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HABA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEEING

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The HABA Board of Directors met with HABA members and a few visitors at Oldenburg, TX October 13, 2000. The meeting was called to order by Dave Koenig, President.

Larry Hoff, Treasurer, indicated that HABA funds totaled right at \$1900 and that there were two new memberships received. HABA's membership is now at 45 members.

Larry Hoff and Dave Koenig met with a bookkeeper to review how HABA was keeping its books. The result of this meeting was a confirmation that our bookkeeping methodology was appropriate. Additional accounts need to be set-up to account for taxes. We were told that any tax accountant should have no problem filing HABA income tax.

Speaking of taxes, Larry Newbern, Vice President, suggested that HABA consider Charlotte Newbern to file HABA's taxes.

Dave Koenig suggested that HABA does not try to become 501 (c) 3 tax exempt corporation at this time. The primary reason is to learn how to run a Texas non-profit first. A second reason is that there is no real need to become tax exempt unless someone wanted to give HABA a lot of money and wanted to deduct that donation from their income taxes. A motion was made to not pursue a 501 (c) 3 designation at this time and the vote was unanimous.

IronFest, the five -state blacksmithing conference is developing well. Cash funds were received from ABANA, TABA and NTBA. HABA will guarantee one national demonstrator from funds set aside as a result of the Oldenburg Auctions. The goal is to build a fund of \$1500 to be used in the event a national demonstrator needs to be paid and there are no funds available because of a major loss caused by inclement weather for example. The probability of HABA using these funds for IronFest is remote for two reasons. One, every indication is that IronFest will be successful if the weather cooperates. Two, IronFest is considering purchasing weather insurance. HABA's IronFest fund is now about \$1000.

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If HABA's IronFest demonstrator fund is not used for IronFest, it will be used to bring a nationally known blacksmith to the Houston area toward the end of 2001 HABA members were invited to start thinking about who they would like to see.

There was a short discussion about how HABA might support the East Texas Blacksmiths Alliance. Because of the distance between Houston and Woodville and the fact that there are no active local members in the Woodville area, no new ideas came forward.

After a review of upcoming HABA meeting venues, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes as printed in The HABA Letter and approved by the board.

Frank Walters, Secretary

