave Koenig. At large board members present were, Les Cook, Tee Hines and Tim Bailey. Board members Frank Walters, Mark Finstad and Treasurer Cathy Porter were excused.

Advisory committee members present were Brian Bateman and Gary Evensen.

Kennie Hall was present as a member guest. There were no other HABA members present.

The president thanked Guido and Maryann Schindler for again hosting a HABA board meeting.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 'Fall Forge Fest' in Oldenburg, TX, October 7-9, 2005

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2005 Board Meeting as read by Dave Koenig were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report

James Porter gave the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted. Cash on hand at the end of July 31, 2005 was: \$16,413.40. The net profit from January 1 through July 31, 2005 was \$2,686.40

The Treasurer was asked to purchase a copy of the software, QuickBooks for Non-Profits.

General Comments

Richard Boswell brought to the attention of the board the 2006 Ring Projects for the 2006 ABANA Conference in Seattle, WA. One project for Affiliates and the other was for individuals.

Thirty people attend the July meeting at Bob Collier's shop and Vince Lusco did a fine job describing how to build a Kinyon pneumatic hammer and demonstrating how it worked.

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Dave Koenig announced that a tour of Eastham Forge was confirmed as part of the August 2005 HABA meeting in Beaumont, TX.

Old Business

Annual Meeting

Les Cook moved to schedule the HABA annual meeting. The motion carried and the August meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2005. The location was to be determined.

HABA Trailer

Brian Bateman would give more thought to the pros and cons of HABA owning and maintaining a trailer to store and move HABA equipment.

Training Progression

We were all reminded that no progress was made on implementing the HABA Training Progression.

Fall Forge Fest - October 8, 2005

Les Cook is the director of Fall Forge Fest 2005.

Kennie Hall described the 40'x 60' pavilion with 12 foot eaves he was in the process of building for HABA's use on his property at Oldenburg, TX. It would be located near Bauer Road and placed so that additions can easily be made in the future. The structure should be done by the end of August but water and electricity may not be available by October.

At some point in time, Kennie would like to get his investment back and eventually make the site profitable. HABA would have a spot at Oldenburg whenever it wanted.

HABA needs to recognize the contributions made over the years by Nelson Randerman. Nelson has distributed flyers along his milk route in the area and donated milk to members during all of the Oldenburg events.

HABA will have five demonstrators for the event, one from each of the regional blacksmithing organizations. Four people will demonstrate during the day and one at night. Confirmed demonstrators to date are: Gary Evensen for HABA and Dan Smith for Balcones Forge. Les has leads for demonstrators from each of the remaining blacksmithing organizations.

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A fee of \$20 will be charged for anyone who wishes to see the demonstrations from the comfort of his or her own chair or bleachers. A space will be available for the public to stand and watch the demonstrations if they would like

Each demonstrator will be offered a \$100 honorarium to help defray travel expenses.

Two public auctions are planned. One will take place at high noon and the other at 3:30 PM. Members need to begin thinking about what they will make and donate for the auctions. The tools Brent Bailey demonstrated at the June HABA meeting will be included in the auctions.

The auctions need to be advertised in the local papers as in the past and a new sign needs to be made and installed on the site informing the public about the auctions.

HABA should have a public demonstration area away from the main demonstration site to educate visitors about the art and craft of blacksmithing. This site should also have small hand forged HABA items for sale. A large sign needs to be installed which reads 'Free Public Blacksmithing Demonstrations'.

E.J. McCann will make a gumbo for noon Saturday.

Centaur Tool Company from New Braunfels, TX will be set up at Oldenburg.

A HABA Donation receptacle needs to have a prominent place where people enter the demonstration site and at the HABA public demonstration site.

Adjournment

The August 3, 2005 HABA board meeting was adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David W. Koenig - Secretary