

# HABA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

A HABA Board Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by President Richard Boswell. Officers in attendance were Vice President James Porter and Secretary Dave Koenig. At large members present were Frank Walters, Les Cook and Mark Finstead. Treasurer Kathy Porter and at large members Tim Bailey and Lee Oates were excused. A quorum was present to conduct business

The meeting convened at the Servant Savior Presbyterian Church at 11303 Hughes Road, Houston, TX 77089.

The minutes from the June 3, 2004 Annual Meeting were read by Les Cook and unanimously approved as read by the board.

James Porter gave the Treasures Report and it was accepted.

James suggested that HABA sends membership renewal reminders to members in the form of a post card. Dave Koenig offered to draft that renewal notice.

Les Cook will prepare a receipt for Dave Koenig.

Mark Finstead was formally welcomed to the HABA Board.

There was a suggestion to have a full day planning meeting by the Board. No decision was made.

The Board agreed to draft a 2005 schedule of monthly meeting events.

James Porter informed the Board that he will need to leave the Board due to changing work commitments out of the country. There was not date certain.

HABA's bank is changing its name to Hibernia.

There was a consensus that HABA needs to prepare a long range plan and prepare an annual budget. Dave Koenig and Les Cook agreed to begin that process.

HABA's primary communication with the membership and other interested publics is the HABA web site, [www.habairon.org](http://www.habairon.org). HABA does need to continue to publish *The HABA Letter*, HABA's newsletter. The newsletter has not been published since the last editor moved out of state. Until *The HABA Letter* can be published again, the board agreed to send members without e-mail access a two page summary of upcoming events ten times per

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year or as possible to be published. For major HABA events the board agreed to send all members an event notice by U.S. Mail.

Dave Koenig and Les Cook agreed to meet with David Hoffman to discuss publishing options for *The HABA Letter*.

The January 2005 Fifth Annual Knife Making Workshop and Fund Raising Auction will be held at Tudor Forge, near Magnolia, TX.

The board agreed to explore the possibility of a farrier demonstration for a monthly HABA meeting during 2005.

The Board agreed to purchase a nominal 500 pound Hey Budden anvil for resale at the October Hammerfest in Oldenburg, TX.

The last weekend in October is the date HABA agreed to demonstrate for the public at Washington on the Brazos State Park, Barrington Living History Farm and to forge tools for the farm. The plan is to make tools identified by park personnel which would make the interpreted life of the 1850's easier on the staff and more educational for park visitors.

The board agreed to spend \$60 to create an embroidered logo pattern that can be used on HABA caps and shirts.

Dave Koenig will investigate the possibility of having clay cups made with the HABA logo. Some cups would come with handles and some without. Those without handles could be finished with a forged handle by the owner or be used without a handle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Koenig - Secretary