

Minutes  
CBA BOARD MEETING  
August 11,2007  
John McLellan  
Loomis, California

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by President Herb Upham

- I. ATTENDANCE: Board members present, Joe Koches, Herb Upham, Lowell Chaput, John McLellan, Jennlyn Laughlin, ~~Ort-Martiff~~, Eden Sanders, Wayne Parris, John Crandall. Six members attended.
- II: COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS:
- III: AGENDA APPROVAL: Added 2009 Conference Site in New Business and approved.
- IV MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.
- V: TREASURER'S REPORT: Lowell went over the financial report. Ferndale netted \$12,105. Our taxes are done for the last fiscal year and will be mailed next week. We are at a break even point but expenses are going up. We need to bring in more money. The last three years our expenses have increased. The finance committee made a motion that we raise our dues ten dollars a year effective April 1, 2008. This was approved by the board. Pat, Eden and John McLellan will make the necessary changes and announcements involved with the dues changes. Lowell is looking for an assistant to train to take over the treasurer's job.
- VI: CORRESPONDENCE: We received a newspaper clipping about using coal in Santa Fe, New Mexico and how the artists overcame the using coal within the city limits. The article was given to Eden for a possible interest story. We received a thank you card from Auburn Printers for our business. We also received a letter asking us to support him at the fair in Paso Robles. He included 3 pictures of his work; unfortunately he did not include a phone number or address.
- VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- A. MEMBERSHIP: We have 865 members.
- B. Publication: Diana Jordan was introduced and Eden presented many years of magazine editions to show how it has evolved. Eden has shopped around for prices and is satisfied with the price we are being charged. We are being charged many hours for changes to the publication due to Diana receiving the pages in dubs and drabble. Eden stated that this edition was together on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August Diana delivered the proof to her today. The number of photographs is what has increased the cost of her services. If this continues we will continue to improve the quality of the magazine. It was suggested that Eden publish the guidelines for the annual publication dates two to three times a year and how to transmit information to her.
- e. LIBRARY: Wayne Parris suggested that our librarian check into purchasing 135 DVD's for \$550 and are about 5 1/2 hours each. Wayne will forward the complete information to Whitney.
- D. GRANTS: Two grants were applied for. Lowell and Linda have requested a \$1,000 each to go to Italy for a blacksmith conference. They were invited to attend and they will photograph and document the festival. He will also be looking for potential demonstrators. They will produce a magazine article and slide show for the Vista Conference. This grant was approved. Another grant was applied for to attend a little giant workshop in New Mexico. No action was taken on this grant by the committee. It was referred back to the committee for reconsideration, revamping and will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- E. EDUCATION: John Crandall was introduced as the new education chair and also appointed to the vacant board position by the president. John discussed instructor training and also education demos at Oktoberfest.
- F. ELECTION COMMITTEE: Merle Bashor will head the election committee for this year. He has asked that each board member give him at least one name to ask to run for the board. Joe brought up Max at the Blue Ox in Eureka and their alternative school. Joe

- would like to look into an educational grant for this school and get Max certified as an instructor. This would give us a workshop in Northern California.
- G. CONFERENCE 2007: Joe Koches gave his written report. The invited general public generated \$3500 representing 700 people. This was a big success. The gallery was a great success and the gallery was well documented with photos and name cards. We lost money on the Saturday night dinner as usual." The conference went well and a good time was had by all. We had no complaints. The fair grounds has invited to return.
- H. CONFERENCE 2008: They are working on getting their main demonstrator. Wayne reported that the food and grounds are set up.
- I. FINANCE COMMITTEE: See under treasurer's report.
- J. SAFETY COMMITTEE: We discussed setting up a conference package of glasses, ear plugs, hand wipe and schedule. We might look at including a tee shirt and possibly a tote bag with each admission for 2009.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. Waynes World IV: Wayne has his demonstrator, Brian Gilbert, lined up and the event is progressing. It will be held on the last weekend of February 2008
- B. Policies & Procedures Update - White Ballot: The board voted to approve doing a white ballot on years that we do not have more candidates running for the board than positions available. This will be a savings of approx. \$1000 a year in those instances. There is no reason to send out a ballot when there is not a slate of candidates running in a given year.
- C. Fundraising: Deferred to the next meeting.
- C. Audit Committee: We will find an accountant to look over our books. The cost of a full cost of an audit will run in excess of \$2500. We will look into finding someone to go over our books for any glaring errors or omissions for a reasonable fee. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM  
Respectfully submitted,

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Pat Laughlin, Secretary

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