

Minutes  
CBA BOARD MEETING  
August 13,2005  
Weaverville Museum Smithy  
Weaverville, California

The meeting was called to order at 11: 00 AM by President Toby Hickman

- I. ATTENDANCE: Board members present, Pat Laughlin, Lowell Chaput, Herb Upham, Bill Roberts, Toby Hickman, Georg O'Gorman, Joe Koches, and approximately 10 members were present.
- II. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS: Merle brought up that we put in the magazine that the members meetings be published as such in the magazine.
- III. MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Lowell handed out the financial reports and a copy of our 2004 taxes. A copy of the taxes will be filed in the secretary's book. The financial reports are attached and made a part of these minutes. There is no limit to what we can have in reserve funds. We are spending money this time of the year, not making it. Approved as written.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE: A questionnaire was sent out under the board auspice without board approval. There have been many calls, emails, and faxes. Toby had talked with Carl at spring conference about a questionnaire. Carl felt he had approval for the questionnaire and went ahead and used an old form and sent it to approx 240 members, rather than the total membership. Toby will talk to Carl and we will try to develop a better questionnaire that will meet our needs and be sent to all members. We also received a note from Petaluma congratulating us on a great conference.
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. MEMBERSHIP: We have 887 members. We discussed changing the dues level for prorations. The membership committee will come up with a new payment schedule.
  - B. PUBLICATION COMMITTEE: Eden needs the bios for the demonstrators for the magazine. We need to make sure the Oktoberfest information is in the next magazine. Bill has been working on the website and updating it. Toby commended Eden on the magazines format. Advertising was discussed and ideas were presented for advertisement. We will bring this up at a later date for a decision. Joe will talk to Eden to have a proposal for the board to look at.
  - C. LIBRARY: We have a new library list. It will be emailed to the board. Steve will send Pat one that is condensed to send to the membership. Joe suggested that we put the library at Ferndale to be more accessible to the members. It was also suggested that we disperse it throughout the state. The board moved to remove the \$50.00 deposit to check out materials. If the material is not returned within the rental period, the member will be billed for the material and will not be able to check out any additional materials ..
  - D. GRANTS: This summer the grant committee granted \$2000 each to Lowell Chaput and Herb Upham, \$1000 each to Brian Brazell, Heather McLarry, & Shawn Lovell, \$770 to Mark Aspery, \$650 to George Dunski, Audrey King, and Tom.
  - E. MEMORIAL FUND: No report.
  - F. EDUCATION: Georg O'Gorman will put on a striker class, basket twist, mig welding and a forge building class at Oktoberfest. In late fall, we will do three workshop leader classes in three areas of the state. They will be basic three elements. We have a site for a new workshop in Atascadero and expanding in

the Eureka area. Freddie Haberman will be coming to the ABANA Conference in Seattle. We hope to have him put on three demos for the state.

**G. ELECTION COMMITTEE:** No report..

H. CONFERENCE 2006: Bill Robe reported that Exeter site is on its way. The dining hall is large and well equipped. The city has given us permission to use the park adjoining for camping and the parking lot for RV's. Camping will be free. We are running behind on get the event off the ground. Toby has demonstrators, EA Chase will do a public status for Exeter. It will be made up of work from blacksmiths around the state. Jim from the Metals Museum, Megan Crowley, & Zach Noble round out the blacksmiths. Darral Healey is a glass blower and the board voted to have her as a demonstrator. Toby Stipwisch would be one of our Californiar smiths. Sierra Forge is to supply a knife maker. We will have professional classes on running a blacksmith business. We are also looking at have a public demonstrator in the small park. It would be an ideal location for a public demonstration. The education committee will set this up.

I. FINANCE COMMITTEE: For grants we need a written proposal to create a paper trail. We need to have a budget for 2006 conference by Oktoberfest.

J. SAFETY COMMITTEE: We need to make sure that the photos in the magazine show demonstrators using the proper safety equipment.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. Hammerfest 2005: Pat reported that it is moving along nicely. We sent out registration forms and have had a good response.
- B. Oktoberfest 2005: We have completely redone the kitchen in a different location. It is moving along nicely. Tsur Sadan will do a striking class. He has been added to the demonstrator list.
- C. Meeting Dates: The board voted that we meet on four times a year instead of six. Four meetings would cut administration costs. We would continue to have six events a year. If we need a special meeting we can call it or we can do a conference call. The 1st meeting will be the general membership meeting at Spring Conference, 2nd meeting would be in late June or July, 3rd meeting will rotate between Nettfest and Oktoberfest and the 4th meeting will be in late January or February. This year the January meeting will be at the Christmas Party since it has already been arranged.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Knights Foundry: Merle suggested that we make a donation to the foundry. The foundry is there and doesn't need restoration but funds to run it. It is run entirely off of water power. It has a blacksmith shop as well a full machine. Merle made a motion to give them two thousand a year. It was decided that we needed more information regarding their tax status and their plans before we make a decision. Merle will check on the their tax status, there plans and we will invite a representative to the December meeting to speak with us. We will make a decision once we have more information.
- B. Conference Guidelines: The guidelines have been updated after spring conference. It will be put on the website.
- C. Conference 2007: The conference will be held at the Ferndale Fair grounds. Joe asked for help from Weaverville. He also will ask the Jefferson's smiths for their help. We have not committed to the Fair Grounds yet. Joe is getting the committee and volunteers together.

ID. Conference Coordinator: Bill Roberts handed out the a job description for conference coordinator. The board will review it and make a decision at the September board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM  
Respectfully submitted,

Pat Laughlin, Secretary  
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