

Houston Area Blacksmith's Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes* November 26, 2007

*Amended Feb 11, 2008 Board Meeting

Call to Order:

The Board of Directors meeting of the Houston Area Blacksmith's Association was called to order at 6:32 PM on November 26, 2007 by HABA President, Tee Hines. Tee expressed gratitude on behalf of HABA to Les for arranging the meeting location and hospitality.

Location:

Servant Savior Presbyterian Church, 11303 Hughes Rd, Houston, Texas 77089

In Attendance:

Tee Hines-President, Russell Parrish-Vice President, Richard Boswell-Secretary, Ed Malmgren-Treasurer, and Board members Dave Koenig, Les Cook, Tim Bailey were present. Advisory members in attendance were Steve Arial.

Order of Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

Richard Boswell read the September 5, 2007 Board Minutes. Ed Malmgren moved to accept the minutes as written. The motion was 2nd by Dave Koenig and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Report and Budget

Ed Malmgren presented HABA's financial report. The Board discussed the details of the Balance Sheet and The Profit & Loss Statement. Ed presented a Budget based on changes and needs from the previous year. Additional details are on file at Ed's office.

Russell Parrish moved to accept the financial report as read. The motion was 2nd by Les Cook and the motion passed unanimously.

3. 2008 Planning

- President Tee Hines provided a handout of proposed calendar and locations were discussed.
- The benefits of a nationally known demonstrator were discussed as well as the benefits of the local hammer-ins.

4. Joint Venture with Harris County

- Tee provided a handout of Notes for a Nov 2 meeting with Harris County Precinct 3 at Jergens Store in Cypress Top Historic Park. This is attached.
- Locations of a demo forge shop at Cypress Top and Zube Park were discussed and all agreed this would be a positive benefit to HABA and the Members.
- Ed Malmgren motioned that we begin discussion and move forward to develop a relationship to support this initiative via a exploratory committee. This was seconded by Russell Parrish. Motion passed.

The Committee members are: Tee Hines, Dave Koenig, Les Cook, and Russell Parrish.

5. Old Business

Russell Parrish may have a candidate for Newsletter editor.

Scholarship development is still proceeding.

6. New Business

Help Coordinators are needed to provide the nominal assistance at meetings to bring water and coffee, manage HABA sales items, and to provide greeting/sign-in table service.

Ed Malmgren will add this request to membership list, and will work toward separating the HABA email list out from his Yahoo account.

Feedback from Fall Oldenburg is very positive.

Steve Arial will include the Training Initiative at regular meetings.

Les Cook is working on the HABA Demo Guideline to develop a standard procedure and expectation.

Dave Koenig provided some updates on ABANA news.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by Tee Hines.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Boswell

Secretary

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Notes

November 2, 2007 meeting between Harris County Precinct 3 & HABA

Location:

Jergens Store @ Cypress Top Historic Park

Time:

10 AM – 1 PM

In Attendance:

Bob Kendrick – Administrative Superintendent - Harris Co. Pre.3
Fred Collins - Director of 'Kleb Woods Nature Preserve' Harris Co. Pre.3
Dave Koenig - HABA
Les Cook - HABA
Tee Hines - HABA

Purpose:

Explore the possibility of HABA and Precinct 3 entering into a joint venture by establishing a Blacksmith Shop at Cypress Top or another Precinct 3 park.

Historical Tour:

Fred Collins, Director of 'Kleb Woods Nature Preserve' and 'Cypress Top Historic Park', took us on a tour of Cypress Top and its various buildings. He explained the historical significance of Cypress Top and stressed the importance of preserving such a location. It was noted that a Blacksmith Shop existed around the turn of the century that Precinct 3 would like to reestablish.

General Discussion:

It was suggested HABA would like to have a central place for its members to meet monthly. A place to call 'Home'. Precinct 3 suggested our membership would probably grow if we met at the same location monthly.

Precinct 3 feels the addition of a working Blacksmith Shop would a good way for the public to connect with the past. They suggested the possibility of erecting a turn of the century type building with a Traditional Blacksmith shop and a modern class room attached. The classroom could be use to educate the public or even local schools about Iron work in the past and the present.

In the beginning, Cypress Top will have scheduled tours only. It will not be open daily to the public.

Rental to Groups

Details:

- A contract will need to be negotiated between the County & HABA. The contract would be renewable yearly.
- Precinct 3 would provide access to a building & location for HABA to meet monthly.
- HABA would demonstrate for or educate the public about blacksmithing an agreed upon number of days a month. Since the park will be visited by groups only...at first anyway and maybe always....HABA demonstrations would be something to be worked out.
- Bob Kendrick would write the grants for us (HABA). With regard to raising money for tools and equipment, Fred mentioned that the county would find individuals to donate money to pay for tools for the shop.
- HABA would provide the expertise to establish the shop, located tools to be donated, purchased or made.
- HABA would include the agreed upon location in our Liability insurance.

These notes are of a general nature.