

HABA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 22, 2006

Approved January 29, 2007

Call to Order

President Richard Boswell called a HABA Board Meeting to order August 22, 2006 at 6:45 PM. The meeting location was Stress Engineering Services at 13800 Westfair East Drive Houston, TX 77041.

Officers in attendance were President Richard Boswell, Vice President Tee Hines and Secretary Dave Koenig. At large board members present were, Les Cook, Ed Malmgren and Tim Bailey. Board members Mark Finstad, Cathy Porter and James Porter were excused. The quorum was established with 6 of 9 Directors present.

The Board appreciates the effort and thoughtfulness of Ginger Boswell to provide snacks and refreshments for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The board approved the board meeting minutes of the February 21, 2006 Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Malmgren gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Cathy Porter. Cash on hand as of August 22, 2006 was \$ 17,293.89. The board approved the treasurer's report.

Directors Tenure and Election

James and Cathy Porter decided to leave the HABA Board of Directors. A move to the country and work commitments necessitated the change. James' term on the board ended and Cathy resigned.

Board members Mark Finstad and Dave Koenig agreed to another term on the HABA Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors voted not to fill the two board positions vacated by James and Cathy Porter. The board expressed their heartfelt thanks for all the work James and Cathy contributed to HABA during their five years on the board and look forward to their continuing membership in HABA.

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Election of Officers

The following board members were nominated and they accepted the nomination for the following offices:

Tee Hines, President
Les Cook, Vice President
Richard Boswell, Secretary
Ed Malmgren, Treasurer

Les Cook made a motion to close the nominations and Tim Bailey seconded. The motion passed.

Bank Signature Card

After a discussion, Richard Boswell made a motion that the board of directors accept the resolution about the authority limitation of the HABA Treasurer and signatories to HABA checks as printed below. Tim Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**HABA Board of Directors Resolution
Check Writing and Authority Limitations
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At a meeting of Board of Directors of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association on August 22, 2006, the board of directors resolved that:

1. Tee Hines, President; Les Cook, Vice President; Richard Boswell, Secretary, and Ed Malmgren, Treasurer are signatories to write HABA checks.
2. Bank statements should be mailed to Components Inc., 8866 North Loop East, Houston TX, 77029.
3. On checks up to \$500, only one signature will be required.
4. On checks exceeding \$500, two signatures will be required.

Fall Forge Fest

Preparations for Fall Forge Fest featuring Frank Turley of Santa Fe, NM at Oldenburg, TX were reviewed. The following major issues were reviewed and agreed by the board.

1. Kennie and Susan Hall offered the use of their land at Oldenburg for Fall Forge Fest.
2. Total honorarium, travel and miscellaneous expenses would not exceed \$1,700.

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3. The S7 stock needed for the demonstration and sale to attendees would be sold at cost plus markup.
4. Layout of the event would be the same as 2005.
4. Dave Koenig would organize the bleachers from the YMCA.
5. E.J. McCann would cook for Friday evening.
6. Tee Hines would organize the printing and distribution of about 450 post cards announcing the event to regional blacksmithing groups.

Old Business

The HABA Newsletter

It was agreed that the present editor of *The HABA Letter* would write one more edition of newsletter. After the next newsletter a quarterly post card announcing the date and location of the next HABA meeting would be sent to members who do not have internet access. The HABA Letter would begin publication again when a new editor is identified.

Storage

Dave Koenig agreed to contact Kennie Hall and see if HABA could put a storage building at Oldenburg to store materials needed for Oldenburg events.

PA System

The board agreed to purchase a PA system for HABA's use. Richard Boswell and Tee Hines would continue to evaluate a couple systems and make a purchase.

Meeting Schedule for 2007

The board drafted a 2007 meeting schedule with the understanding that not all meetings are confirmed at this time. The board did agree that most of the 2007 monthly HABA meetings would be 'hammer-in' types where members brought their forges and members had an opportunity to forge a version of the item featured during the meeting demonstration.

PayPal

The decision in the spring of 2006 to drop PayPal was put on hold because of activity on the account. A final decision to keep or drop PayPal would be made at the next board meeting.

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HABA Surplus Steel

HABA has two large pieces of steel purchased for an event many years ago. This steel will be auctioned at the January Knife Making and Fund Raising meeting in Bellville, TX, January, 2007.

New Business

HABA Scholarship

Ed Malmgren proposed creating a \$1,000 HABA scholarship for HABA members who demonstrate an interest in preserving and promoting the art and craft of blacksmithing in two ways, learning the craft and taking an active part to help run HABA. The board agreed to develop this idea further.

New HABA Memberships

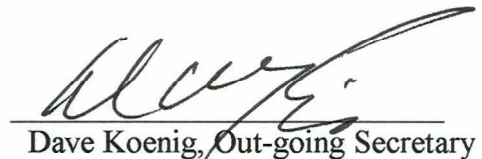
Ed Malmgren proposed to create three additional HABA memberships. The first membership would be for five years. The second would be for three years and the third membership would be for students 18 years of age and older. The three and five year memberships would include the following incentives. A five year membership would include a HABA anvil and the three year membership would include a HABA T-shirt. The board agreed to proceed with these new memberships.

Adjournment

Tim Bailey made a motion to adjourn. Les Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed at 10:02 PM.



Tee Hines, President



Dave Koenig, Out-going Secretary



Richard Boswell, In-coming Secretary